



# Poole says he'll sue over sewers

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retention basin at Haggerty and Michigan.

"When it comes to issuing extensions on existing sewers, we've agreed on a proposed method of resolving that so permits do get issued," said township engineer Tom Casari.

"If we eliminate two units of flow, they will issue one unit of flow."

Casari maintains "there is no sewer ban in Canton and never has been. We received a notice of an intent to deny sewer permits."

Dave Nicholson, director of Canton's community and economic development department, says he knows of no developers "who've written us off" because of sewer problems.

"There are a number of development interests who've been following this series of events very closely, and who call frequently," said Nicholson.

"There are several who I talk to on a weekly basis, who want to maintain their information so that they are aware of when they may proceed."

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# Adult students get to meet legislators

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State Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, also was among those meeting with students and educators at the program.

"More funding for adult education programs," educators are also interested in the quality of services.

"So they're interested in two things, money and quality education programs."

Michigan has historically supported and funded adult education, he said.

"I think it reflects the Legislature's commitment to adult education programs."

Those programs fall into two general areas, the senator said. One is high school completion/GED programs, ranging from aerobics to cooking.

"I believe that both have a legitimate place in the program." Both programs deserve legislative support, he said.

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# School bond vote is today

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

There is a big demand for absentee voter ballots from voters who will decide two money proposals in today's Wayne-Westland Community Schools election.

Voters will decide whether to approve a \$12.5 million bond issue for building maintenance and improvement projects and a 2.75 mill increase for operating expenses.

Of the total number of votes cast today, 435 will be by absentee ballot, according to Lorraine Roulo, school election clerk.

## Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton.

She said that in the 14 years she has served as election clerk, this is the largest number of voters to request absentee ballots.

"There is always more interest in money issues than in (elections for) candidates," Roulo said to explain the increased number of absentee ballot requests.

# Resident interprets for deaf

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worked as an unskilled laborer.

"My dad never had an opportunity to get ahead. Years ago, they wouldn't let deaf people work on certain machines. Schools didn't have people trained to work with the deaf."

Until recently, his mom had no access to a phone. She was able to buy a teletype phone a couple of years ago that "to her was like a new toy." While the devices are becoming more widely available, they still cost between \$200 and \$1,000, he said.

"It costs a lot of money to be deaf," said Vendetti, who's already taught his 3-year-old son Michael, some sign language.

Vendetti says he remembers Helen Keller stating that if she had to be deaf or blind, she'd rather be blind. When you're deaf you're isolated because that's what this world is all about. It's a hearing world.

"That's one reason Vendetti finds his work so fulfilling.

"Being able to share a unique talent, I feel very lucky. I'm fortunate to be able to share the ability to communicate.

"The big thing is that now there is an opportunity for better education. The laws are starting to change. You can get more involved in professions, and more deaf people to become role models. In time we're going to be successful."

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# 'Connect' Adult education has its day

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Local educators and adult education students had a chance to flex their political muscles recently.

Students and educators traveled to Lansing March 24, for the Wayne/Monroe Association of Adult and Community Educators' state government "Connect" program.

Seventeen school districts from Wayne and Monroe counties were represented.

The keynote speaker was Robert Bowman, state treasurer. Participants met with area legislators and attended issue sessions on jobs, senior programs, adult education and substance abuse.

About 1,200 adult education students gathered for the program at the Lansing Civic Center. Some took tours of the State Capitol.

"All in all, it's an excellent educational opportunity," said Jack Kirksey, director of community education for the Livonia Public Schools.

KIRKSEY WAS co-chairman of the program, along with Stan Mazur of Southgate Community Schools. The Livonia schools administrator served in the Michigan Legislature from 1977 to 1985, representing Livonia and the surrounding area. Livonia sent about 100 students to the program.

The program was designed to help make adult education students aware of their state government and to make legislators more aware of the needs of adult students.

"Funding is always a problem," Kirksey said. The Livonia district tries to operate its adult education program on a self-supporting basis.



A group of young adults from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools was especially interested in the sessions on substance abuse presented in Lansing. Pictured here are (left) Laurie Glasel, Julie Fortin, Marie Morgan, Kim McLean and Richard Carter.

# Adult education classes have long history in state

Although the focus at the Tuesday, March 24, adult education program in Lansing was on current events, some history also was included.

Michigan has a rich history of providing adult education, according to Dr. Ronald Gillum, director of adult extended learning services for the Michigan Department of Education.

The first such program began in 1872 in Grand Rapids. Those classes met in the evening.

"The individuals in Detroit liked what they saw in Grand Rapids," Gillum told those attending one of the day's issue sessions. A few years later in 1875, Detroit educators decided to start an adult education program.

The 1875 report of Detroit's schools superintendent said the adult education classes were meeting "seriously felt needs."

THE CLASSES were helpful for students who couldn't go to school during the day because of work, the report said. No students in the city were more manageable, earnest and industrious.

"He said their grades were excellent, their attendance was excellent," Gillum said. The superintendent pleaded to have the adult education program expanded.

Adult education programs soon began to appear throughout the state. In the early 1900s, the Detroit schools' Frank Cody outlined three goals for adult education programs.

The first was to help immigrants in the best possible way as they adjusted to life in the United States.

"It happened in the 1900s and it's still going on today," Gillum said. Cody's second goal was for programs to help those whose education had been interrupted.

His third goal was to help those who wanted to advance in their work or to change their vocation.

"This has to remain one of our major goals."

Today, Michigan's adult education students account for an investment of some \$200 million each year, generated from state and local levels. It's important for students and staff to show the investment is a wise one, he said.

"If we can't say that, we're going to be in trouble over the next few years."

STUDENTS WHO are unhappy about their adult education programs need to make those concerns known, Gillum said.

"You can't be shy about that." Some students enroll in adult education programs but don't finish those programs.

"What is it that we're doing wrong that makes you drop out of school so much?"

"It's a serious problem. We've got to address it and you can help us do that."

Gillum was pleased with the success of the last week's program.

"It was a good program.

"These types of days are very important for adult education. It has an impact, I believe."



State Treasurer Robert Bowman was the keynote speaker at the adult education day in Lansing. The program, sponsored by the Wayne/Monroe Association of Adult and Community Education, attracted more than 1,300 people from 17 school districts.



Tess Chick of Canton Township lets State Rep. James Kosteva know her feelings on tax-education day in Lansing.

Feel good experience. They really got involved with each of the issues.

The response that Holuta has received from students on the day's program has been positive. Some students will do follow-up reports on the day as part of their class work.

"We're really interested in the follow-up."

Educators were pleased they had an opportunity to make legislators aware of the needs of adult students. Some people may tend to think of the typical adult education student as a young adult pursuing a GED, said the Livonia Public Schools' Kirksey. They may not be aware of the diversity found among older students.

It's important that adult education programs are recognized as a viable educational force, he said, and that they aren't treated as a "second cousin" to K-12 and higher education programs.

Some legislators may tend to underestimate the importance of adult education programs, said Masteller. Programs such as the one held can help increase awareness.



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**Obituaries**

**SIDNEY LANDEENE**  
 Funeral services for Mr. Landeene, 88, of Canton were held recently at Lambert-Vermosen Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Belczak.  
 Mr. Landeene, who died March 27 in Ann Arbor, was born in Minnesota. He was a hardware office manager.  
 Survivors include: wife, Mabel; daughters, Nancy Kochevar of Canton, Sally Moyers of Los Altos, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

**ROY H. SCHROEDER**  
 Funeral services for Mr. Schroeder, 82, of Plymouth were held recently in the Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington with the Rev. John Maki officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, with local arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salem United Church of Christ.

**Employee 'quits,' \$3,200 missing**

By Doug Funke  
 Staff writer  
 A woman employed as a cashier at a Speedway gas station for less than a week allegedly embezzled almost \$3,200 the first time she worked there unsupervised, according to Plymouth Township Police.  
 She closed and left and they never saw her again," said Officer Erik Marnik. That was March 18.  
 The woman used the name of Karen Ann Lindley and claimed to be 23 on her job application. Marnik said, but supervisors at the gas station on Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon failed to verify her identification. She didn't list a phone number and

Mr. Schroeder, who died March 28 in Ann Arbor, was born in Northville Township and moved to Plymouth from Farmington in 1944. He retired from Pittsburgh Paint & Glass Co. Mr. Schroeder was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington.  
 Survivors include: wife, Gladys; daughters, Anna Eads of Taylor, Nancy Johnson of Spruce, Mich.; son, Everett of Jamesburg, N.J.; sister, Alice Elder of Dexter; 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren.

**TAGE GULDBRANDSEN**  
 Funeral services for Mr. Gulbrandsen, 81, of Plymouth were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kalamazoo. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Peretto with local arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.  
 Mr. Gulbrandsen, who died March 29 in Plymouth, was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and moved to Plymouth in 1947 from Kalamazoo. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he was an insurance representative for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 35 years before retiring. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, Plymouth-Eggs B.P.O.E. 1780 and the Danish Brotherhood in America.

**BARBARA D. RICKARD**  
 Funeral services for Mrs. Rickard, 36, of Saline were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. John Grenfell. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.  
 Mrs. Rickard, who died March 24 in Ypsilanti, was born in Ypsilanti and was a former resident of Plymouth. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968 and earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1977. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.  
 Survivors include: parents, Mr.

born for more than 50 years.  
 Survivors include: daughters, Mary Jane Barnard of Florida, Madonna Bulbitz of Allen Park; son, James of Dearborn Heights; several nieces and nephews; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.  
**HARWOOD RUNDLELL**  
 Funeral services for Mr. Rundell, 84, of Walled Lake were held recently in the Richardson-Bird Chapel of Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake with the Rev. John Bontrager officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Clinton Valley Council Boy Scouts of America or to the Walled Lake Public Library.  
 Mr. Rundell, who died March 24, was a resident of Walled Lake for two years and before that lived in Pennsylvania. He had been active in sailing and the Boy Scouts of America and was known for his homemade Christmas cards.  
 Survivors include: wife, Margaret; son, Philip of Walled Lake; daughter, Lynn Galotta of Plymouth; five sisters; and five grandchildren.

**VIVIAN O'CONNOR**  
 Funeral services for Mrs. O'Connor, 81, of Dearborn Heights were held recently in the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Timothy Hogan officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association or in the form of Mass offerings.  
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**State goal: A larger slice of tourism pie**

By Tim Richard  
 Staff writer  
 To get more tourist dollars, Michigan will have to cut into other states' share of the pie — particularly the Yuppie share.  
 "There will be a leveling off in the dollars spent on travel growth," state Commerce Director Doug Ross told a tourist industry conference in Detroit this week.  
 "If we want to grow, we have to take a larger market share," he said, targeting such "sunshine" states as California and Florida.

ROSS, a former state senator from Oakland County, said people will take more short vacations rather than the two-week trips to a campground or resort. He cited three areas for business to achieve its goal of a \$20 billion tourist industry in five years.  
 • Young urban professionals — So-called Yuppies will spend freely on "status vacations, upscale vacations."  
 • Michiganians — "Find out what vacation experiences are luring them out of the state. What do we have to keep them?"  
 • Handicappers — "We have some of the toughest laws" to give them access to public facilities.  
 He led off a panel of state officials in the fourth annual Governor's Conference on Tourism in the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.  
 IT WAS A bureaucratic love-in as

Gov. James Blanchard's department chiefs told the industry how much they would cooperate with each other to help the state's second largest industry.  
 "We're compulsive about it. We're fanatical about it," Ross said.  
 They gave credit to John Savich, director of the Michigan Travel Bureau, and the man designated by Blanchard to make tourism promotion a multi-departmental task.  
 The cooperative approach was Blanchard's answer to state Senate efforts to create a 20th administrative department devoted to tourism.

PAUL KINDINGER, director of the state Agriculture Department, had a goodie for southeastern Michigan. The Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show in October is scheduled for the State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Detroit, and it will be touted in color tour promotions throughout Indiana and Ohio, too.  
 The Agriculture Department's promotion of "U-pick" farms in southwestern Michigan the last two summers has resulted in "a noticeable increase in traffic," Kindinger said.  
 He said his department would work with Commerce and the others to make consumers more conscious of Michigan food products, including wine.  
 "Michigan consumers want to purchase Michigan-made and grown products but find it difficult to identify them," said Kindinger, promis-

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# Church construction ahead of schedule

By M.S. Dillon  
Staff writer

Canton residents shouldn't be surprised if they spot earthmovers in motion on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Sheldon soon will be home to First Baptist Church of Canton. The current church building, at Van Buren and Merriman, is still under construction.

"It's not on the market yet. We've been afraid because if it sold right away we wouldn't have any place to move. Once you start uprooting 700 or 800 churchgoers, you can lose a lot in the transition," said Spracklen.

The church probably will be for sale by "this summer or fall. We're hoping for \$1 million because of the expansion of the airport," he said. Calvary Baptist is two miles north of Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The remainder of the project will be financed with conventional loans, Spracklen said.

Spracklen, optimistic about drawing new church members from Canton and Plymouth, says the new site was the choice of a majority of his congregation.

"The greatest percentage of our people are from Westland, Canton and the Garden City area. A lot of Wayne members, in the process of time, have moved."

A Family Life Center will be the first phase of our building program. It will consist of a gym, with lockers and showers, restrooms, a handball court and exercise room, kitchen and temporary nursery and office space. This will include parking," said Spracklen.

A 1,200-seat auditorium, office wing, Sunday school and adult classrooms and baptismal dressing rooms and parking will be added in the second phase.

"In the third phase we'll add a 500-seat balcony to the auditorium," said Spracklen.

Plans call for a west Sunday school wing to be built, enclosing the courtyard, which will be landscaped and prepared for garden weddings and picnics.

Also in the last phase, "a firestorm will be built on the west side of the gymnasium for small meetings and youth programs."

A SCHOOL is a possibility, Spracklen said.

"If there's a need, we have the room. It's just a thought right now. There's plenty of Christian schools, so we wouldn't go into the business unless it was called for," the pastor said.

Enrollment in Spracklen's Sunday school program is near 600.

In the short term, acreage will be used for softball diamonds and soccer fields. The major users will be church members.

"Canton has so many other fields, they'll basically be for our youth program," said Spracklen.

The move is a welcome one for associate pastor Bronson and Debbie Siemens. Clements is Spracklen's on-site law and a Canton resident.

Also on staff is assistant pastor V.B. Cagle and youth minister Woody Cash.

THE CHURCH is being forced to change its name, from Calvary Baptist to First Baptist.

Not changing "would just lead to confusion among the community," Spracklen said.

**Awards honor young artists**

Eleven students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been chosen as Isbister Award recipients.

The Isbister Awards were established by the Plymouth Community Arts Council during the first Artrain visit to Plymouth 15 years ago. The awards are given in honor of Russell Isbister, former Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent.

Competition is open to all art students in kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Students selected have their work framed and kept in an exhibition that will circulate among the schools for two years.

At the end of that time, the art work will be returned to the students.

RECIPIENTS of this year's Isbister Awards are:

Kindergarten, Tom Price, Hines Park Montessori; first grade, Erin Schultz, Miller Elementary; second grade, Rory Holt, Tanager Elementary; third grade, James Riffe, Allen Elementary; fourth grade, Erin Johnson, Bird Elementary; fifth grade, Miriam Garocci, Eriksson Elementary.

Other award winners are: seventh grade, Sandy Smagaj, Lowell Middle; eighth grade, Andy Albus, Central Middle; ninth grade, Cathy McCabe, West Middle; 10th grade, John Daviers, Plymouth Canton High; and 12th grade, Mai Koda, Plymouth Canton High.

Plymouth Community Arts Council chairwomen for the program are Elaine Bain and Sharon Dillenbeck.

In honor of the April 1-5 visit of the Artrain to Plymouth, the Isbister art collection from 1968 and this year's award-winning art work will be on display at the Dunning-Rough Library in Plymouth.

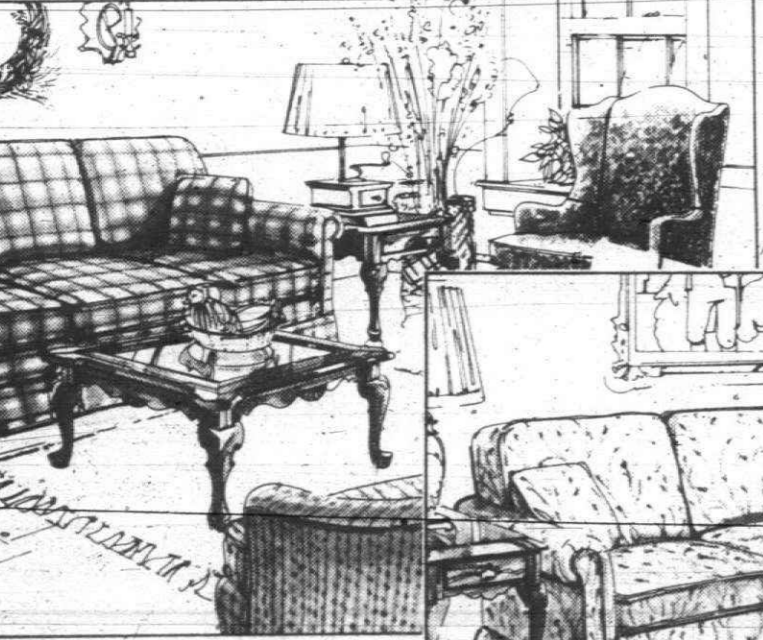


Cherry Hill and Sheldon soon will be home to First Baptist Church of Canton. The masonry and brick structure will face the corner, and there'll be 200 feet of landscaped frontage. Entrance will be from Sheldon Road and, eventually, from Cherry Hill as well.

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# Two-year colleges seek state aid for job growth

By Tim Richard  
Staff writer

On paper it looks good. State government has a formula for community colleges that give them \$212 million a year.

In the real world it's different. Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell told a legislative panel that state aid amounts to just \$192 million in Gov. James J. Blanchard's proposed budget.

"We need more just to keep up where we are," McDowell said last week in a hearing of the House Appropriations subcommittee on community colleges.

"THE MODEL FORMULA would give Schoolcraft \$7.9 million in state aid, but Blanchard recommended an even \$7 million for the fiscal year beginning next Oct. 1 — an increase of 4.5 percent from the current \$6.7 million."

"We hope the Senate whumps it up (the recommended aid figure)," McDowell said in an interview.

"We are making progress. We particularly appreciate the job-retraining funds for high technology," McDowell told lawmakers during a two-hour hearing at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus.

"We continue to talk about roofs and parking lots, which aren't very sexy, but they absorb a lot of dollars."

Money is needed needed to improve libraries and computer systems, which support instructional effort, McDowell said.

AN ANALYSIS by the Michigan Community Colleges Association shows Schoolcraft got 29 percent of last year's \$187-million budget from student tuition — about the state average.

But the college got just 34 percent from state aid, compared to an average of 41 percent for all two-year colleges.

Conversely, Schoolcraft relies more heavily on local property taxes — 34 percent of its budget total compared to a state average of 25 percent.

Besides \$192 million in general aid to community colleges, Blanchard's budget recommends \$4 million for job training. Of that, each of the 29 community colleges would be allocated \$50,000 — adding up to \$1.45 million. The other \$2.55 million is awarded on the basis of individual competitive grants.

McDowell said he would prefer to double the base grant to \$100,000 per college. McDowell said industry looks to community colleges — particularly those like Schoolcraft in the high-tech belt — for hands-on job training.

A NEW APPROACH to giving money to two-year colleges needs to be worked out, said R. Stephen Nicholson, chancellor of Oakland Community College.

"State aid is based on formulas with full-time-equated students. We need formulas based on goals," Nicholson said.

OCC and eight other two-year colleges argued that the sophisti-

cated kinds of job training they perform for industry require exotic and expensive new equipment that "enrollment-driven" aid formulas fail to help.

"We don't need (just) more dollars. We need a reconceptualization of tasks," Nicholson said. "That's more difficult than the allocation of dollars."

Nevertheless, the tone of the hearing was upbeat as college presidents thanked the state for increasing aid as much as it has during the economic recovery.

"We have to keep banging away as a team," said Rep. Thomas Mathew, D-Grand Rapids. Chairman Mathew is known in Lansing as a champion of giving money to community colleges.

OCC's AUBURN Hills Campus is across Featherstone from a site where Chrysler Corp. is planning the world's most advanced automotive research facility.

Other college presidents envied OCC for the \$800 million investment. "Maybe you'd like to spread some of that around," quipped one of the other presidents.

But OCC Vice Chancellor Anthony D. Jarson splashed cold water on that idea. "It's all in TIFAs — 100 percent — for 15 years," said Jarson.

TIFAs are tax increment financing authorities in which the city of Auburn Hills uses all new property tax revenues for municipal improvements, with nothing going to schools, OCC or county government.

# WSU to hold conference on history

Judges and professors will be among the speakers at Wayne State University's 59th annual local history conference April 9-11 in the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on the Detroit campus.

G. Mennen Williams, former governor and retired chief justice, will be the luncheon speaker Saturday, April 11. He will draw on his 50 years of public service in the state and federal governments.

At 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Sidney Fine, University of Michigan history professor, will deliver the sesquicentennial lecture. Topic will be the 1967 Detroit riot.

After-dinner speaker on Friday, April 10, will be Jay Anderson, Utah State University history professor. Topic will be "Into the Time Warp with History's Lunatic Fringe."

Other speakers will be U.S. District Judge Averil Cohn, Edward M. Wise, WSU law professor, Otis M. Smith, former state supreme court justice, and Nola H. Tutag, humanities professor.

Registration fee is \$3. Schedule information is available from the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on the WSU campus at 577-4024.

# S'craft features talks on health

AIDS, cancer and Alzheimer's disease are among topics to be discussed during a series of April health seminars at Schoolcraft College.

Scheduling is as follows:

- Monday, April 20 — Nurse Agnes Carolassa of the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan will discuss hospice care, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 21 — Dr. Kazutoshi Mayeda of Wayne State University will discuss advances in human genetics, 10:30 a.m.
- Dr. Robert Douglas will discuss advances in epidemiology, 2 p.m.
- Dr. Marilyn Sauder of Harper-Grace Hospitals will discuss treatment and diagnosis of cancer, focusing on breast and colon cancer, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 22 — Dr. Janette Sherman of Harper Hospital will discuss cancer-causing chemicals, 8 p.m.
- Dr. Hassan Amirika of Grace Hospital will discuss premenstrual syndrome, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23 — Nurse Susan Sherman of McCauley Health Center will discuss the myths and reality surrounding Alzheimer's disease, 10 a.m.
- Friday, April 24 — Nurse Cathy Collins of Grace Hospital will discuss maternity, 9 a.m.
- Nurse Mary Habb of the University of Michigan Burn Center will discuss burn therapy, 1 p.m.
- Friday, April 25 — Nurse clinician Carol Laska of McCauley Health Center will discuss AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and immunology, 3 p.m.

More information on each program is available by calling 591-6400, Ext. 247.

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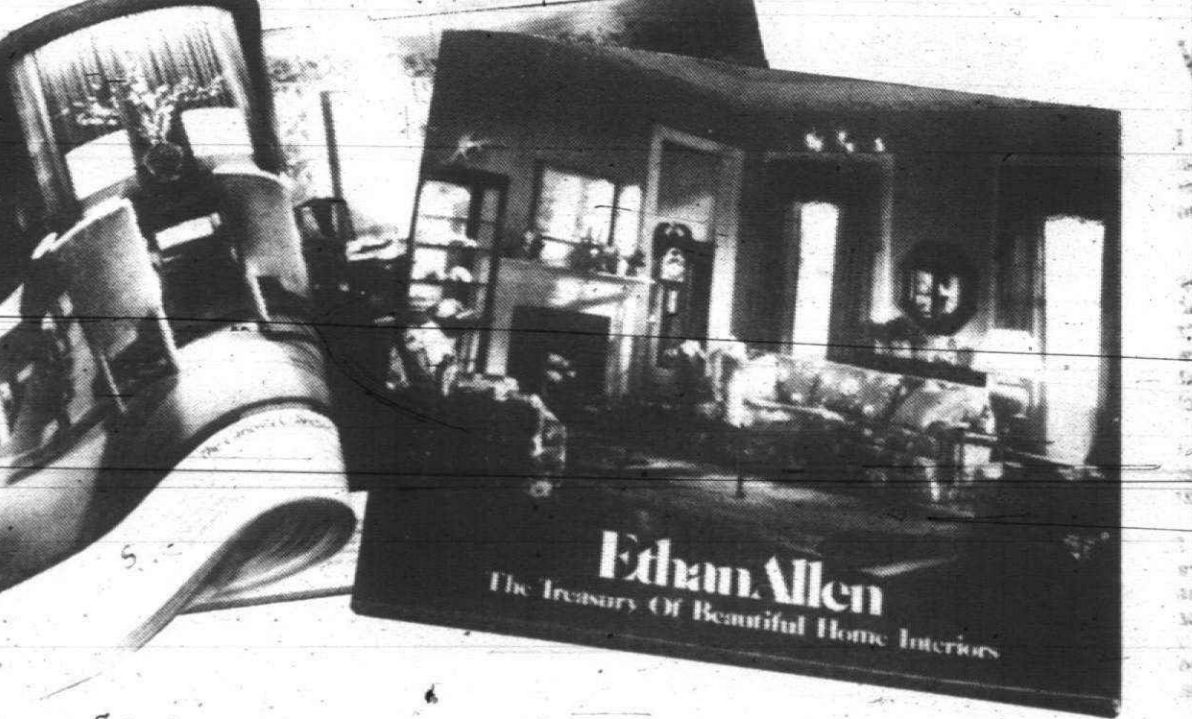
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# Artrain action

## Clowns, mimes and singers are featured

Clowns, mimes and musicians are among the entertainment being provided at the Artrain site today and this weekend.

This morning Penny Kindiaka sang and from 1-2 p.m. today Gert the Clown entertained at the site on Pearl Street of Starkweather in Old Village. Kindiaka will return to sing from 10-11 a.m. Friday.

Saturday's entertainment will consist of face painting and mimes by West Middle School students from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Central Middle

School singing group from noon to 1 p.m., Centennial Educational Park vocal music group 1-5 p.m. and West Middle School face painting and mimes 3-5 p.m.

Saturday's schedule will be repeated on Sunday.

**STUDENT ART WORK** from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is on display this week as follows:

The work of Missisquoi Elementary pupils at Penman Del; Fiegel pu-

pils at Del's; Field pupils at Wiltse's Pharmacy; Smith pupils at Armbruster's Bootery; Farrand and Tanger pupils at Designer Depot; Hulsing pupils at Hugh Jarvis; Miller pupils at Wayside; Bird at Rainbow Shop; Eriksson at Plymouth Office Supply; Allen at Folkways; and Gallimore a Plymouth Hobby.

The works of high school art students will be on display at the Ferris Edison branch at Ann Arbor Trail and Main.

West Middle students have done window painting at Fred Hill H; berdasher. Girl Scouts have done window painting in Old Village at Debbie's Card Collection on Spring, Beginnings, Bridal on Starkweather, Friendly Persuasion on Mill Four Girl Scout troops will do business on Liberty Street.

Station 885, Country Dolls and Doorsteps and From the Heart in Old Village will do their own window painting.

**THE WINNING** entries from the Artrain Coloring Contest will be on display in the side windows at The Willow Tree at Penman Avenue and Main in downtown Plymouth.

Other coloring entries will be on display in stores in downtown Plymouth and Old Village.

More than 100 entries were received for the Artrain Coloring Contest sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

In the age 9-11 category, there



BILL GRESLER/staff photographer

Nina Riley of Central Middle School paints a fence around a windmill in the window of Fred Hill Haberdashy as part of the activities for the arrival of Artrain in Plymouth.

### brevities

**DEADLINES** for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

**CARRIAGE HILLS** Thursday, April 2 - Carriage Hills Homeowners Association of Canton will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Miller School on Hanford. Open to all members.

**MESSIAH CONCERT** Sunday, April 5 - The Plymouth Oratorio Society will perform the Easter section of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial west of Sheldon. All are invited.

**GERANIUM SALE** Sunday, April 12 - Bird School Cub Scout Pack 293 will have its Red Geranium Sale now through April 15. For information, call 474-1645 or 397-1000, Ext. 278.

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Joseph F. Clayton

**DEAR MR. CLAYTON:** I have a great deal of admiration for those who take on a second career after retirement. I wish you the best of luck. Since some of our readers may want to contact you for some advice on starting a second career, or to use your services, I am printing your business address:

After Thoughts, 4174 Woodland Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich., 48103

**DEAR JOLAYNE:** My mother, age 75, has been hospitalized for hypothermia, and she hadn't even been out in the cold weather. I thought this was a problem mainly experienced by mountain climbers and campers. Would

### Marchers seek improved public transportation for the handicapped

More than 200 people are expected to participate in a Saturday Day Parade, which will lead marchers.

Though group members have instituted other protests, including Michigan's Public Transportation Task Force, co-sponsored by the Michigan Public Transportation Task Force, Elderly and Handicapped Advisory Committee of SEMTA, Detroit Coalition for the Handicapped, the ADAPT Americans Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation,

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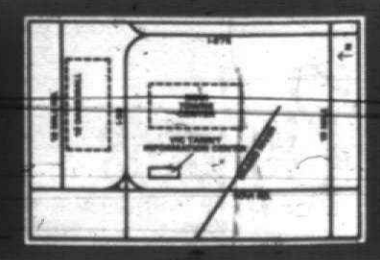
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### Rescue of truck driver

Plymouth Township firefighters and police officers use the jaws of life cutting tool to extract Ralph Hollis from the cab of his truck Monday night on the embankment of M-14 just west of Sheldon Road. Police said that Hollis' semi-tractor loaded with frozen poultry hit a patch of ice on the freeway, jack-knifed, hit a guard rail, became airborne, then came to rest on the embankment. Hollis, 56, of Northville, was wearing a seatbelt and driving at an estimated 40 to 45 miles per hour when he hit the ice at about

10 p.m., police said. Hollis sustained a broken arm, broken leg and head lacerations, police reported, and was listed Tuesday in serious condition at St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti. He wasn't ticketed. Wayne County refused to respond to several requests to deal with the slippery freeway prior to the mishap, township police said. Five other motorists lost control of their vehicles there Monday night, but none was injured, police said. That section of M-14 subsequently was closed by police.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

## School plans program

New Morning School in Plymouth Township is planning a discussion program for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. The program will include a slide presentation. Parents will be able to meet with teachers and parents of the school's students. New Morning School, founded in 1973, is a state-certified, non-profit parent cooperative school for children in preschool through the eighth grade. Parents may register their children for New Morning programs at the meeting. Individual visits to the school may be arranged either before or after the meeting. Registration is being accepted for middle school (grades 6-8), elementary school (full day kindergarten through fifth grade), early primary (afternoon kindergarten), preschool (Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday or Monday/Wednesday/Friday - waiting list, 9:11:30 a.m.) and "Me and My Shadow" (parent-toddler, one day a week). THE SCHOOL'S parents and staff also have been busy working on New Morning's largest fund-raising event, the annual benefit auction. The auction was held Saturday, March 28, at Roma Hall. The school offers certified and licensed school-year classes for children 2-14. Extended hours and use of the Plymouth-Canton bus system help accommodate the schedules of working parents. The school's director is Elaine Yagiela of Northville. "If the parents understand and support the philosophy of the school, it will be a successful experience for the child," Yagiela said. The school's student-teacher ratio is 12 students per teacher.

## TV religion scandal has little impact here

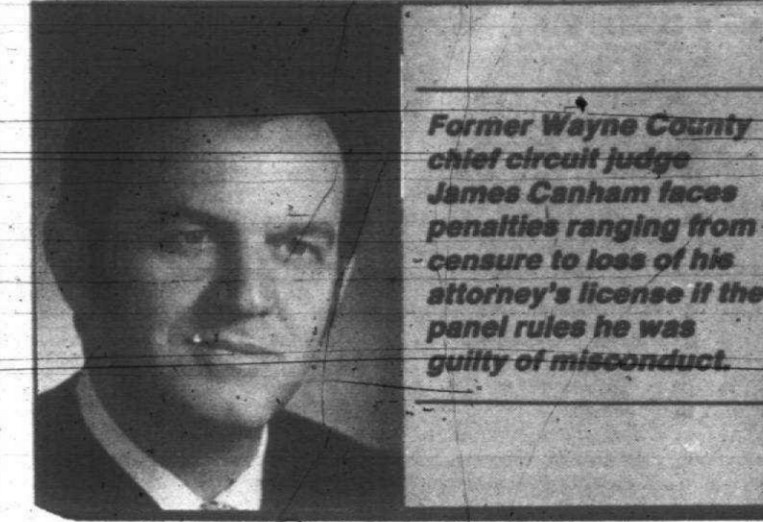
Several clergymen in the Plymouth-Canton community maintain they have received no negative fallout from the recent difficulties experienced by the Rev. Jim Bakker at the national level. Sunday offerings and ministerial credibility haven't suffered here, local ministers said. "Local churches are very far removed from that milieu," said the Rev. Thomas Patis, assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. "If there is any kind of financial effect, it would be in groups like Bakker's PTL Club, phone-in where they ask for contributions." "I think every individual stands on his own credibility," said the Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. "I don't see where it will affect people giving for the Lord's work." "MOST OF our people here have a problem with that kind of ministry - the appeal for money," said the Rev. Mark Morningstar, assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. "I'm sure some have contributed to (Bakker), but I don't think it will affect us at all." An appeal for money is made from the pulpit at his church only once a year as part of Stewardship Sunday, Morningstar said. Ironically, before Bakker's problems surfaced, some members of the congregation had indicated a desire for more preaching about giving money and talents to the church, Morningstar said. How does Morningstar handle negative ecclesiastical publicity for which he isn't personally responsible? "Just keep on going with what you do best," he said. The Rev. John Grenfell Jr., pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, said he doesn't believe his credibility is impugned by the actions of other clergymen. "I try to bring people, individuals, to a sense of personal accountability. I'm more interested in people know-

ing me as a person than as a professional, the preacher." LOCAL FINANCIAL repercussions are difficult to assess now, Grenfell said. "Our offerings thus far this year haven't been up to equal strength. I would attribute that to advance giving due to anticipation of change in tax law." Jay Bertram, spokesman for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, said church officials aren't worried about launching their annual Catholic Services Appeal drive as the spotlight shines not so favorably on religious spending. The goal this year is \$6.5 million. Archbishop Edmund Szoka will attend seven regional meetings to explain the program to religious and lay leadership, Bertram said. "Catholics, as a population, have a very direct and immediate relationship with their pastor," Bertram said. "It's not a video relationship. Catholics aren't much involved with it, television evangelists." "We never ask for money on the

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## Panel to rule Friday on Canham charges

By Wayne Peal staff writer  
A three-attorney panel will rule Friday whether former Wayne County chief circuit judge James Canham should be disciplined for his role in a bribe attempt involving the late Michigan Appeals Court Judge S. Jerome Bronson. Canham faces penalties ranging from censure to loss of his attorney's license if the panel rules he was guilty of misconduct. A four-day hearing on Canham's role in the bribe attempt was held in mid-March before the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board. Testimony indicated Canham told attorney James Finn that Bronson sought a bribe and passed a classified appeals court document to Finn. Chief disciplinary prosecutor Michael Alan Schwartz argued Canham "aided and abetted" Bronson - and may have initiated the bribe attempt - but Canham's attorney, Sheldon Miller, said his client was gathering evidence hoping that Finn would report Bronson to authorities. PANEL MEMBERS will issue written findings and read highlights of their opinion at 9 a.m. in the attorney discipline board's Detroit offices. "If they decided there was no misconduct, the hearing is over," attorney discipline board executive director John Van Bolt said. "If they decide there was misconduct, a second hearing would be held to present



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## Vollman is voted to road post

Assistant Wayne County Executive James Vollman has been elected vice president of the County Road Association of Michigan. The one-year term expires March 31, 1988. The organization seeks cooperative efforts to improve Michigan's county road system. Vollman, 34, is director of the county Office of Public Services. In that position, Vollman oversees maintenance, construction and operation of county roads, buildings, parks, drains, sewers and sewage treatment plants, as well as Wayne County and Willow Run airports. He previously served as research director for the Wayne County Charter Commission and as executive assistant, director of research and deputy director of public service under former County Executive William Lucas. Vollman is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a second-year law student at Wayne State University.

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## Senate fails to halt filibuster

Here's how Michigan's U.S. senators were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending March 27. There were no House votes during the week.

### SENATE

**PRO-CONTRA FILIBUSTER** — The Senate failed, 54 for and 46 against, to achieve the three-fifths majority required to silence a filibuster in behalf of more aid for American-backed contra forces in Nicaragua.

The vote enabled contra supporters to continue to suppress a bill (HJ Res 75) banning additional aid until President Reagan explains what happened to funds already provided to the Nicaraguan rebels. Congressional foes of the contras

want the president to account for aid such as appropriations, private funding and money allegedly diverted to the rebels from Iran arms sales.

The bill, which has passed the House, would freeze a \$40 million payment to the contras that the Senate approved in mid-March.

Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who voted to end the filibuster, said "support for contra aid among the American people continues to decrease."

Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said the United States should continue aiding the contras until "the Soviets and their Cuban allies get out of Central America."

### Roll Call Report

Senators voting yes wanted floor debate on the proposed contra aid freeze. Michigan's Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, both Democrats, voted yes.

**FAILING BANKS** — By a vote of 52 for and 42 against, the Senate adopted an amendment making it more difficult for so-called "non-bank banks" to get a foothold as competitors against traditional banks and savings and loans.

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The amendment adopted by this vote sought to sidetrack a pending measure enabling certain non-bank banks to expand their base by rescuing failed or failing thrift institutions. It affirmed the power of state legislatures to block any such acquisitions.

The vote occurred during debate on a sweeping bill (S 790) to bolster the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the agency that insures thrift institutions' deposits. The bill was headed for final passage and consideration by the House.

## Builders are short of land — Dickstein

By the end of the year, prospective home buyers may find there are no developed lots available.

Dennis Dickstein, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said 13,000 developed lots, or lots in the process of being approved, are available — enough to last only nine months.

Dickstein blamed the state Department of Natural Resources' Developers' submit "plans" or site plans to the DNR for approval before they begin building, but DNR lacks man-

power to process them expeditiously.

Dickstein said there also needs to be more realistic zoning of property in southeastern Michigan to deal with the coming shortage of building sites in this area of the state.

His remarks were made at a meeting of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan that focused on the impending shortage of land.

Dickstein is, president of Ralph Manuel Realtors, Birmingham.

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# Court: Women first

## Locals debate affirmative action ruling

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Supporters call it "a valid attempt to rectify past discrimination." Detractors say it is "a terrible mistake" that will usher in an era of reverse discrimination.

But last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action — allowing companies to voluntarily grant affirmative action job promotions to female employees at the expense of arguably better-qualified males — is now the law of the land.

The 6-3 high court decision allows employers to give preferential promotions to women even without evidence of past discrimination.

Its announcement March 25 was cause for celebration among local women's rights activists.

"I'm pleased to see the U.S. Supreme Court make sex a suspect classification and acknowledge a long history of discrimination against women," said Livonia resident Laura Callow, former co-chair of Michigan ERAmerica. "There is a time for the righting of past wrongs. It's a valid attempt toward rectifying past practices and bringing people into the system."

FORMER UAW president Douglas Fraser, a Northville resident, said he was "very supportive" of the decision.

"No one denies that discrimination has taken place," Fraser said. "If you don't correct the sins of the past now, when do you do it? Do you let them go on in perpetuity?"

For conservatives, including President Reagan, the decision was a stinging defeat.

Elaine Donnelly, a Livonia resident and political activist who lobbied against the ERA, called the decision "regrettable."

"It says it's all right to discriminate," Donnelly said. "It gives benefits to people who weren't the victims of discrimination and creates a new class of victims. It's a terrible mistake."

Reaction varied among area legislators.

"It's a positive step, women who would work against it are working backwards," state Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia said. But Bankes was concerned qualified males may be held back.

State Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said the ruling was a step backward for everyone.

"I was very surprised by the court's decision," said Geake, whose district includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Redford. "I thought the court was carving out a policy of equal access to jobs and promotions regardless of race and sex. This appears to be a step backward to quotas."

IT ISN'T certain whether large corporations will begin implementing the voluntary affirmative action programs advocated by the high court.

Representatives of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Consumer's Power, three of Michigan's largest employers, say they give women equal opportunity for advancement but won't target specific groups for promotions.

Plymouth resident Dick Horner, formerly vice president of a major airline, said affirmative action should best be left in corporate hands.

"If you look at corporations today, you'll see a lot of women in executive positions," Horner said. "My feeling is that companies are getting the message without having a gun put to their backs."

Local job counselors cheered the ruling but said it probably wouldn't affect their programs.

"We've always worked on the assumption that you can do what you intend to do," said Liz Barker, coordinator of Plymouth-Canton Schools adult job placement services. "I grew up in a family that stressed

equality and I've tried to extend that idea, with the help of my staff."

VIRGINIA WILHELM, director of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, called the ruling "a great step," with one potential drawback.

"I wouldn't like people to have the opinion that women are getting promotions just because they are women," Wilhelm said.

Supreme Court justices ruled in favor of a California county's affirmative action program. Road yard clerk Diane Joyce was promoted to road dispatcher in 1980 under the Santa Clara County affirmative action program, even though fellow clerk Paul Johnson scored two points higher on an oral job-screening exam and was unanimously recommended for the job by examiners.

Basing their ruling upon 1964 civil rights law, the justices upheld affirmative action as a means of creating a more sexually balanced workplace. Previously affirmative action efforts were targeted toward creating a more racially balanced workplace.

"VOLUNTARY employer action can play a crucial role in eliminating the effects of discrimination in the workplace," wrote Justice William J. Brennan in the majority opinion.

Justices Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackman, Lewis F. Powell and John Paul Stevens joined the opinion. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a Reagan Administration appointee, issued a concurring opinion, a delicious irony for Callow.

"I'm delighted (Justice) Sandra Day O'Connor voted in favor, in a way she's a beneficiary of affirmative action regardless of President Reagan's position."

President Reagan said he disagreed with the decision but wouldn't "quarrel with it" according to the Associated Press.

"All our position has been that we shouldn't let affirmative action deteriorate into a quota system that would be counter-discriminatory," Reagan said. "Obviously, I disagree with the decision, but the court made it, and I'm not going to quarrel with that."

Janet Cooper, director of the Michigan Civil Rights Department's legal bureau, said she doubted whether affirmative action programs would promote reverse discrimination.

"The employer or department or whatever looks at their workforce and decides whether there is significant underutilization in this area, that area or another area," Cooper told the Associated Press. "If there is, they set some kind of goal. Usually, the goal is to be reasonable and temporary and you never get into a situation where the only people who get promoted are minorities and women."

Callow said affirmative action would be necessary once there was an even balance of men and women in positions of authority.

"I would hope that's what we're working toward," she said. "But that's not the case now. At this point, women are still being left out because they are women."

In a near-simultaneous ruling that may find its way before the Supreme Court, the U.S. Appeals Court found State Department discriminated against women in assigning and promoting foreign service officers.

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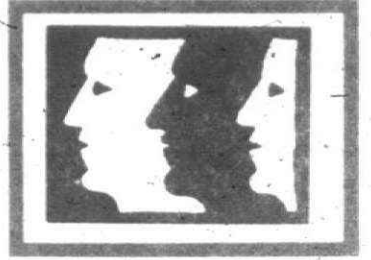
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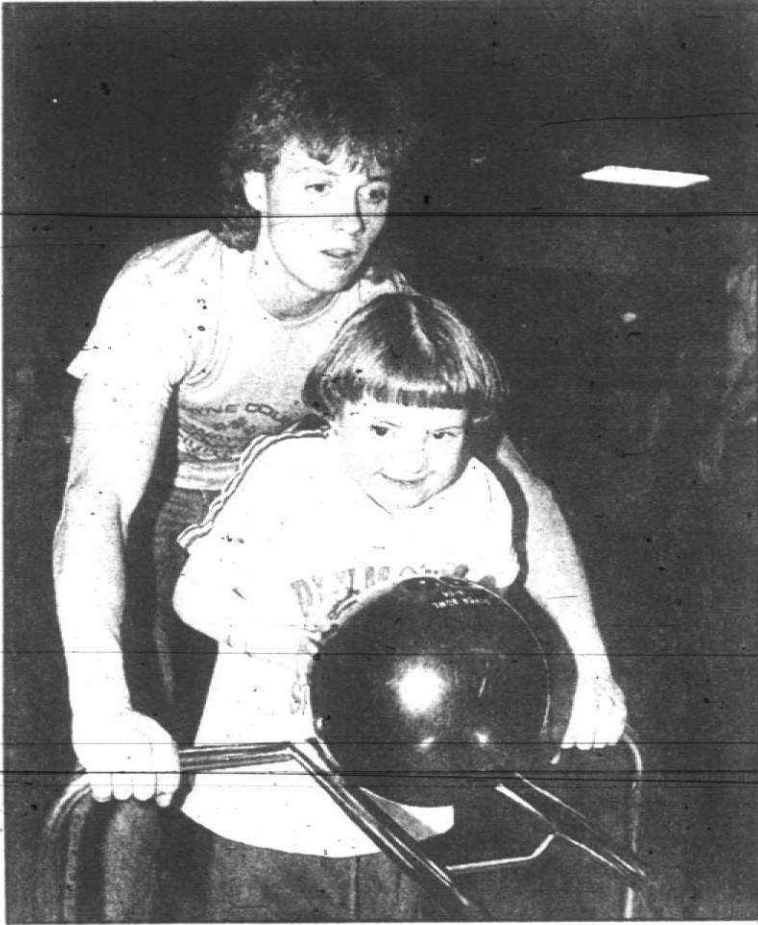

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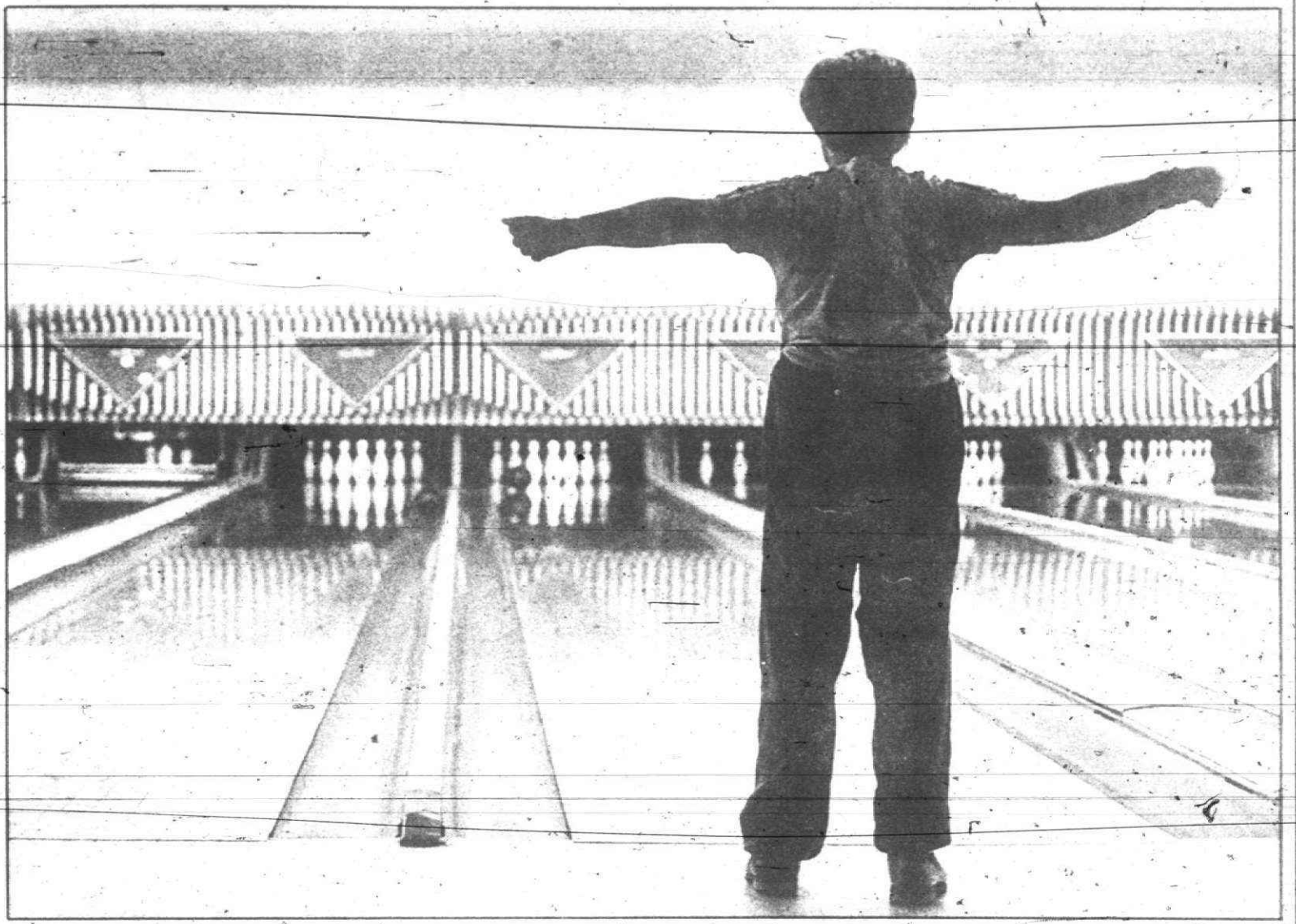


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Volunteer Mike Dosh helps Lauren Gusfa get off to a good start at the bowling tournament.



This bowler keeps a close eye on things.

## Spirit

### Athletes keep things rolling

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

For the last 12 weeks, the athletes have been hard at work, practicing at the Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

On Saturday, it was time to give the game their best.

Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics bowlers competed in the annual Wayne County bowling tournament Saturday. The tournament for athletes from throughout Wayne County was held Friday and Saturday at Super Bowl in Canton.

This is the Plymouth-Canton group's third year in the event. Last year, the group practiced at Plymouth Bowl.

The bowlers from Plymouth-Canton ranged in age from 8 to 58. Most of the adults are from the Plymouth Opportunity House, said Barbara Witt, Plymouth-Canton's coach. Most of the youngsters attend Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth.

"They've really done a good job," Witt said of the athletes. "They're a riot to work with."

ON SATURDAY, lanes 29 through 36 at the Super Bowl were full of Plymouth-Canton athletes going after those strikes and spares. Athletes from other Wayne County communities also gave the game their best during the two-day event.

The Plymouth-Canton athletes bowled two full games.

"They bowl just like any other league would bowl," Witt said.

A couple of the Plymouth-Canton lanes were reserved for bowlers who bowl off of a ramp.

"Some of them are just so little they can't lift the bowling ball," said Susie Pridosny, Special Olympics area director for Wayne County.

Other athletes have physical difficulties that keep them from bowling without a ramp.

A number of local volunteers also helped out at the tournament. The 12 weeks of practice sessions for Plymouth-Canton athletes at Plaza Lanes were courtesy of the Plymouth-Canton Civitans.

"I have a lot of help," said Witt, a Canton resident whose 11-year-old son was among those participating in Saturday's competition.

The help from volunteers is important to the success of the event, Witt said. The assistance from the Plymouth-Canton Civitans makes the practice sessions possible.

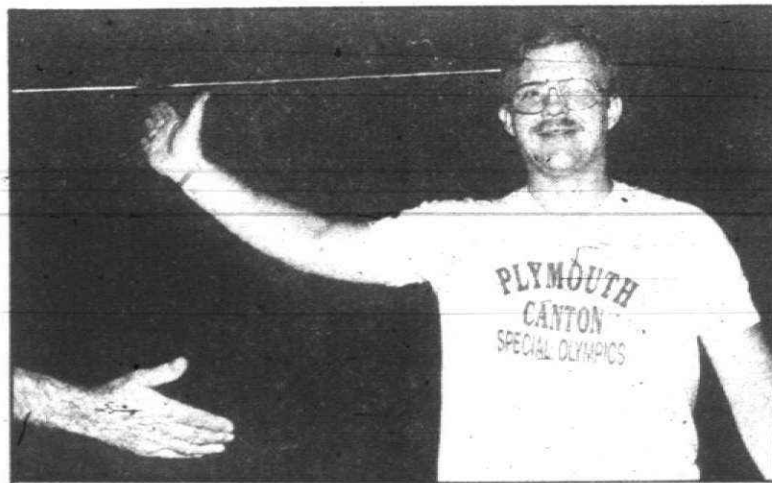
"Otherwise, we could never afford it."

WITT WAS busy Saturday at the tournament and didn't have time to bowl.

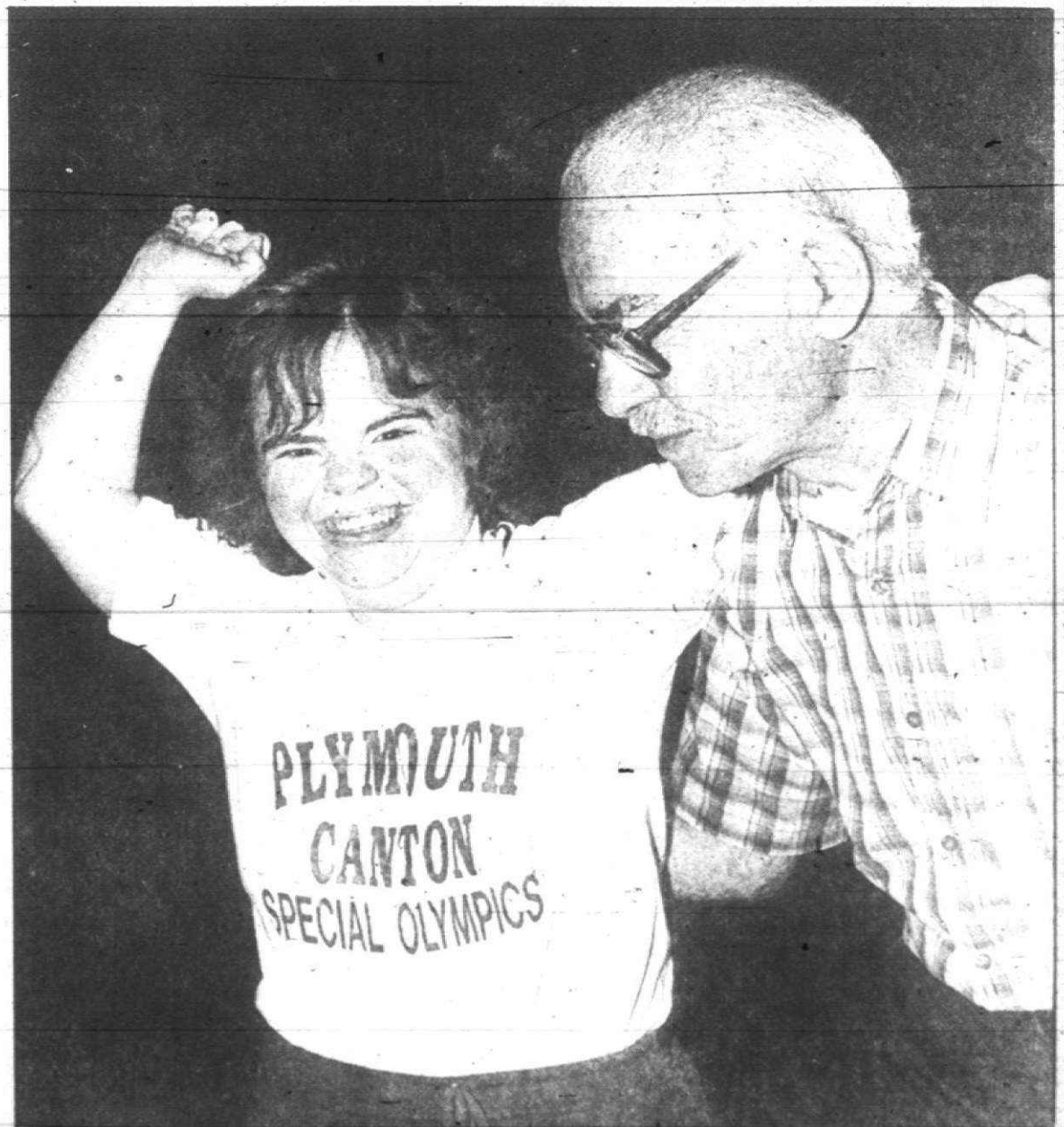
"No, I don't bowl," she said with a smile.

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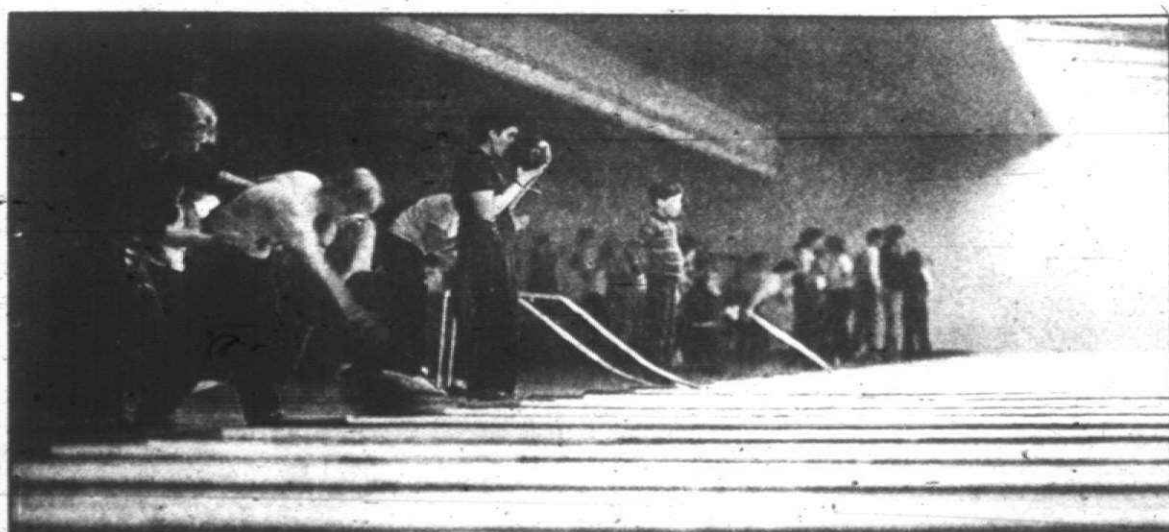
Volunteers Gene and Caroline Sund (right) help out as scorekeepers.



Athlete Carl Subuda gets hearty congratulations.



Mary Brennan and volunteer Rico Sardelli enjoy the day's fun.



Strikes and spares are these bowlers' goals.



Jennifer Jean, 9, and her mom, Cecile Jean of Plymouth, look through the Cabbage Patch clothing.

Staff photos by Bill Bresler



The crowd keeps moving at the arts and crafts show.

# Crafts show draws crowd

Wrestlemania wasn't this past weekend's only event. The annual spring arts and crafts show of the city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department also attracted a crowd.

"We had good crowds," said Tom Willette, assistant recreation director. He estimated that at least 3,000 to 4,000 people attended the Friday through Sunday event, held at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

It's hard to know exactly how many people attend the arts and crafts show, Willette said. "With free admission, they just come and go." Some people come to the show on one day and then return later on to make purchases. Willette and Carol Donnelly were directors of the three-day show. On Sunday, Willette was gone for part of the day to attend Wrestlemania at the Silverdome. Donnelly ended up being stuck with the cleanup at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"So I appreciate her doing that for me. It was fun to be there."

THE ANNUAL show featured more than 75 exhibitors from throughout the state. The crafters were pleased with the show's success, Willette said.

"They all did very well. I think they expect to do well when they come to the Plymouth show. As far as I know, no one was disappointed."

Those running the show ask the crafters to fill out evaluation forms. The arts and crafts show's regulars are particularly helpful in providing information on the event's success. "Our regulars have told us they did very well. We didn't get any complaints as far as the show went."

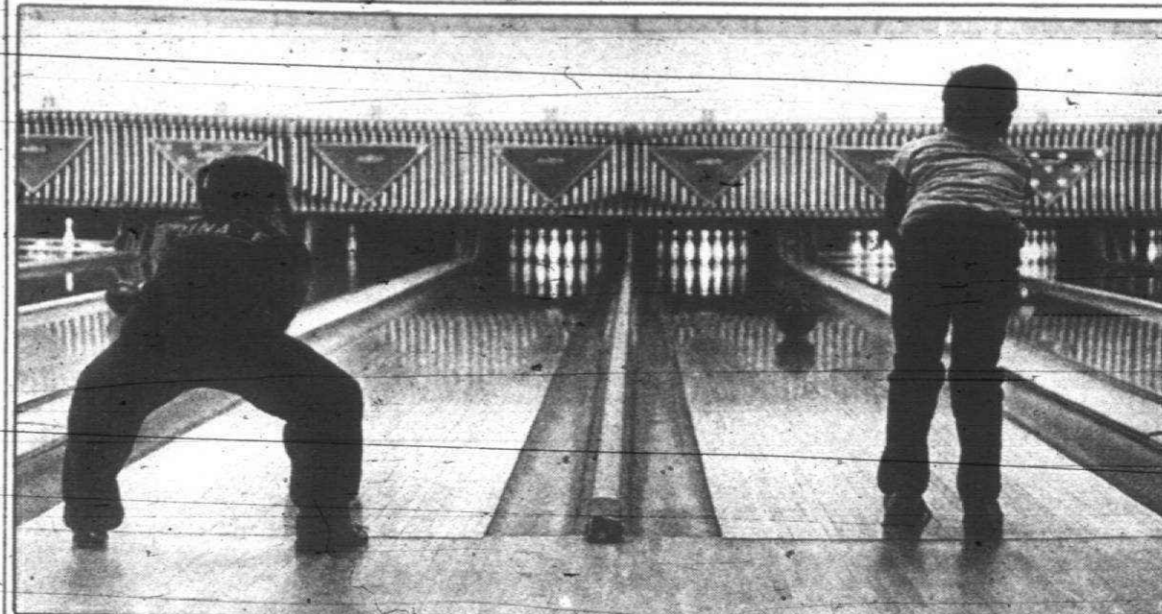
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Sally Kerzka of Sally's Boutique arranges her display.



Ree 'The Swamp Witch' Thomas (right) hangs a mirror on her display.



Bowling's a fun sport for these Special Olympics athletes.

# These super bowlers have their special day

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a smile. "I'm just here to help the kids."

The Wayne County bowling tournament was for Area 23 of the Special Olympics, including all of

## Local bowlers

The Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics bowling league includes a number of local athletes.

The bowlers are Julie Abraham, Jennifer Barnes, Gerald Batke, Sean Bowers, Mary Brennan, Gary Chmielewski, Randy Clayton, Beth Covington, Natasha DeGraft, Robert Earley, Tina Falcen, Dorothy Grunst, Lauren Gusta, Joanie Heaton, Terry Jergens, Brian Johnson and Nathan Johnson.

Other Plymouth-Canton bowlers are Terri Kaitlin, Neil Keith, Betsy Marquardt, Kimberly Pelly, Shannon Phillipson, Michael Pilotto, Rachel Rees, Ann Reid, Rita Rossow, Carrie Schilling, Tommy Southard, Robert Spanier, Patricia Stram, Carl Subuda, Ron Walzak, Chris Werth, Brian Williams and Tony Witt.

Barbara Witt coaches the Special Olympics group, with the assistance of Marsha Walzak, Linda Wood, Tony and Agnes Miskolci, Rico Sardelli, Lisa Witt, Jennifer Clark, Ken Wood and Debbie Sullivan.

Wayne County except Detroit. "I think this is the 12th year for Wayne County," Pidossny said.

The tournament had approximately 500 bowlers Friday and 279 Saturday, said Pidossny, a Canton resident. Her husband, Rick, is assistant area director for Special Olympics.

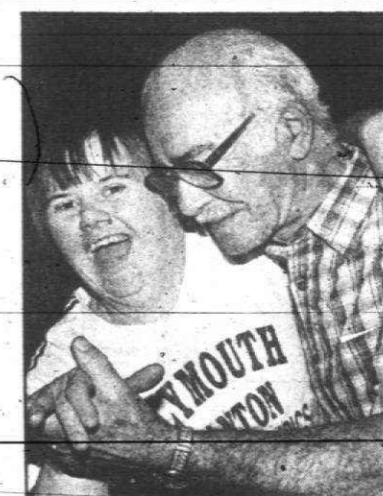
Work on the annual event began last September with monthly organizational meetings. The Civilians in Wayne County are the core group of volunteers working on the event. Club members help raise funds, coordinate the event and do a little bit of everything.

In some of the other Special Olympics events, athletes receive medals for first through third place and receive place ribbons for fourth place on down. All the athletes in the Wayne County bowling tournament received participation ribbons, rather than medals or place ribbons.

"Because of the large number here, it's just not possible," Pidossny said. "We'd be here for five days."

THE SPECIAL Olympics athletes participate in a number of other events throughout the year. Those events include gymnastics, weight lifting, track and field, swimming, softball and others. The state summer games for

Special Olympics are scheduled for June in Mt. Pleasant. The state winter games were held in February at Sugar Loaf. Winter Special Olympics activities include cross country and downhill skiing, figure and speed skating and snowshoeing. The organization is always looking for new volunteers, Witt said. "There's a lot of things going on and the kids really enjoy it."



Rita Rossow shares a laugh with volunteer Rico Sardelli.

# Spring show's a success

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Willette now needs to get out the applications for the summer show, scheduled for early June.

"So it starts all over again." There are also two Christmas shows held each year.

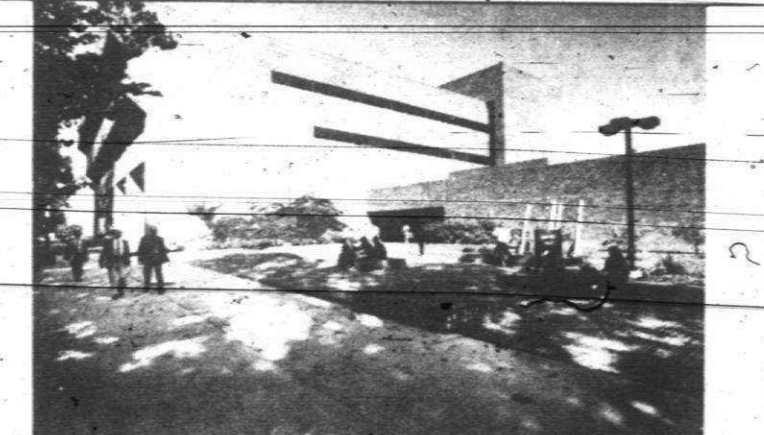
Many of the craft items at the

spring show had an Easter theme. "It's more spring-oriented things," Willette said. Wreaths, for example, will be decorated with spring flowers rather than with Christmas materials.

Those running the arts and crafts show had to turn down some crafters. Often, that's not due to the

quality of their work, Willette said. There may simply be enough of those items already in the show.

"We had a pretty good variety of different things this time."



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## clubs in action

● **LUNCHEON TIME**  
Plans are under way for the 19th annual salad luncheon presented by the Lake Pointe Village Branch, Women's National Farm and Garden Association. The luncheon will be held Saturday, April 4, in the cafeteria of Plymouth Canton High School. Those who are interested in membership in the organization should call Jean, 420-2235.

● **SPRING FLING**  
The sixth annual "Spring Fling" sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held Saturday, April 4, at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. A salad luncheon will be served at 11 p.m., followed by a fashion show. Door prizes will be given. Price is \$4. For reservations or more information, call Caroline, 455-2620, or Alice, 453-6144.

● **ART AUCTION**  
The Plymouth Newcomers will hold an art auction at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. All proceeds will be contributed to Growth Works Inc. Original signed etchings, lithographs, paintings and sculpture will be among the featured items. Tickets, at \$3 each, may be purchased from club members or by calling 453-2120 or 455-2795. Tickets are also available at The Mole Hole, Something for You and Growth Works Inc., all in Plymouth.

● **LIVE MUSIC**  
The HUB Dance Club will hold a dance 8-11 p.m. Sunday, April 5. The club's home is the YWCA of Western

Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. Singles and couples over age 30 may attend the dance, which will feature ballroom dance music provided by the Art Wise Band. Admission price is \$3.50 for guests, including dancing and refreshments. For more information, call the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 561-4110.

● **60-PLUS**  
Area senior citizens may attend the monthly potluck luncheon at noon Monday, April 6, at Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Those attending should bring a food dish to pass and their own table service. Mr. and Mrs. William Edgar will show slides of Miller Woods, on Powell Road west of Plymouth. The slides show the area's trees, birds, plants and trails.

● **THREE CITIES**  
The Three Cities Art Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the meeting room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. There will be a members' critique of paintings to be entered in the upcoming show. The subject for members' competition is "April Showers." Guests may attend. For more information, call Dorothy Koliba, club president, 455-5159.

● **ORIENTATION**  
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association is offering a Caesarean orientation at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The program is for

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LAMAZE SERIES The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a seven-week Lamaze series, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. Early registration is advised. For more information, call 459-7477.

WOMEN'S GUILD The St. John Neumann Women's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the activities building at the church in Canton.

BOUQUET Middlebelt Nursing Centre, 14900 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, will hold its annual "Spring Bouquet" Thursday through Sunday, April 9-12.

MIGRATION The Plymouth Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the museum, Main and Church streets in Plymouth.

ARTS, CRAFTS Handcrafters Unlimited will hold an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

LUNCHEON The Canton Newcomers will meet for a luncheon on at 12:45 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Chi Chi's.

DINING OUT The Canton Newcomers (couples) will dine out at Mountain Jack's on Warren Road at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

JUDGED SHOW The Three Cities Art Club will hold its spring judged show Saturday, April 11, through Tuesday, April 14, at the Hillside Inn, Plymouth.

COUNTRY FUN Craft Gallery will hold its "Country Folk" arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 12.

SCRIMMAGE A spring scrimmage trip, sponsored by the U-M Club of the Plymouth Community, will be held from 11:45 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18.

WHEELS FOR LIFE St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is planning a "Wheels for Life" bikeathon, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Maybury State Park.

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PLAY GROUP The Meeting Play Group of the Canton Newcomers will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, April 24.

WOMEN'S GUILD The St. Kenneth Women's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the parish center, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township.

USED BOOKS The Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, is accepting books for its annual used book sale.

STAR SPANGLED Spotlight Players performances of Neil Simon's "Star Spangled Girl" will be May 1, 2, 8 and 9 at the auditorium of Wayne Memorial High School.

SPRING BREAKFAST The St. Thomas a Becket Women's Club will hold its annual spring breakfast at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 3, at Bob's Hideaway.

MOMS, TOTS The Moms and Tots of the Canton Newcomers will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the Canton Township fire station on Canton Center Road.

THESPIANS A reunion banquet is planned for all former members of the International Thespian Dramatic Honor Society, Troop 454, of Plymouth Salem/Canton High School.

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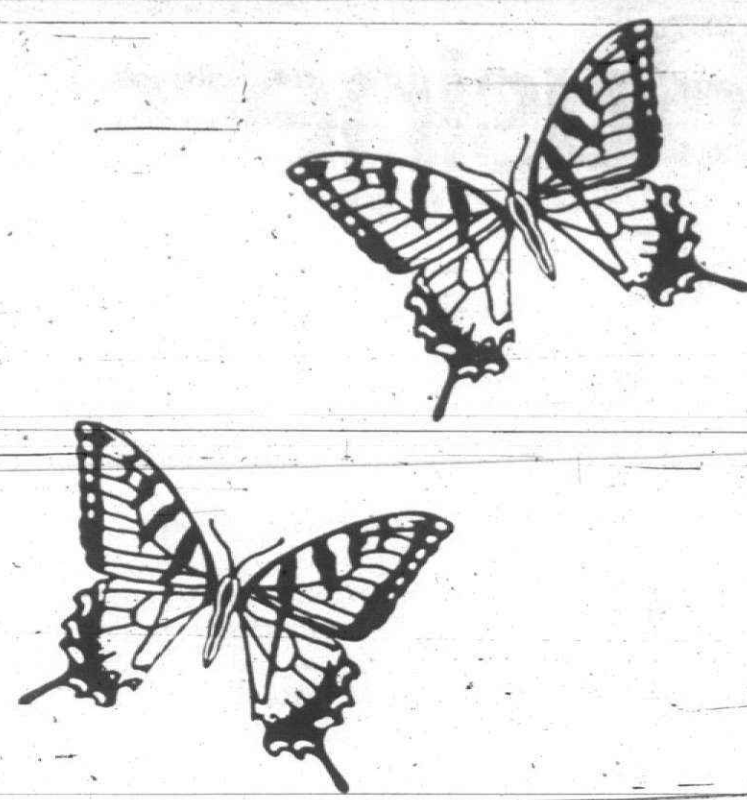
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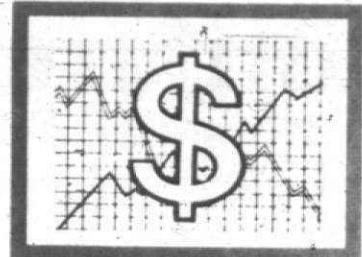
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## Uncle Sam wants local contractors

By Pat Walsh  
special writer

Local firms that see limited expansion with the auto industry are looking to the aerospace and defense industries for growth and diversification.

Federal contracting is an often ignored alternative for companies capable of offering goods and services in robotics, lasers, transistors and computers. But the Michigan Commerce Department is hoping to capitalize on such opportunities by organizing trade missions to introduce local companies to federal contractors.

At a recent mission to Los Angeles, local firms were introduced to buyers from such giants as Lockheed, Hughes, Ford Aerospace, General Dynamics, McDonnell Douglas and Rockwell.

The companies included Advanced Technology and Testing of Livonia, the BCR Computing Corp. of Westland, St. Claire Inc. of Farmington Hills and Triple Tool Manufacturing of Troy.

John Chichester, procurement specialist at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center, said the California trip was designed to provide opportunities in subcontracting.

"A lot of big firms in government contracts are located in California. Sometimes it is easier to get a contract out of the government directly than it is out of the prime contractors."

"We're taking some proven government contractors and going out there to win some additional work as subcontractors to some of the large primes."

ONE SUCH PROVEN contractor is St. Claire Inc., a producer of operation and maintenance manuals that conducts training programs and develops technical art and slide films.

Its typical subject matter is a piece of ground support equipment,

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— John Chichester  
procurement specialist

such as the computerized test stand used to test the fuel control system in the jet engine of the F-18 fighter planes at Kelly Air Force Base.

St. Claire owner Floyd White said his goals for the trip were a little different from those of others.

"I was not looking for prime contractors as much as I was looking for the subcontractors in this area that do work for them. That's a level that's invisible to me. I wanted to find out who the prime contractors were dealing with in the Michigan and Ohio areas that might have need for our services."

Did the program achieve its objectives?

"I thought it was excellent," White said. "It enabled us to meet a lot of aerospace prime contractors in California. If we had to do it on our own, it probably would've taken us months or years to try and ferret out who to talk to and then get to see them."

White was also pleased to learn of some possible prime contract opportunities in technical training for the Air Force, and he praised the commerce department program.

"I think they're doing an excellent job. I think they're doing more than 80 percent of the other states. It's a



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tremendous program."

**TEST EQUIPMENT** White's company writes about is designed and built by Advanced Technology and Testing of Livonia.

Mike Kensing said his company's expectations for the trade mission trip were "to meet as many possible potential customers in a very short period of time as we could."

"We got to meet representatives from 12 to 15 aerospace companies who have the potential of doing business with in the future," he said.

Advanced Technology builds powertrain test equipment for automobiles and off-road vehicles as well as jets.

**ANOTHER MEMBER** of the trade mission discovered Michigan's lack of reputation in computer software.

John Morrison is vice president of sales for the four-year-old BCR Computing Corp. of Westland, which develops computer-based factory automation systems for the auto companies. His company is looking to diversify and build on previous subcontracting work with the Navy and the Air Force.

"Our business is really software," Morrison said. "There seems to be a preconceived notion in that area of the country that Michigan is a good

place to have precision machining done. It's (Michigan) not looked on as a strong software area."

"The trip gave us contacts with people we would not normally be able to reach. I was extremely pleased."

**HAPPILY RIDING** on Michigan's reputation of machining capabilities is Joe Smyles of Triple Tool Manufacturing of Troy. He called the trip an excellent source of contracts for the firm, which does precision tool and die work, manufacturing small parts such as those for the hydraulic fuel pumps on the B-1 bombers.

The Los Angeles trade mission was the commerce department's eighth since 1982. Last year's trip was to NASA in Florida. Future trips are planned for Seattle and St. Louis.

**SCHOOLCRAFT'S** Chichester said that service companies are receiving an increasing number of government contracts.

"One area that's growing quite rapidly is that of professional services such as computer programming, studies and evaluations, and training."

His procurement office sees contract work going to attorneys, accountants, architectural engineers and designers, computer programmers, housekeeping services and medical suppliers. Updated lists of goods and services in demand, bid specifications and technical aid are available.

"One advantage of federal contracting," Chichester said, "is that you don't have to know anybody to get started. The information is available without taking anybody to lunch and persuading them to trust you."

"For newer firms, this is a real benefit. With all the new business starts in communities like Livonia, that's a big deal."

For more information, call the procurement office at 591-6400.

## Livonia Expo nears goal

By Pat Walsh  
special writer

Expectations are high among participating companies and local sponsors of the Greater Livonia Expo to be held May 5-7 at Schoolcraft College who are looking for on-site sales, the chance to do some local networking and for potential customers.

Spearheaded by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, the show has more than 70 percent of the booth space rented with 150 trade, service and industrial companies from Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Westland, and Garden City on hand to demonstrate their products and services.

One company that expects to broaden its customer base is Livonia's Main Office. It provides mailing services, typically 500 to 10,000 pieces, ranging from catalogues to newsletters to advertising for companies that don't want to tie up their own manpower.

"One of our problems is identifying people who have a need for our services, owner Bob Temske said. "There's a lot of people out there; it's just finding them. Being a small company, it's difficult to take the

time to go door to door and prospect. Hopefully, this will allow us to accomplish that much quicker."

This is Temske's first try at a show where he expects to do a lot of 15-second interviews. "If we get five to 10 customers out of the show, I think we'll be successful."

A MORE SEASONED exhibitor is Novi's Diversitec. Booth displays will include micrographic cameras and products related to the company's records management services.

Sales coordinator Dorothy Duke said Diversitec participates in the Downriver show, the Detroit-Business Expo at Cobo Hall and the Macomb County show. She finds suburban shows more cost effective than the big shows.

"They are too expensive, don't facilitate booth setups, and draw a general public audience that really can't buy the product or services for sale."

"All the vendors are there for one thing, and that is to get customers. Quality people can sign on the dotted line."

How many contacts does she need to offset booth costs?

"All you need is one. A super contact will more than pay for your

booth in the show."

**MAJOR SPONSORS** for the local expo include Allmand Associates; Burland, Reiss, Murphy & Rambisa; Consumers Power Co.; Detroit Edison; Ford Motor Co.; Health Appliance Plan; Manufacturers National Bank; Reliable Business Computers; and Air Gage Co.

Don't be looking for tire gauges at the Air Gage Booth. Instead you'll find sample dimensional gauging equipment of the electronic, computerized and automatic nature. The primary markets for Air Gage are Ford, General Motors and their suppliers.

Marketing and sales manager Dave Joslyn is a veteran of trade shows such as the Quality Expo in Chicago. To him, expos are good business. His company participates in trade shows "because our customers are there, and we want to give them another chance to look at our products as well as to develop new leads."

"A lot of expositions are good public relations as much as they are good selling tools."

Many vendors will be exchanging

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## Focus: computer graphics

By Maria Gold  
staff writer

The victim, neck in a brace, clutches a shiny, new cane and hobbles toward the witness stand to tell the sympathetic jury how he has suffered since being sideswiped by a driver one night a year ago. With no witnesses, his testimony, along with skid marks on the road, are the only evidence his attorney has that the other driver was at fault in the two-car accident.

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**THIS DEMONSTRATION** will be one of the displays at the 11th annual SAE/ESD International Computer Graphics Conference/Exposition at

Cobo Hall April 7-9.

SAE, the Troy-based Engineering Society for Advancing Mobility — Land, Sea, Air and Space, and the Engineering Society of Detroit, or ESD, are sponsoring this three-day computer extravaganza, which will feature about 25 exhibits.

M.J. Asensio, staff engineer at SAE, said the conference will focus on "the role of computer graphics in different technical specialties." These specialties include engineering work stations, forensic engineering, artificial intelligence, CAD/CAM displays and robotics.

"We're trying to cover not only highly technical computer graphics, but every function computer graphics interfaces with," Asensio said.

**IN ADDITION** to the displays, the three-day conference will include about 70 technical presentations by national experts in the computer industry.

Rebecca Evans, manager of conferences and expositions of ESD, said the event is aimed at high technology experts in the automotive industry, rather than the casual computer user.

Electro Sales, a 30-year-old manu-

facturing representative with an office in Livonia, is setting up two work stations at the exposition featuring software from Futurenet, a California-based manufacturing company.

"We get good, qualified interest at these events," said sales engineer Bob Kokovich. He said the company displays systems from one or more of their 22 represented firms at about 20 shows each year.

Kokovich said that expositions present the opportunity for engineers and managers to see and experiment with his wares. Buyers are more likely to order from his display after sampling the software programs. The featured programs at the SAE/ESD exposition will be Computer Aided Engineering (CAE), which cost from about \$6,000 to \$30,000. He said the programs are valuable to anyone working professionally in electronics.

The cost for admittance to the exhibits is \$10, and the full conference is \$300 for an SAE or ESD member, and \$365 for others. Daily rates are also available.

For more information, call Evans at ESD at 832-5400.

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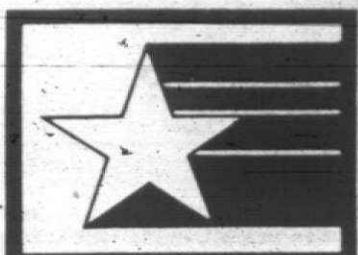
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● RUN EXTENDED
Performances of the Trinity House Theatre production of "Candle in the Wind" have been extended one more weekend, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, at Trinity House in Livonia. Tickets are available by calling 464-6302.

● THEATER SEASON
The Marquis Theatre in Northville's 1987 subscription season includes some of theater's finest moments — "South Pacific," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Harvey," and "Vaudeville Tonight," a musical revue with such tunes as "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "My Wild Irish Rose" and other turn-of-the-century favorites. "South Pacific," the current attraction, continues through Sunday, April 12. "Vaudeville Tonight" runs July 10 to Aug. 16, "Annie Get Your Gun," Sept. 11 to Oct. 4 and "Harvey," Oct. 23 to Nov. 8. Subscription prices range from \$28 to \$36, depending on day and time. For more information call 349-8110 or 349-0888.

● SUMMER WORKSHOP
A summer theater workshop for children ages 6-12 is being offered by the Marquis Theatre of Northville. Professional theatrical instruction in singing, dancing, acting, improvisation, mime, stage make-up, stage movement and puppetry will be offered. Each workshop session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday on the following dates: June 22 to July 3, July 6-17, July 20-31 and Aug. 3-14. Each session is \$250. For more information call 349-8110 or 349-0888.

● PLYMOUTH HILTON
Slynnam opened Wednesday for a five-week run at the Plymouth Hilton Inn. The group plays beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

● NOSTALGIC MUSIC
Detroit's Shake Rattle and Roll, a musical revue of the '50s and '60s, followed by '50s and '60s dance music, is presented Friday nights at Cruzado's Comedy Club at Cruzado's Entertainment Center in the Allen Park Motor Lodge. The revue spoofs stars such as Sonny and Cher, Bill Haley and the Comets, and Elvis Presley. Dancing to music played by a deejay runs until 12:30 a.m. For more information, call 388-6900 or 983-1747.

● AVON PLAYERS
Musical hit "Woman of the Year" will be presented by Avon Players from Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 16, at the playhouse in Rochester Hills. Becky MacIntyre of Troy stars as Tess and Tony Matar of Bloomfield Hills as Sam. For ticket information, call 739-4660.

● SPANISH DANCER
Flamenco dance Maria del Carmen and her Spanish dancing group will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Tickets are available by calling 349-8110 or 349-0888.

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Linda Barsamian stars as Nellie Forbush in the musical "South Pacific," continuing through Sunday, April 12, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

● 'MUSIC MACHINE'
Two area residents will appear on the second show of "The Music Machine," which goes national beginning April 4 for its fourth season on Channel 4, WDIV-TV. Karen Newman of Bloomfield Hills and Russ Parks of Birmingham will appear on the broadcast Saturday, April 11. The syndicated, talent show hosted by Curtis Gadsden features competition between singers.

● ACTOR'S WORKSHOP
A one-day intensive training for actors will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Actors Workshop in Southfield. The session is designed for beginners and advanced actors, as well as models. Cost is \$60 per person, not including meals. For more information, call the Actor's Workshop at 443-0082.

● BENEFIT NIGHT
A performance of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning play "A Raisin in the Sun" will be presented by St. Dunstan's Guild to benefit Cranbrook House at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at St. Dunstan's Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets at \$10 per person include dessert and coffee served at 7:30 p.m., as well as an afterglow following the performance and shuttle bus service from the Christ Church parking lot. For tickets and information, call 398-5735 or 644-0527.

● SPRING CONCERT
Dan Ross will be featured soloist at the annual spring concert of the Farmington Musicale at 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Farmington High School Auditorium. Ross, a French hornist, is a former first-place Musicale Scholarship winner. He attends the University of Michigan on a full-tuition scholarship from Interlochen. Tickets at \$4, \$2 for students and seniors, will be available at the door. An afterglow will follow the concert.

● ARTS PROGRAM
The Public Access program "This Week in the Arts," seen at 9:05 p.m. Wednesdays on Channel 52 of the United Cable Television of Oakland County, has changed its name to "This Month in the Arts." The program will change on a monthly basis, rather than weekly. Featured are regular segments on television, theater and film, as well as explorations into all other forms of art.

● SHOW ENSEMBLE
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Bill Kux charms as nerdish hero
Performances of Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam" continue through Sunday, April 19, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300.

The wonder of the variously named characters who play Woody Allen clones is that he can make women fall for a whiney neurotic with owl eyes on a scrawny chicken body and make macho men almost sorry for a wimp who blathers in public about his sexual insecurities. In Meadow Brook's funny "Play It Again, Sam," Bill Kux pulls off the tough job of playing the Woody Allen character. He's splendid. Maybe it's because he's better looking than Allen. The chicken chest has filled out and the peculiar charm of the Allen character is not so incomprehensible as it is with the pallid nebbs of Allen himself.

They've got gusto, doing Simon comedy
Performances of Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn," presented by the Troy Players, continue at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April 11 at the Troy Community Center. For ticket information, call 524-3484.

enacting Simon's dizzy but well-crafted play. What the players lack in polish is made up for by sheer gusto: Delight in the funny lines carries over the footlights. Joe Burdick's set design is wonderful. Chris Locke, Deo Chalfant, Terry Dirnberger and everyone connected with the final set deserve congratulations. The door through which all the wrong people enter at the wrong time is located in exactly the right place. So is the phone, the charcoal nude, the bar and everything else.

Entertainment
Ethel Simmons editor (644-1100)

It isn't easy
Despite changes, shows go on
Nancy Gurwin will play Agnes again in "I Do! I Do!" this time in late summer at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, where her Nancy Gurwin Productions is offering a theater season.
"Fantasticks" has been moved from an opening date in May to June. That means "I Do! I Do!" will have a late-summer opening. Because of the Sabbath, there can be no activity on Saturdays at the JCC until after sundown, so the show could start as late as 9:30 p.m. Zarkin said they're going to check the calendar, hoping for an earlier sunset and starting time, maybe in August.

Michael Goodman, a former associate, asked Gurwin to bring her shows to the JCC when Dr. Morton Plotnick, the JCC's executive director, asked Goodman to help in starting a theater season there. The season opened with "Funny Girl," starring Gurwin as the comical Ziegfeld Folies star Fanny Brice. "It just took off. Even the Sunday matinees were terrific," said Gurwin of the show's eight performances.

ed her production company 11 years ago, first appeared in "I Do! I Do!" with Phil Marcus Esser of Livonia, in 1976. One of the difficulties in presenting shows at the JCC outdoors, "under the stars," as she did "South Pacific" at the Botsford Inn in the summer of 1983. The show will probably not open until after she does "Fantasticks" with the actor who is the replacement for the role of El Gallo, at Mama Mia. The same actor might be considered to costar in "I Do! I Do!"

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**AT MURDOCK'S**  
Jazz will be played during April at Murdock's in Rochester Hills. Bugs Beddow performs through Saturday, April 18. The Lee Hermanson Quartet plays Thursday, April 23, through Saturday, May 2.

**IN 'EVITA'**  
Several area children are in the cast of the musical "Evita," continuing through Sunday, April 12, at the Birmingham Theatre. They are Leigh Jonaitis, 12, a seventh grader at Van Hoesen Junior High School in Rochester Hills; Sean Jonaitis, 9, third grader at Baldwin Elementary School in Rochester Hills; Shyam Maskai, 13, eighth grader at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield; Katie O'Shaughnessey, 10, fifth grader at Bemis Elementary School in Troy; and Kevin Skiles, 12, seventh grader at West Junior High School in Rochester. The children alternate in performances.

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"Love Song II - A Concert from the Heart" will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Groves High School in Birmingham. The talent line-up includes Phil Marcus Esser, Barbara Bredius, Ron Coden, Charlie Latimer, Sheri Nichols, Jonathan Round and other entertainers.

### Sally's offers musical revue

Nina Machus and Martin Burwell will present a Rodgers and Hart Revue, with performances at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11, at Sally's Saloon at the Machus Sly Fox in Birmingham. Reservations are suggested.

Machus, a soprano, is director of local music at Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills.

Burwell, who teaches piano at Cranbrook, will be her accompanist.

Nina Machus is the wife of Bob Machus, chairman and chief executive officer of Harris O. Machus Enterprises. She is handling promotions for the restaurants and hopes to present other musical attractions at the Sly Fox and possibly at Foxy's West in West Bloomfield.

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Rich Fleming is adroit as older brother Alan Baker. Fleming is convincing in his move from swinger to responsible businessman and bridegroom. He's especially good at looking harried when Tim Mohan, as Buddy Baker, turns into a carbon copy of his brother.

MOHAN AND Fleming work well together. As the two characters around whom the action revolves, they're satisfying to watch. They move well, and Mohan is great at near-hysteria pitch. Mohan is very believable as the hesitant 21-year-old who moves in with his brother and blossoms in a mere three weeks, into a confident man-about-town.

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7 p.m. SportsView - Sports news hosted by Ron Cameron and Bob Page  
8 p.m. Economic Club of Detroit - Adamantly president of Wayne State University is speaker  
9 p.m. Beyond the Moon - Host Mike Best explores the world of space, the moon, the sun and their relationship to earth  
9:30 p.m. Community Upeal - Plymouth Canton school teacher Sharon McDonald and Dennis Swipe of Canton produce this talk show. Topics include sports, schools, dance, tax enforcement, community groups

**FRIDAY (April 3)**  
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4:30 p.m. Live Call In With Tax Reform - Darlene Myers interviews local CPAs

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3 p.m. Alphabet Soup - Colleen Presley and others entertain and teach children about art, reading, spelling, and music  
3:30 p.m. TNT True Adventure Trails - Uncle Ernie shares his joyful philosophy of life  
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4:30 p.m. Agape Christian Center - Singing, praise and worship service from Agape center in Plymouth  
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6 p.m. Michigan Journal - A

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The registration sessions will take place in the lobby of Plymouth Canton's Phase III facility. Players and cheerleaders ages 9-13 are eligible. The cost is \$50 per player and \$35 per cheerleader. There is a \$125 maximum per family.

For more information, call Sue Herman at 455-7299 or Linda Roush-kolb at 459-9519.

For further information, contact Ernie Parrish (981-1981) or Kathy Milligan (981-6406).

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A 24-hour soccerthon is planned April 11-12 at Plymouth Salem to raise funds for eight members of a Michigan elite team which is making a trip to Europe July 2 to Aug. 5.

Registration plus weekly greens' fees. Play begins in May. Call 397-5110 for further details.

On Friday mornings starting May 8, a women's golf league will take to the course at Fellows Creek. Cost is \$10 for registration, plus weekly greens' fees.

CANTON SOFTBALL

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department still has openings for its men's and women's softball leagues.

CANTON S'BALL CENTER

Canton Softball Center is accepting registrations for its 1987 softball season, which will begin April 12.

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Pioneers prepare for baseball restart

By C.J. Risak Staff writer

WHEN STARTING a college-level baseball program from scratch — with little "scratch" for recruiting — a coach will take whatever ballplayers he can find, wherever he finds them.

Which is exactly what Rod Righter has done at Oakland University. The school approved bringing back varsity baseball just last spring.

Righter quickly found out that Jorgensen was a standout at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern and for the highly-respected Grand Rapids-based Sullivan's Juniors summer league team.

AS SHORT a trip to sign a recruit as that was, there was another even shorter — Righter didn't have to leave the house.

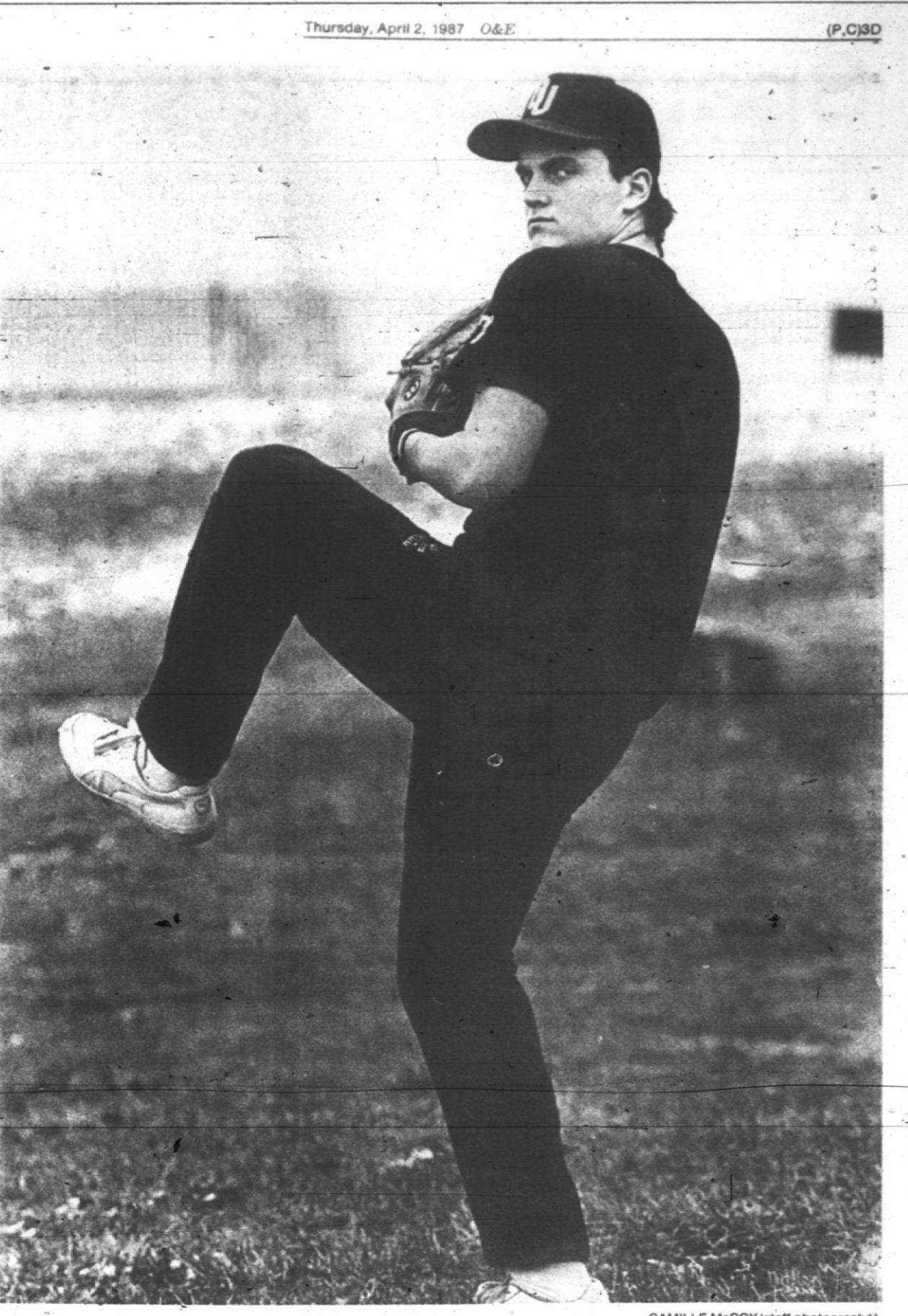
OU sports

status at OU, and will be the anchor of the staff. When he's not pitching, Kosnik will be stationed at first.

UNFORTUNATELY, BOTH Walczyk and Dishinger will be called upon to fill in at third base for the first few weeks of the season.

SO WHAT does Righter expect from his team, in its first season? "I guess I could go out on a limb and say we'll win 40 percent of our ballgames," he said.

OU will open its season at a disadvantage. While other teams have made spring trips and already played a dozen games, the Pioneers will have to open their Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) season five days after their first game.



Chris Foster will be one of the hopes looking to steady the Oakland University pitching staff this season.

Chiefs win

Plymouth Canton opened its girls soccer season with a lopsided 9-0 shutout of Walled Lake Western Friday at Western.

Julie Stabnick did most of the goal-scoring damage for the Chiefs with four scores. Candy Jones, Shanica Meath, Michelle Fortier, Tricia Greenhalge and Jenny Russell each notched one goal apiece.

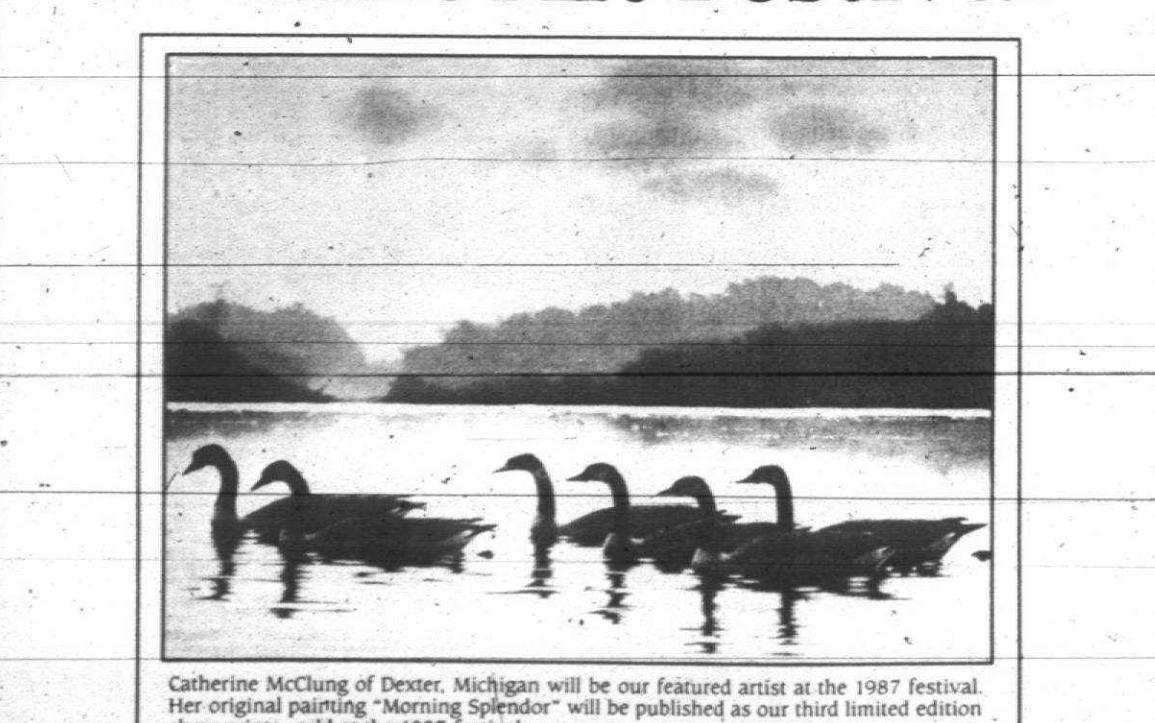
National stars succeed

A wild final period marked the Little Caesar's-sponsored high school all-star hockey game Sunday at University of Michigan-Dearborn, with the Michigan Nationals outscoring the Michigan Americans 3-2 in the period and 5-3 for the game.

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# Police ask court for permission to destroy pit bulls

By Bill Casper  
staff writer

Redford Township police are going to court for permission to destroy two pit bull terriers that attacked a 55-year-old man.

The victim, John Gehringer of Redford, is in Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, where he has undergone three operations for treatment of severe dog bites over his face, arms and legs.

"We're going to request that the dogs be destroyed according to township ordinance," Redford police chief James Barclay said Tuesday.

"We've been advised by township attorney Jan Yarling that we shouldn't destroy the dogs before we go to court for a show cause hearing. I'm hoping that hearing can be scheduled by Thursday (today).

"The hearing will provide an opportunity for the dog owners or other interested parties to object to destruction of the dogs," Barclay said.

Yarling could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

The dogs have been designated as vicious and can be destroyed according to ordinance after being held for 10 days, according to Redford animal control warden Dennis Helferty.

The 10-day quarantine period expired Saturday and the dogs are still being held at the Michigan Humane Society facility in Westland, Barclay said.

The dog owners, George Sayers, 24, and Barry Clark, 34, both of Redford, have refused to sign a voluntary release form that would give the township custody of the dogs, Barclay said.

The owners were each cited for three misdemeanor charges of violating the township animal ordinance, but have not yet been scheduled to appear in local district court to answer the charges, he said.

Gehringer was attacked March 18 by the two dogs shortly before 11 a.m. outside of the vacuum repair shop he owns on Grand River west of Beech Daly as he was loading a chair into his pickup truck, Helferty said.

There is no indication that Gehringer provoked the dogs and no indication that the animals were trained attack dogs, he said.

An attorney representing Gehringer said last week that he is investigating the possibility of filing a lawsuit against the dog owners.



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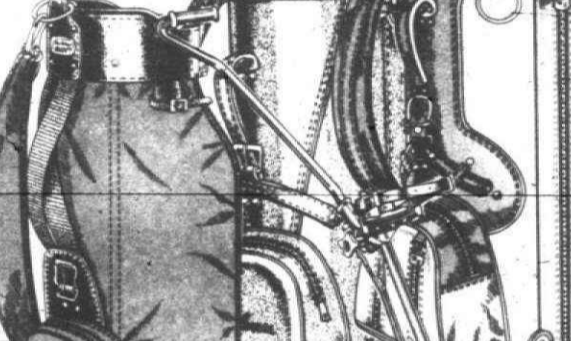
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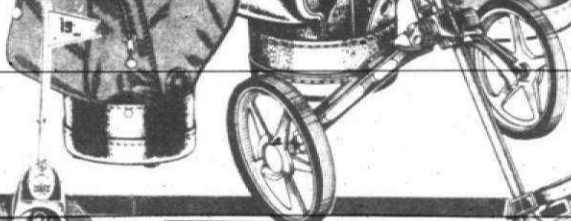
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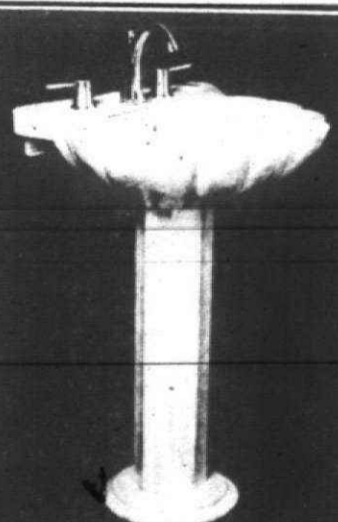
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## A guide to nursing home terms

Nursing homes provide skilled or basic care, depending on the certification they have. Some facilities are certified in both areas.

The following is a glossary of words you might come across, provided by Citizens for Better Care:

- **Skilled care patients** need extensive medical equipment and care.

- **Basic care patients** need help with activities and daily living tasks.

- **Medicare** is a federally funded health insurance program for people permanently disabled or 65 and older. Medicare can pay for up to 100 days of skilled care in a nursing home. The first 20 days of skilled care are covered in full; there is a co-payment for days 21 through 100. Some Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies will cover this co-payment.

- **Medicaid** is a state and federally funded assistance program for those unable to pay. Unlike Medicare, Medicaid will pay for basic and skilled care. It is important to find out whether a nursing home will provide the correct level of care. About 70 percent of Michigan's nursing home residents rely on Medicaid to help pay for their care.

The following is a list of terms used for places where elderly and handicapped live:

- **Senior citizens' housing** or apartments offer independent living for those who prefer not to live in their own homes. Most have features to accommodate handicapped people; like handrails and wide doorways for wheelchairs.

- **Homes for the aged** are residential care facilities for 21 or more people 60 years and older. They provide room and board, recreation, supervision and personal care assistance, like bathing, dressing and grooming.

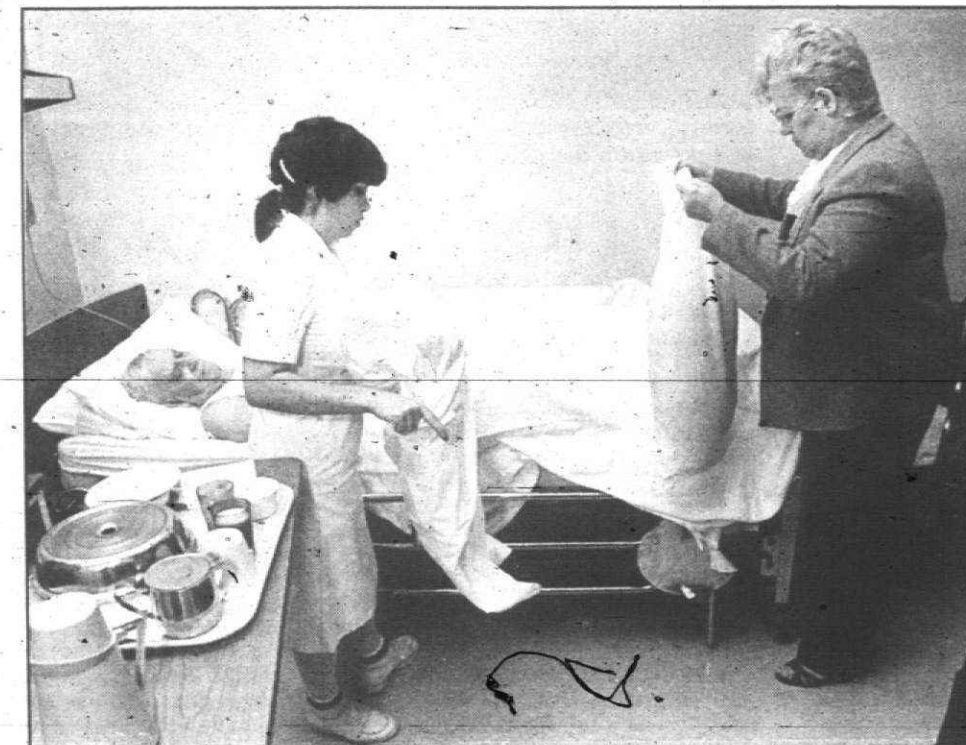
- **Adult foster care homes** offer room and board as well as supervision and personal care to people over 18 years old. Homes may specialize in providing care for the mentally retarded, chronically mentally ill or elderly.

- **Boarding homes** are available for adults who want someone to prepare meals and take care of household tasks. They aren't supposed to provide supervision or personal care. If they do, they must be licensed as adult foster care homes.

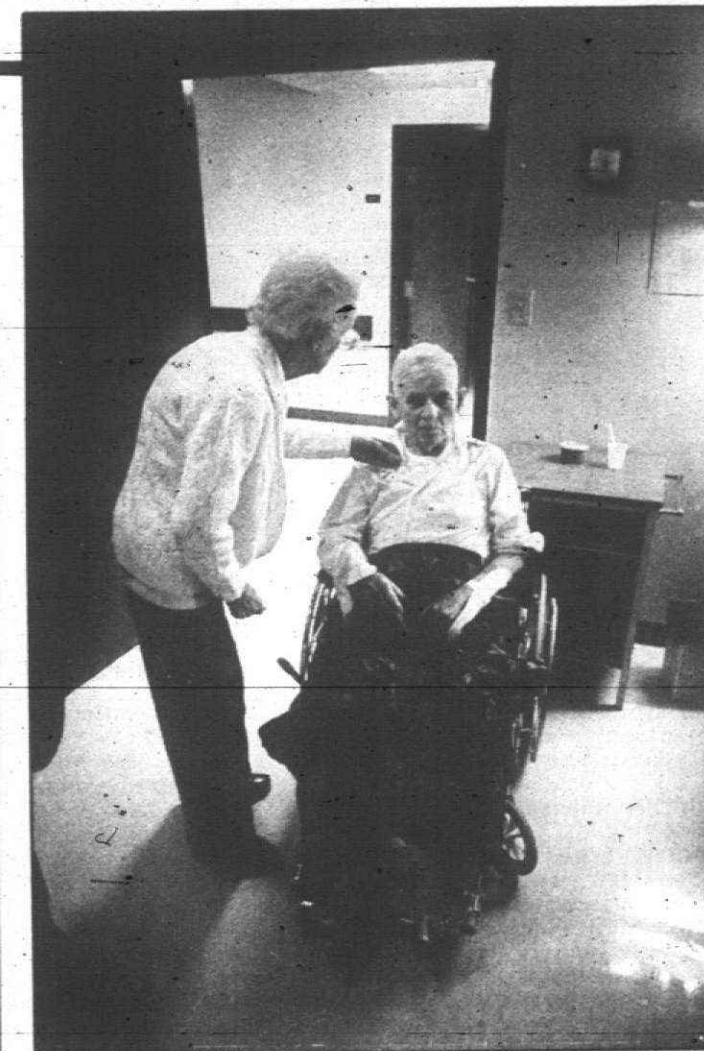
- **Nursing homes** provide medical supervision and nursing care to persons suffering or recovering from illness. Most nursing home residents are for the elderly, but some provide care for people of any age in need of 24-hour care.

Home chore programs, home health programs, meals-on-wheels, adult day care or other services also help some people to live independently.

Citizens for Better Care or your local Area Agency on Aging suggest where to go for help in selecting a service or home. Citizens for Better Care will help if you have any questions on rights or care complaints. The Farmington Citizens for Better Care number is 476-2040. The Detroit number is 962-5968.



When Rita Burgess (right) visited her father, George Burgess, a stroke victim, a lot of her time was spent showing staff how she wanted things done.



Clara Burgess straightens her husband's collar during a visit.

*'It's been trial by fire. I've seen bad hospital care, bad nursing home care and bad home health care.'*

— Rita Burgess

## Nursing homes face scrutiny

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

**A** LOT OF changes are going on in nursing homes. State and federal agencies are writing stricter rules because of growing public interest.

Some changes are the result of a national study — completed last year — by the Institute of Medicine, a private non-profit organization, which found the "quality of life in many nursing homes is poor."

Most nursing homes — even some of the best — took a blow in the public's eye as a result.

ANOTHER MAJOR change was the result of a lawsuit initiated by a Colorado nursing home resident 12 years ago.

The lawsuit has altered each state's health department survey procedures — called patients' care and services (PACS).

As of Aug. 1, 1986, survey teams must have contact with residents. Previously the team was required to make sure the facility met paper work requirements, which may or may not include patient interviews.

"Under the old survey process, the survey team might never have looked at the patients and said: 'OK you're providing enough care,'" said Hollis Turnham, of Citizens for Better Care, Michigan longterm care ombudsman.

"This is not a revolutionary change in Michigan, but it's a change in other areas."

THE CHANGES include requiring survey teams to interview residents and ob-

serve dining periods and drug dispensing.

"We are seeing a lot more citations being given with the implementation of the (PACS) process," Turnham said. "Overall we are very excited about the PACS program. We are 10 steps ahead of where we were."

The complaint was that the survey didn't evaluate the health care that was provided but evaluated the capacity of the facility to provide the health care.

"It has increased the number of citations that have been issued," said Evelyn Jones, a registered nurse with the Health Department deputy director in chief.

"The (citations of) deficiencies have increased. They relate to direct patient care, like providing warm food, correct diets and treatment."

NURSING HOMES are much better today than even 10 years ago, said Celia Savonen, project director for Citizens for Better Care. "But in many cases it's still appalling," she said.

Some 440 nursing homes in Michigan house more than 45,000 residents.

Seven percent of all facilities — 29 homes — are responsible for 42 percent of all complaints, said the state attorney general.

In 1985, 997 complaints were investigated by the health department, said James Buchanan, patient rights investigation and monitoring section chief.

IN MICHIGAN last year, Attorney General Frank Kelley issued more than 20 indictments in a crackdown on nursing home employees. State officials say abuse reports have fallen as a result.

A Health Department team — consisting of a registered nurse, dietician and sanitarian — makes annual checks at nursing homes, hospitals and other health care facilities. These teams — a total of about 40 people — are responsible for monitoring more than 1,000 health care facilities.

Homes that have chronic health code violations involving patient care as well as facility structural problems are placed on the health department's "intent to deny license list."

The action which nursing home operators fear even more, however, is "decertification of Medicaid funding." That could mean a loss in all or most of the facility's financial resources, forcing closure.

THE HEALTH Department and advocacy groups prefer to see corrections made rather than the closing of a facility.

"Relocating causes trauma to patients," Jones said.

When there's immediate danger to residents, an emergency order can be issued and the facility immediately closed.

More often, after repeated state violations, nursing home owners succumb to state pressures and close the facilities on their own.

## U.S. recommends strict state control

The Institute of Medicine completed its massive report last year reviewing government regulation of nursing homes.

The private non-profit corporation recommended changes in regulatory policies and procedures. As a result, Michigan and other states have drawn stricter nursing home guidelines that have resulted in a more active approach to monitoring.

The study concluded:

- Quality of care and quality of life in many nursing homes are satisfactory.
- More effective government regulation can substantially improve quality in

nursing homes. A stronger federal role is essential.

- Specific improvements are needed in the regulatory system

- There are opportunities to improve quality of care in nursing homes that are independent of changes in the Medicaid payment policies of bed supply.

- Regulation is necessary but not sufficient for high-quality care.

- A system to obtain standardized data on residents is essential.

- The regulatory system should be dynamic and evolutionary in outlook.



## It's a loser Operators dislike payout on Medicaid

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

**T**ALK TO nursing home operators, and you're bound to hear criticism of the Medicaid reimbursement program.

"It all comes down to money. That's the bottom line," said Brad Smith, regional manager of Health Care and Retirement Corps of America.

His firm operates 25 nursing homes in Michigan, including Georgian Bloomfield, Georgian East in Grosse Pointe Woods, Dorvin Convalescent & Nursing Center in Livonia, University Convalescent & Nursing Home in Livonia, Allen Park Convalescent Home, Plymouth Court and Dearborn Heights Convalescent Center.

Owens Illinois, a national corporation, now owns HCR.

**DORVIN AND** University are certified to accept Medicaid patients. The other facilities have mostly private pay, and some accept Medicare patients.

The average cost to care for a resident at University is \$63.19 daily. Private-pay patients are charged \$65-70.

Medicaid provides \$39.17 daily for indigent patients. Some 60-70 percent of all patients are covered by Medicaid.

Smith suggests Medicaid reimburse operators the amount of money it costs to care for residents as proven by expense sheets.

Some could pad costs and "rake off a profit," said Kevin Seitz, state Department of Social Services director of medical services administration.

"IT'S NOT fair," said Smith, "for private-pay to subsidize other patients. We've got to make a profit to stay in business."

He argues many states spend more to house prisoners than for the aged in nursing homes.

## Hospitals are given incentive to release

In the past, hospitals were paid by the amount of time and care given to patients. They had an incentive to retain patients.

Under governmental insurance programs, hospitals today are encouraged to release patients as early as possible.

Since 1983, Medicare has paid hospitals through a system of "diagnosis related groups" (DRGs). Medicaid began the program in 1985.

All illnesses are assigned average hospital stays.

If the patient is released earlier, the hospital still receives the same amount and could make money. If the patient is released later, the hospital could lose money.

"Consequently hospitals try very hard to treat patients as quickly as possible to make money on some patients, because

Donald Benson, executive director of Michigan Non-Profit Homes Association, said, "The name of the game is: No matter what your patients need, you keep your costs \$1 or more below the reimbursement ceiling."

**RESIDENTS OF** Plymouth Court, formerly Hendry Convalescent Center, spend about \$24,000 annually to stay in the comfortable facility. They're able to meet the bills through pensions, assets or savings. Residents who have gone through their money are discharged, because the facility doesn't accept Medicaid patients, Smith said.

Georgian Bloomfield charges \$125 daily — \$46,000 annually. The facility has mostly private-pay patients, with one Medicare bed.

West Trail Nursing Home is owned by Dan Abramson and Ron Katz, both certified public accountants who operate an accounting firm in Southfield. The facility has 46 beds. Forty patients are funded by Medicaid and six patients are private pay.

They are able to "eke a marginal profit" by complying with the DSS incentive program, which provides additional money from Medicaid, they said. The incentive program provides up to \$2.50 daily per patient.

For example, a facility could receive up to \$1.50 depending on the number of Medicaid and Medicare patients. The higher the number, the more the state reimburses.

The remaining \$1 is awarded on the basis of quality care — a good Health Department survey, high staff ratios, low numbers of bed sores and an active volunteer program.

"We are very sensitive to any unforeseen occurrences that could happen," said Abramson, citing a \$5,000 roof repair bill.

**THE FEDERAL** Medicare program pays about \$20 more daily than the Medicaid program, which covers indigents and is a joint federal-state program.

they also have losses on other patients," said Esther Réagan, Medicaid DRG project director for the state Department of Social Services.

"There's not a point where Medicaid payments are up," Reagan said. "As long as the patient requires in-hospital care, the payment will go on forever. The vast majority will fall in the average length of stay."

"They stay in the hospital while they need acute care, until they are better, and not necessarily until they are well."

Since DRG began, patients generally spend less time in hospitals, she said. "But it doesn't necessarily mean that they are being discharged too early. Maybe the person was being kept in the hospital too long before."

## How state hits the violators

**I**F A nursing home operator fails to correct health code violations, hit them where it hurts — the wallet. That's the state Department of Public Health approach.

Facilities that fail to meet state and federal standards are decertified — they lose Medicare and Medicaid payments.

Nursing homes have a minimal number of private-pay patients, so when they're decertified, they usually must close.

**DECERTIFICATION** occurs after the Public Health Department cites the facility with continued uncorrected health code violations in patient care and structural problems with the building.

The Michigan Department of Social Services is responsible for Medicaid payments. Kevin Seitz, DSS director of medical services administration, said more facilities face decertification due to stricter policies by the federal government. When a home is decertified for Medicare, its Medicaid also is jeopardized.

Michigan has strict rules limiting the number of nursing facility beds, Seitz said. This encourages people to seek alternatives, such as remaining in their own homes.

**AS OF JANUARY** 1987, DSS was trying to decertify the following homes from Medicaid payments:

West Bloomfield Geriatric Village, Williamsburg Convalescent Center, Farmington Hills; Dearborn Medical Center, Park Geriatric Village, Highland Park; American Family Planning, Dearborn, Apple Tree Lane, Romulus and Anchorage Convalescent Center, Detroit.

Outstate homes on the list include: Sunset Acres, Barry County; Charlotte Stephenson Home for the Aged, Lenawee County; Applewood Manor, Luce County; Stockton House, Northland Medical Center, Mecosta County; and White Oak Manor, Oscoda County.

## 9 caught in fraud

**S**INCE 1978, there have been nine convictions and more than 150 investigations of Medicaid fraud in Michigan nursing homes.

But a major concern is how much operators may limit care within the limits of the law.

"There's an opportunity to take advantage of the system and still remain in the law," said Eileen Ellis, assistant to the director of medical services administration in the state Department of Social Services.

"The effect would be to lower the quality of patient care," she said.

**IN 1978** the federal government began partial funding of health care fraud investigations conducted by the state attorney general's office.

Cases have ranged from billing for deceased patients to hiding antique cars in the cost of running nursing homes.

The settlements usually included reimbursing the Medicaid system for unfair payments (\$225,000) and the attorney general's office for investigative costs (\$88,000), a spokesman for the attorney general said.

Operators convicted of fraud are prohibited nationally from participating in Medicaid or Medicare reimbursement programs, she said.

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH** department issues violations with monetary penalties to nursing homes that violate a resident's civil liberties.

From January through November 1986 it issued 56 civil penalties — from physical and mental abuse to opening a patient's mail. The vast majority of the fines were \$500.

In 1986 the Health Department fielded 954 complaints, said James Buchanan, chief of the patient rights investigation and monitoring section.

Buchanan said there are two kinds of abuse: that reported by facilities and others reported by outsiders such as advocacy groups, patients, family members or nursing home workers.

About 46 percent of the complaints dealt with physical plant, nursing care and physical care problems, Buchanan said. The remaining dealt with patient to patient problems.

The Health Department keeps a list of nursing homes that have continued health code violations in patient care as well as physical problems with the building.

**THESE NURSING** homes are on the state's January 1987 "intent to deny license" list:

West Bloomfield Geriatric Village, Williamsburg Convalescent Center, Farmington Hills; Dearborn Medical Center, Park Geriatric Village, Highland Park; American Family Planning, Dearborn, Apple Tree Lane, Romulus and Anchorage Convalescent Center, Detroit.

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## Report violators

A Michigan Health Department toll free number to report nursing home violations is: 1-800-882-6006. After working hours you may leave a message on a tape recording.

## Jimmy's vigil



Jimmy arrives by cab at 8 a.m.



False teeth in place, Jimmy joins his sister in the dining room for breakfast at 8:50 a.m.

## Brother spends days at sister's side



After breakfast, Cathy receives her medication from nurse Carolyn Jacques at 9:05 a.m.

By Steve Fecht  
and Diane Gale  
staff writers

Jimmy Creighton is at his sister's side all day, every day.

He takes a taxi one mile from his apartment and usually makes it to Middlebelt Nursing Centre in Livonia by 8 a.m. for breakfast in the dining room.

Jimmy, 86, and Cathy, 89, pass the day together until he takes a taxi home about 7 p.m. It's a routine he has kept since 1982 when Cathy was admitted.

The only time he leaves her side is when he goes to the rest room.

**THEY DON'T** talk much. And they don't touch much. But the consolation they give each other is apparent.

"As long as it's for some purpose, there's some good," said Jimmy — his Scottish accent left over from the "good ol' days" when he lived in Scotland with his parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Neither ever married, so they lived together for more than 30 years in Detroit.

"Never give up — that's an old Scottish saying, and it works," Jimmy said with a gummy laugh and a nod of his head.

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**'Never give up — that's an old Scottish saying and it works.'**

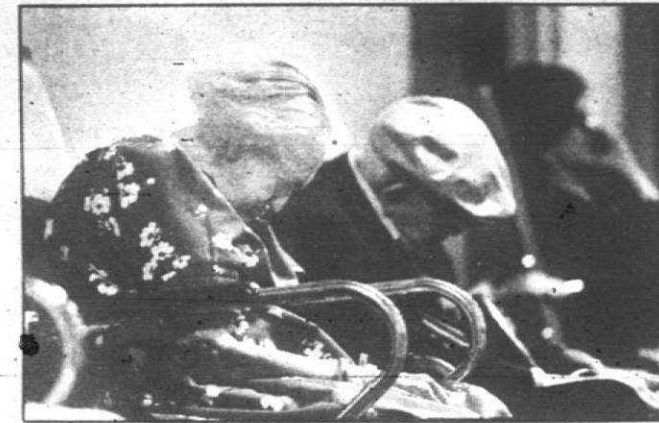
—Jimmy Creighton



Not even Hazel Stokes and her vacuum can disrupt their routine at 9:20 a.m.



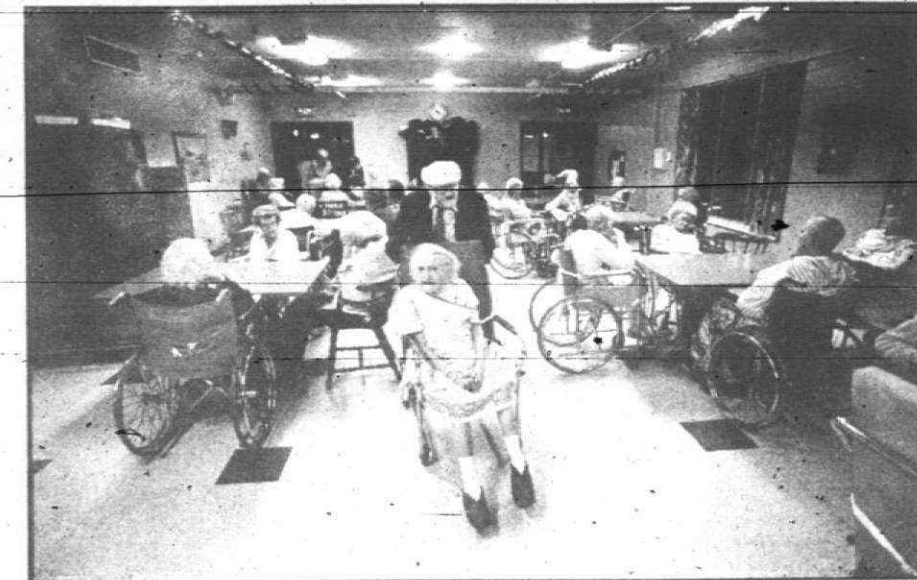
Cathy doses off while Jimmy keeps guard at 9:40 a.m.



Jimmy nods off at 10:20 a.m.



After lunch, Jimmy has a nurse put Cathy to bed at 1:45 p.m.



Jimmy wheels Cathy into the dining room for dinner at 5:20 p.m.

## Sibling devotion endures

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HE GOES TO great lengths to keep the vigil. Jimmy had the flu earlier this month and refused to leave his sister's side, even when his nephew came to drive him home.

He sent the nephew off — the same way he sends most people away — with his favorite Scottish line: "And the best of luck to you."

How do they pass the day?  
"The best we can," Jimmy said. "The best we can. All day we don't stop."

Jimmy's hunched body was clad in a light blue shirt with matching cap, navy suit jacket, black pants and a striped tie. With his cane hanging from his arm, Jimmy pushed Cathy's wheelchair to their usual spot outside the room she shares with two other women.

Before Jimmy sat down he carefully pulled out a couple of napkins and placed them on the chair. They said a few words, and both nodded off.

UNLESS THERE'S a big party, they rarely take part in activities.

Carolyn Jacques, a licensed practical nurse at the facility for 15 years, said employees worry about Jimmy as if he were

a patient, because "he's part of the Middlebelt family."

For Jimmy that means being pampered with an occasional shave, or having his nails clipped and always being served breakfast, lunch and dinner trays in the dining room.

"He's always looking out for her," Jacques said.

They sat in chairs outside the room af-

ter lunch until Jimmy decided it was time for Cathy to return to bed. An aide made her comfortable, and Jimmy took his post in a chair by her.

"How you doing? How you doing?" Cathy asked. A few minutes later she added: "Don't go away."

He promised he wouldn't leave, and soon after Jimmy dozed off.

And the best of luck to the both of you.



Cathy watches Jimmy leave for home at 7 p.m. He assures her he'll be back in the morning.



# Another enforcement tool: lawsuit

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A NURSING home resident froze to death outside the home. A woman on a puree diet suffocated on solid food she was given by a facility.

Another nursing home resident was supposed to receive daily enemas but hadn't received one for 17 days. Feces became impacted in her intestinal tract, and she was taken to a hospital where it was literally chipped away: The woman suffered a heart attack and died shortly thereafter.

These are just a few nursing home cases Detroit attorney Carole Chiamp has handled.

ONE WAY to improve conditions, she said, is to sue facilities for poor care. It draws attention by making the facility's insurance company pay a settlement.

Nursing home operators, however, argue that increasing numbers of lawsuits have caused insurance rates to skyrocket. In turn, that reduces care.

"The bottom line is that you have to teach them by taking their money," Chiamp replied.

The amount of litigation brought against nursing homes is small compared to lawsuits filed against doctors and hospitals, said Chuck Chomet, who in 1969 helped found Citizens for Better Care, a

***'If nursing homes wind up paying damages because of care in the past, maybe they will try to improve care in the future.'***

— Chuck Chomet, Citizens for Better Care

patient advocacy group. He now works as an attorney.

Nursing home residents are afraid to act because every aspect of their life is dependent on the facilities, he said.

"A lot of nursing home patients see themselves as their total environment being in the nursing home, and they don't want to challenge that," Chomet said.

CHIAMP PROMOTES a different approach to ensure better nursing home care: Relatively young, healthy retirees would be assigned to visit nursing home patients on a regular basis, acting as watchdogs for the residents.

She said the program could be implemented through a grant system offered by the UAW or other groups.

Usually cases that involve the poor and those close to death aren't worth taking due to lengthy attorney investigations and the likelihood of a small settlement, she said.

IN ONE SUIT handled by attorney Rob-

ert Garvey of St. Clair Shores, relatives found bed sores the size of grapefruit — known as decubitus ulcers — on a confused nursing home resident. It led to discovery of falsified records and gross negligence.

After the \$240,000 settlement, there was no legal action against the facility administrator, owner or nurse, who changed and hid records to cover for her superiors. No punitive measures were taken to prevent similar incidents.

The victim's husband, in his late 70s, had cared for her until he was physically unable to continue. He placed her in a nursing home in Detroit.

WHEN FAMILY members visited, they were appalled by large bed sores on her tail bone, heels and left hip. They had her transferred from the Detroit nursing home to another facility.

The first facility's records, however, showed she had bed sores before she was admitted. But a social worker who visited

her while she was still at home reported there were no sores at that time.

The nurse at the Detroit home admitted to falsifying the records. The nurse quit the nursing home, and the facility now has a new administrator and owner, Garvey said.

That case preceded Michigan's new tort liability laws. One, Public Act 184 of 1986, strengthens penalties for falsifying records.

"My purpose as a lawyer is, I can bring individual cases to the attention of the courts," Garvey said.

"WHAT IT really boils down to is that nursing homes are profit making institutions. In some nursing homes it means the bottom dollar, and in some it means care.

"Litigation changes conduct by hitting the pocket book so bad that they have to change. Possibly attorneys should have to report cases to the Health Department."

Chomet agrees.

"Unfortunately, the way it works is the resident has already been injured or is dead because of poor care. If nursing homes wind up paying damages because of care in the past, maybe they will try to improve care in the future."

The number of lawsuits and statistics on violations against nursing homes are deceiving, Chomet said, because residents and family members are hesitant to report problems.

# Low-paid aides do the job

WANTED: Nurses' aides for nursing homes. Tough, dirty work. Low or minimum wage.

Nurses' aides do 80 to 90 percent of the work in nursing homes — cleaning up after patients.

But many nursing home advocates say the aides are inadequately trained. State officials say it's tough to ensure that aides are trained.

And the job turnover is high.

"They are paid minimum wage, which is less than what McDonald's pays," said Jeanette Beaupied, assistant project director for Citizens for Better Care, an advocacy group monitoring nursing homes.

"Would you rather clean (feces) and urine for eight hours a day, or would you rather go fling hamburgers?"

ABOUT 15 PERCENT of nursing staff in the nation's nursing homes are registered nurses, 14 percent are licensed practical nurses and 71 percent are nurses' aides. That's according to a 1986 landmark national study, commissioned by the Institute of Medicine affiliated with the National Academy of Science.

Is increased training in some cases the key to better care the federal government calls for?

"When I talk to people from unions representing nursing aide employees, they say there are incidents that people are hired and put on the floor with little or no training," said Hollis Turnham, long-term care ombudsman of Michigan Citizens for Better Care.

Michigan Department of Public Health rules require aides receive training at the nursing home. But the Health Department recognizes it's tough to ensure this training is provided.

THE DIRECTOR OF nursing and the nursing home operator are responsible for the aides' competency. Problems surface when the nursing director doesn't provide the instruction, said Evelyn Jones, a registered nurse and deputy division chief in the state Department of Health.

Training programs can vary from three hours to one week, Jones said. Also the aptitude and interest of employees vary. When aides fail in their jobs, the problem is usually traced back to poor management.

The turnover rate for nurses' aides is from 70 percent to more than 100 percent per year, which causes stress in resident-staff relations, the national study said. A high turnover rate is the result of difficult work, low wages and, often, minimal training, it said.

IF NURSING homes beefed up staff ratios "most of the problems would go away," Beaupied said.

"They'd have enough staff to clean a person so they don't sit in their urine for an hour. There would be enough staff to provide morning hygiene to patients — to clean debris and breakfast food off their clothing."

These suggestions will cost the facilities more money, according to the Health Care Association of Michigan, a trade group representing 270 nursing homes.

The association's answer is to increase the money paid to facilities by Medicaid, according to a recent association policy statement.

"The vast majority of nursing home patients are Medicaid patients, and what we do is dependent on that level of payment," said Charles E. (Chuck) Harmon, Health Care Association executive vice president.

"We're suggesting that, yes, let's have a

better trained person, but let's also do a better job in recognizing the financial needs of the aides."

NURSES AIDES perform one of the "most emotionally and physically demanding jobs in our society," the federal policy statement says. Then it adds:

"Yet, this industry is paid through a Medicaid program that permits only minimal wages in return. Nursing homes must compete against the pay scales of many other higher paying industries where the work is far less difficult. Higher wages assuredly are part of the solution to this dilemma."

Harmond responded:

"The problem that we do have is that there is a tendency to increase requirements for training without increasing funds."

He said he was unable to determine how much more would be needed. That would have to be identified by the health department, nursing facilities and the public, he said.

ASSISTANT STATE attorney general Joe Sutton, who worked last year on abuse charges against nursing home workers, said there are more effective means beyond arrests to improve care. He cited:

- More emphasis on teaching workers and residents to understand each other's needs.
- More attention to help residents adjust from their home life to an institutional setting.

"We have to decide whether this will be a home, or will it be a combination of an institution and a home," said Sutton.

"If it isn't really a home, then we should try to counsel the people who are there and their families that this is reality, and you shouldn't expect home care."



Nurse Karen Underwood gives Tina Latina her medication before lunch at the West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth. Underwood, who had worked as a hospital nurse, says she enjoys nursing homes more, even at a lower wage.

# Charges make staffs clean up act

STATE charges against nursing home workers have helped reduce the number of reported abuses, state officials say.

In 1986, state Attorney General Frank Kelley issued 28 criminal charges of patient abuse against nursing home workers.

"I certainly think they had an impact," said Hollis Turnham, Michigan long-term care ombudsman.

"I think you would have to be under a rock somewhere not to realize that if you're abusive toward someone, you may be facing someone from the attorney general's office."

EMPLOYEES MORE often refuse to deal with a combative patient until other workers are available to help, said Joe Sutton, assistant state attorney general. This reduces the chances of a fight resulting and an abuse report being filed, he said.

"We, in effect, have put ourselves out of business," Sutton said. "We are not getting abuse to the patients, because they (workers) know we're out there. The indictments have fallen off. Sure, there will always be abuse."

The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000. But these cases are hard to prosecute, because the abused person is often mentally and physically unable to testify.

Some of last year's charges have been dismissed, and some workers pleaded guilty. Others pleaded no contest, admitting neither guilt nor innocence. In these cases the common sentence given has been community service, payment of court costs and one year probation, during which time the person is banned from working in a nursing home.

THE CHARGES drew a lot of attention to problems in nursing homes. So did Gov. James Blanchard's Nursing Home Action Team, which was initiated last year. The group includes representatives from state agencies, advocacy groups and nursing home associations.

One goal is to train nursing home workers and surveyors that it is mandatory to report suspected neglect and abuse.

"Because the heads of these agencies are communicating, we're at a unique point to move quickly," said Marcia Carlyn, health department chief division of planning and development.

"I think we'll do an awful lot this year, but it will be a challenge."

AFTER THE first set of indictments was issued, Kelley said, the majority of facilities and employees provide quality care to their patients.

"Tragically, however, in some cases residents receive no treatment but mistreatment — physical assault, gross neglect or even injuries causing death," Kelley said. "We cannot ignore this or allow it to continue unpunished."

"We recognize that the care of patients is often difficult, in that they may be combative and uncooperative. But this gives no legal right to assault, abuse or harm them."

"The only appropriate alternative is to learn to deal with that fact or find other employment."

# Bruised patients Aide tells her work story

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

***An orderly said that hitting a patient with a wet towel won't leave bruises. 'It's ironic — the ones who have good minds won't be hurt.'***

— Bonnie Mills  
former nurses' aide



Bonnie Mills

She winces when she talks about suspected abuses, cockroaches, employees drinking on the job, workers stealing from patients, inadequate supplies, poor house-keeping and an overall lack of care at the suburban Wayne County nursing home where she worked.

"Abuses are reported (to the state Department of Health) and you know what it always comes back to — no proof," Mills said. "They always say that the patient is mentally incapable. And it's ironic the ones who have good minds won't be hurt."

"I SAW PATIENTS with bruises all over them," she said.

But an orderly told her that hitting a patient with a wet towel won't leave bruises.

She recalls patients wandering away from the building only to be found by accident.

Shaking her head, Mills told how she would warn patients to pin their money to the front of their clothes or under their pillows so they would awake if someone

tried to steal it.

"It's very frustrating because you want to do what you can for people, but sometimes you find that your hands are tied," said Mills who was born in West Virginia. She moved to Plymouth, then Canton, and now resides in Romulus.

"I stayed on, because of sheer guts and thought it was an awful place," Mills said. "These people need someone."

ONCE THE union steward in the nursing home, Mills knew she wouldn't see her job rewards on payday. She started at the \$3.35 minimum wage and saw her rate creep up to \$4.15 an hour, to \$4.30.

But it wasn't hard to land the job.

"I had no experience in that line of work. I went to the nursing home, and the director of nursing hired me on the spot. Eight months later I was voted top aide by the residents.

"Some (staff) will steal anything that's loose. I would like to see every employee of a nursing home take a polygraph test and pass it," Mills says.

Quality of care would improve with better wages and state training, she said.



Elizabeth Castro, a Plymouth Court resident, was overwhelmed by a visit from family who live out of state: Grandchildren Lori and Joe Rey, of San Francisco, and her husband, Manuel Castro, who is visiting from Florida.



Joseph Fink's quick wit and love for weaving intricate stories make him a favorite among staff and residents.



Connie Pendleton finds time for a full-house crowd of women awaiting her expertise.

## Community helps

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

**T**AKE A walk on the grounds of the Farmington Nursing Home. Not only is it picturesque, but it's an example of a home with strong community support.

You're bound to run into Joseph Fink, tapping the sidewalks with his cane.

The staff jokes that Fink is 90, thinks he's 60 and wishes he were 30. The quick-witted veteran of three wars says: "This is my last battle."

He weaves a detailed story about meeting his wife through playwright Arthur Miller's father.

**FINK SHUFFLES** past a meeting hall, where residents pack in to see social studies and history movies shown by Clarenceville High School.

Down a hall decorated with murals and prints, a full-house crowd of women are primping in the beauty salon/barber shop.

Arts and crafts programs are being planned in another room.

A hallway showcase pays tribute to a resident with a picture and brief biography.

High school graduation ceremonies honor residents for a goal they waited a lifetime to earn. And Mercy High School students liven the building with regular visits.

**MONEY IS A** concern because "Medicaid doesn't begin to pay for the level of care that the community expects," administrator Ruth Farrell said.

"A nursing home can't survive on 100 percent Medicaid payments.

"Luckily we're in an area that we can attract private pay patients. You have to



Geraldine Scandrick, a nurses' aide, admires family photos belonging to resident Clara Baguley, while Linda Mlynarek and Ruth Farrell look on.



Joseph Fink, a three-war veteran, seems to have the energy of a man half his age as he prepares for a walk on the picturesque grounds.

## this cheerful home

have a private pay balance to get by minimally in a nursing home."

Seventy percent of the residents are Medicaid recipients, and 30 percent are private pay residents.

Farmington Nursing Home is non-profit, owned by Botsford Hospital.

It is licensed for 179 beds in basic and skilled care.

Private pay patients spend \$55-\$77 daily. Medicaid pays \$44.90 daily for each covered patient.

**"YOU DON'T** have the money to pay the staff wages that you would like to, but a lot can be done to motivate people," Farrell said.

She cited such morale boosters as regular staff parties and a program for an employee of the month, selected by residents.

"It can make staff care about the nursing home," Farrell said.

"An active volunteer program is important, too," she said. "This makes residents feel more alive, and they feel they are interested residents of the community."

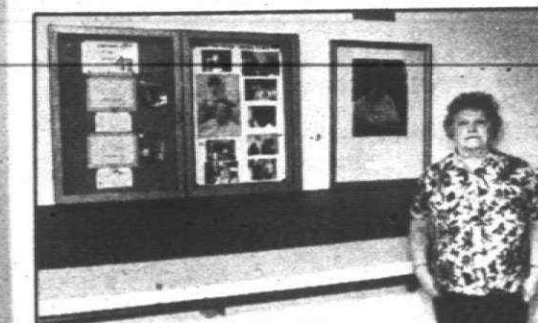
Management boasts it maintains high standards. The attitude draws and keeps employees in jobs where there is usually a high turnover rate, said Linda Mlynarek, administrative assistant.

"You make quite sure that nursing assistants know this is the care that we expect. Once they come here, they will say I'm glad I came here," Mlynarek said. "We let them know that we have to have quality care."

Some of that special care involves a quarterly review of each resident by nurses, the director of nurses, the dietician, the activities director and available family members, administrator Farrell said.



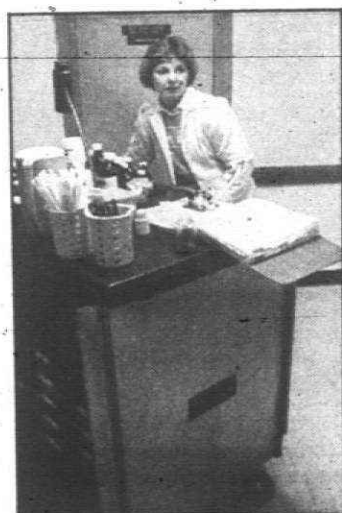
Paintings and memorabilia, from residents' lives at home, decorate rooms.



Cecelia Domanski proudly stands beside a showcase honoring her as the resident of the month.

**'Here it's a family-like atmosphere. You get to know everything about the patients. They're like a grandmother.'**

— Karen Underwood, L.P.N.



## Medicaid patients 'a different reward'

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

**T**HERE ARE few frills at West Trail Nursing Home. It's a small facility with 46 residents in a building on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth which staffers admit "doesn't look that good."

Medicaid pays for 40 indigent patients. Less money comes in — especially compared to nursing homes where the majority of patients are private pay.

But the staff loves it and the patients.

LIZ CLOS, a registered nurse, took a \$4.50 hourly pay-cut from a hospital when she started at West Trail in 1986 because there are rewards, she said, that aren't gauged in money.

"The hospital was real rewarding, but there's a different kind of reward here. The people here are grateful for the crumbs."

Hospital patients think they're in a hotel and are less content, she said. In the nursing home, they don't expect a lot and appreciate even the smallest favor, endearment or token.

One "perk" for a nurse is a patient sad to see her leave on Fridays and happy on Mondays when she returns.

**ANOTHER IS** a kiss on the cheek and a "true, genuine thank you" for opening a packet of sugar, said Karen Underwood, a licensed practical nurse who moved here from Houston where she

worked at a hospital.

She tried to find a similar job in Michigan, but it wasn't easy, so she started applying at nursing homes. That was almost three years ago.

Now she wouldn't work anywhere else. "It (hospital work) is too much hassle and pressure . . . and here it's a family-like atmosphere. You get to know everything about the patients."

"It's nice. They're like a grandmother. To the elderly this is their home. We regard this as their home, and we're here like helpmates at their home."

CLOS SAID she tries to instill this philosophy during orientation programs for nurses' aides.

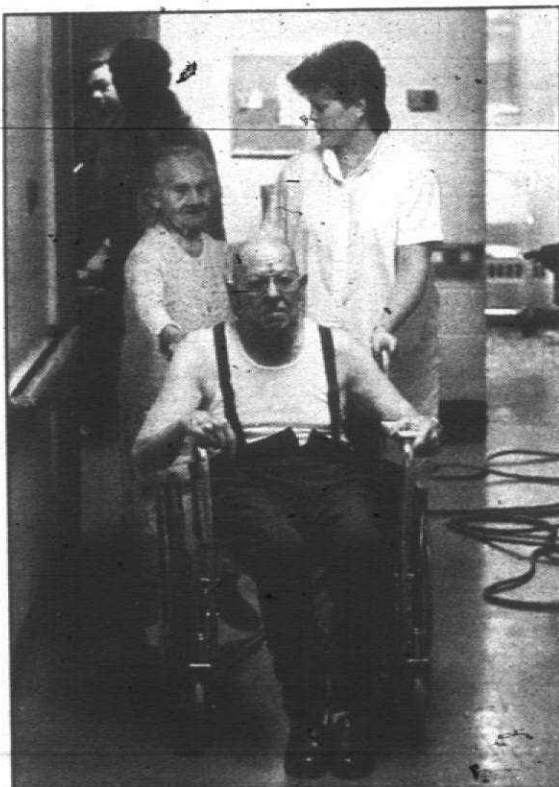
"I tell the aides this is the patient's home, and for most this will be their last home, and to treat them like this is their home."

"You get attached (to the residents) and after two weeks you're hook, line and sinker. They're like your family."

Since the facility is comparatively small, there are no set visiting hours. Family are allowed to take patients home, and residents are encouraged to bring furniture and other possessions from their homes, she said.

The women praise the volunteer input from the community as well as residents' families giving their time during functions.

"We wouldn't work in a home that didn't provide quality care," Clos said, nodding toward Underwood.



(Above left) Nurse Liz Clos reviews prescriptions. (Above right) Peggy Scott receives medication from Clos. (Above) With Tina Slatina's help, nurse Karen Underwood wheels Russell Burns to lunch.

## Hot properties in stock market

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

**C**ORPORATIONS and hospitals are buying nursing homes at a rapid pace.

Beverly Enterprises is the largest owner of nursing homes in the country, said Bess Bowman, executive assistant to the chairman of the firm. Beverly has 1,200 facilities in 47 states and District of Columbia. They house 128,000 beds and employ 120,000.

The company began buying nursing homes in 1963, but has experienced its largest growth during the last five years. It also is the biggest firm in Michigan, with 40 to 48 of the 440 facilities here.

Beverly Enterprises is involved in retirement living centers, durable medical equipment agencies, institutional pharmacy services and home health agencies.

**THE COMPANY** is expected to keep growing, because of an "active acquisition program," said Dave Harrison, director of communications for the Eastern Division of Beverly Enterprises.

Beverly Enterprises' stock "looks good in the long term," said Tom Tybinka, senior vice president and branch manager of Prescott, Ball & Turben, Inc., an investment company in Plymouth.

Nursing homes and psychiatric hospitals are a "booming business," Tybinka said. Reasons: rapid growth in the elderly population, the new tax law and guaranteed revenue sources through Medicaid funding.

Almost 25 percent of the elderly population has no one to care for them for even a few weeks outside the hospital, according to Value Line, an investment research service.

Beverly Enterprises reported revenues

of \$464 million in the quarter ended March 31. That was 18 percent above the same period of 1985. Last October a group led by senior company management was contemplating buying out other stockholders. That would make it a privately held company.

**HEALTH CARE** and Retirement in America, owned by Owens Illinois, has 24 facilities in Michigan.

Last October the company bought Care Corporation in Michigan, second largest owner of nursing home facilities in the state.

International Health Care Management operates 13 nursing homes in the state, said Letha Williams, director of marketing promotions, for Michigan Health Systems, marketing service for International Health.

Even though corporations are buying nursing homes at a rapid pace, Health Care Association of Michigan, an industry group with 270 long term care facility members, reports the "majority of its members are still independently owned facilities."

**HOSPITALS ALSO** are buying nursing homes.

Nursing home purchases by hospitals have increased during the past three years, and the trend is "escalating," said Donald Benson, Michigan Non-profit Homes Association executive director.

Nursing homes purchases are still a relatively new area for hospitals.

Only 3.6 percent of all community hospitals nationally are affiliated with free standing nursing homes that provide extensive medical attention. And 12 percent of community hospitals nationally are affiliated with basic care nursing homes, according to an American Hospitals Association study conducted in 1986.

## A right to have sex

**S**EX IS nothing new to nursing home residents, but most facilities provide too little privacy.

Problems develop from "myths that older people are asexual," said Mary Vandenberg, a Northern Michigan University professor.

A study conducted by Duke University kills the myth.

More than 75 percent of men in their 70s have sex at least once a month; and 37 percent of men ages 61-65 and 28 percent of men ages 66-71 had intercourse at least weekly, according to an August 1986 article in Hospital Practice by William H. Masters of the Masters & Johnson Institute, St. Louis.

**THE MAJORITY OF** older women did not have sex "primarily because they lacked partners." They were either widowed, divorced or separated, Masters said, citing the Duke study.

Still, 39 percent of the women ages 61-65 and 27 percent ages 66-71 had intercourse.

Only 10 percent of men in the 66-71 age range said they had no interest in sex, and 50 percent of the women in this age group said they had no sexual desire.

Vandenberg, a registered nurse, stresses Michigan privacy law entitles resi-

dents to discretionary consideration from nursing home staff. If a door is closed, employees should knock and announce their entry or leave and come back later. Too often, she said, staff barge into rooms.

"**SOME NURSING** homes tried to go to liaison rooms, but basically it's a farce, because people know what it's for, and you have to make an appointment to use it," said Vandenberg, who speaks publicly about sexuality.

Drugs and physical restraints are sometimes used in some nursing homes to prevent sexual activity, she added.

Another issue, Vandenberg said, is helping family members of nursing home residents accept the fact that their mother or father has sex.

Beyond intercourse, simple physical closeness and touching are considered important to the older person's wellbeing.

The emotional needs of aging individuals, which include retaining a sense of self-worth and union with another, may be fully met with embraces and sexual caresses that do not include intercourse," Masters wrote.

"The need to hold and be held and the need to share feelings do not atrophy with age."



Residents relax in the sun as they enjoy conversation in the lobby of a local nursing home.

## Easy prey for organized crime

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

**O**RGANIZED crime is targeting nursing homes in Michigan.

The FBI Detroit office expects "to see significant development in the near future" involving organized criminals in nursing homes, said John Anthony, FBI special agent.

"We know they are involved in hidden ownership and the operation of nursing homes," Anthony said. "Nursing homes are very naturally targets identified by organized criminals because of the services provided to them."

Those services include medical, laundry, insurance, vending machines and laboratory visits.

**FALSE BILLING**, defrauding the state and federal governments of Medicare and Medicaid payments, is the most prominent scam, said Ted Klimaszewski, assistant attorney general, criminal division.

The Michigan Attorney General's office is investigating at least two cases involving organized crime, he said, declining further comment on the investigations.

FBI investigations under way do not involve facilities owned by major corpora-

tions, Anthony said, declining to comment further.

Klimaszewski defines organized crime as illegal activity "for financial gain" that could involve "various ethnic groups and individuals." Anthony and Klimaszewski said many people mistakenly relate all organized crime to the Mafia and preclude other groups.

The profits made in the scams cut the quality of care given to residents.

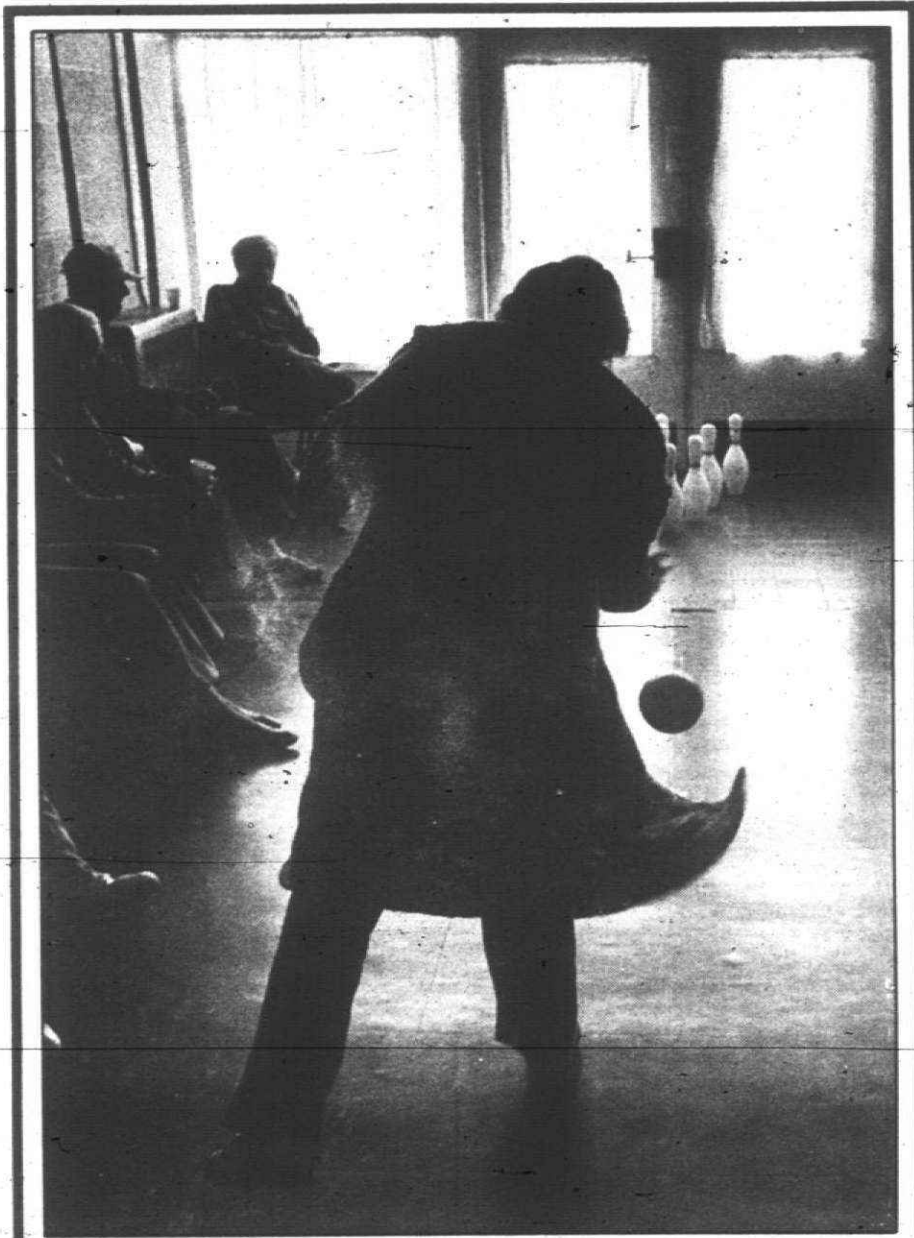
"They have to cut corners, and those services are the patient care services," Anthony said. "There's no doubt that the quality of care suffers."

**HOWEVER**, "there are other areas in organized crime that could be more fruitful in a shorter amount of time," said Anthony, because nursing home organized crime cases are time consuming.

"And the patient for the most part is the worst witness. They can't really identify people in a lineup and there are little records that are kept."

Consequently he stresses the importance of the public's reporting "corrupt and fraudulent" situations in health care.

"The vast majority of nursing homes are not touched by this activity," he added.



**Nursing  
home care in  
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