







# English music will be featured Friday

"The Glory of England" is the title of a concert to be presented tomorrow night by the Plymouth Community Band.

The concert, which will begin 8 p.m. Friday in the Plymouth Canton High Little Theater, will feature guest artist Carl Grapentine as narrator and baritone soloist. Admission is free.

Grapentine is an announcer for WFMT in Chicago, one of the leading classical music radio stations in the United States. For many years he had held a similar position with WQRS in Detroit.

Grapentine will be featured in "Facade" with music by Sir William Walton and words by Dame Edith Sitwell. He will be joined by soprano Joann Gustafson in selections from "My Fair Lady."

Gustafson is vocal music teacher at Lowell Middle School and a frequent soloist with the Arbor Cantata Singers. She also has become known as an interpreter of the songs of George Gershwin.

The Plymouth Community Band, directed by Carl Battushill, also will perform the Second Suite in F for Military Band by Gustav Holst, selections from "Jesus Christ Superstar" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and numerous marches by English composers.

# Band sports new look

The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Marching Band will be wearing new uniforms for its 1987 marching season.

The band will be sporting red and blue uniform jackets with a white sash when it marches at home football games this fall. When the band appears in competition it will wear a yellow jacket with white sash.

The CEP Marching Band will play at all Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high school home football games.

The band also will be making its annual special appearance at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The tentative competition schedule is: West Bloomfield, Sept. 19; Clarkston, Sept. 26; Flushing, Oct. 4; Midwest Regional Championship, Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 10; Durand, Oct. 17; State Championship Show, Canton, Oct. 24; Western Michigan University Cavalcade of Bands, Kalamazoo, Oct. 31; and the National Marching Band Competition, Pontiac Silverdome, Nov. 13, 14.

Officers of the Plymouth-Canton Band Boosters are: Judy Lore, president; Ann Lindamood, vice-president; Dawn Money Penny, secretary; Jim Resler, treasurer; members-at-large, L. John Miller and Sue Tilley; and past presidents Linda Gasparott, Dave Artley and Jerry Hotchkin.

Working on fund-raisers this spring are: Joleen and Richard Immerfall, car washes; Carolyn and Richard Gartner, garage sale; and Jim Riddering, bottle return.

# Computer music seminar slated

Using a personal computer to write and play music is the topic of a seminar to be held May 16 at Arnold Williams Music in Canton.

John Casella, a keyboard player for John Cougar Mellencamp, will be the featured speaker at the seminar in the store on Canton Center Road just north of Ford Road.

Casella will explain how computers can help both the performer and composer with programs that write and remember music. He also will demonstrate the uses and versatility of a computer in creating sounds and playing music during a performance.

Computer Horizons, a computer store in Livonia, is teaming up with Arnold Williams Music to co-sponsor this event. A representative from Apple Computer Inc. also will be present to speak and answer questions.

The seminar will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The fee for the seminar is \$10 and seating is limited. Registration is being handled by calling Steve Haack at Computer Horizons at 464-6502.

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# Canham to appeal license revocation

By Wayne Peal staff writer

Judge S. Jerome Bronson in soliciting a \$20,000 bribe from Detroit attorney James Finn.

The penalty was the maximum which could have been levied.

"We were shocked, but then we were shocked by the original ruling," Miller said.

Panel members ruled Canham violated professional ethics by not reporting Bronson. Saying Canham was specifically charged with failure to report Bronson, Miller unsuccessfully asked panel members to reverse their ruling.

Canham was given immunity from discipline board, Miller said his client's best chance may lie with the state's highest court.

"The board may be subject to the same pressures - from other lawyers, peers and the media - that in the hearing costs."

Canham also was assessed \$6,672 years, peers and the media - that in the hearing costs.

"I'm not saying these pressures were intentional - they were unconscious - but they were there. We hope the Redford justice of the peace before Supreme Court will stand up to the bench. He served as a circuit court judge for 16 years.

In recent years, Canham had operated a Southfield law practice. He found Canham "aided and abetted" former Michigan Appeals Court pending Tuesday's ruling.

# Townships oppose campgrounds

By Tim Richard staff writer

The two areas are heavily used by residents of the western Wayne and Oakland counties' suburbs, according to license plateholder checks.

The debate last week revealed a lot of bad blood between DNR and township governments.

Outlying townships batted two-for-three in their efforts to block state-funded campgrounds and hiking trails near metropolitan suburbs.

A committee of SEMCOG (South-east Michigan Council of Governments) gave weak approval to one state Department of Natural Resources plan for a new campground on Kensington Road in the Island Lake State Recreation Area.

"We lose tax revenue at the same time they generate a need for more services," objected Ron Niece, supervisor of Green Oak Township in Livingston County.

BUT NORTHVILLE Township was more successful in stirring SEMCOG opposition to a campground in Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road in western Wayne County.

Finally, Green Oak and Lyon townships persuaded the SEMCOG panel to oppose a state-funded extension of a hiking/horse trail across Livingston and western Oakland counties.

"The state owns the land," Amberger told six RC2 members, all local government officials. "They can supersede us, supersede local zoning, and do whatever they want."

RC2 MEMBER Greg Pitoniak, a Taylor council member and Wayne County economic development staffer, summed up the townships' and SEMCOG's biggest single complaint against the state.

"It's absolutely obvious DNR would save itself a lot of trouble if it would start by sitting down with local government first."

Green Oak's Niece agreed. "We got our notification of the purchase of the Island Lake campground (acreage) through the press. We're always notified by other people, not DNR."

In the Island Lake campground case, RC2 gave approval only on the condition that DNR work with the township on long-range planning.

But one RC2 member, Jack Morris, a township supervisor from Washtenaw County, shook his head and said, "I'm pessimistic anything will be worked out."

IN EACH CASE, townships' objections were similar:

- Expanded state land holdings would take property off township property tax rolls.
- Township police and fire forces are called upon when there's trouble.
- Greater public usage of state parks will create greater demand for services at a time when townships' revenue sources are shrinking.
- Townships themselves would like some of those land trust fund grants for their own softball diamonds, not for state park campgrounds.
- Much of the townships' land already is in state or institutional ownership - 16 percent for Green Oak, one-third for Northville.

DNR PLANNING official Robert G. Helmick argued back.

Camping is growing in popularity, but campgrounds in populous southeastern Michigan are scarce, he said.

"Our ownership at Island Lake goes back to 1923, and the recreation area was established in 1944. There has been camping all those years, though it has fluctuated in location and extent," he said.

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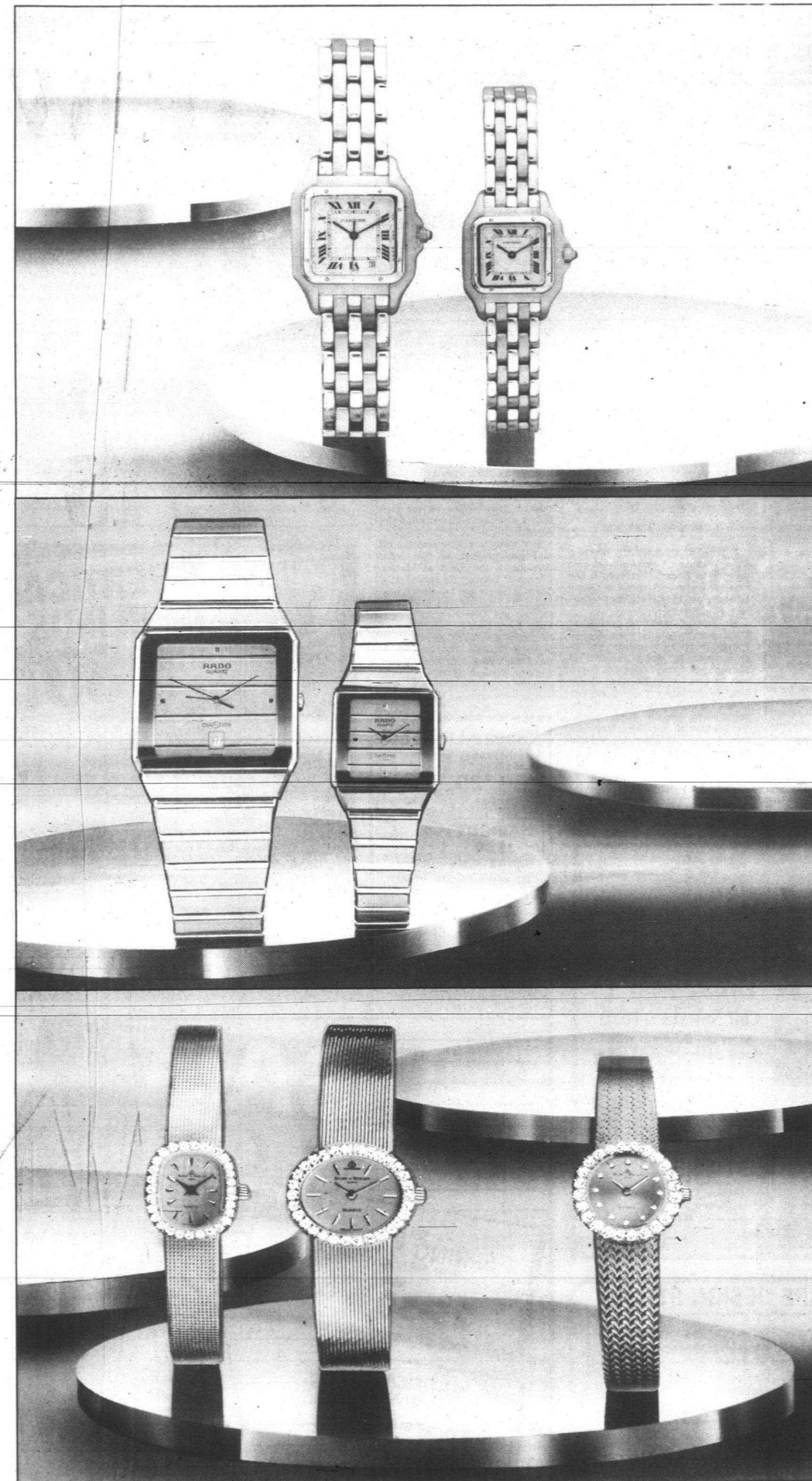
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Funeral services for Mr. Schnegg, 75, of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. William M. Stahl.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fegan, 78, of Plymouth were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Elk Rapids Township, Mich. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

for your information

- SESQUICENTENNIAL DISPLAY
The Michigan sesquicentennial is being celebrated throughout the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main, with special exhibits on Michigan Indians, glassware in the Michigan pattern, industry, schools, the 24th Michigan Division (which was formed in Plymouth's Kellogg Park and became a part of the Civil War's Iron Brigade), a Hardee hat, etc. The museum is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Admission is charged.

SADIE V. FEGAN
Funeral services for Mrs. Fegan, 78, of Plymouth were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Elk Rapids Township, Mich. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

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- FINDLAY PLAY
Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, recently presented "The King and I." Eric Holland of Plymouth appeared as The Kraalhome. Holland is a theater major.
ROSE-HULMAN
Mark A. Radwick of Plymouth has been named to the winter quarter dean's list at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. He is the son of Francis and Alice Radwick and a computer science major at Rose-Hulman. Radwick was among 443 undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.3 grade point average.

campus news
Glen and Constance Barto of Plymouth, is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a senior majoring in international business. Budlong, a 1984 Plymouth Canton graduate, is the daughter of Robert and Judith Budlong of Plymouth. She is a junior majoring in biology.

volunteers

- CANCER VOLUNTEERS
Anyone willing to serve as a van driver or in another volunteer capacity in the Michigan Cancer Foundation office on Main Street in Plymouth may call the foundation's West Service Center at 338-4110 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FIRST STEP VOLUNTEERS
Anyone interested in volunteering for First Step, the western Wayne County project on domestic assault, may call Theresa Bizon at 525-2230 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

volunteers
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volunteers
Volunteer drivers last year logged more than 34,000 miles. Because radiation therapy and chemotherapy often require daily visits for several weeks, a patient often will have two, three or more drivers during the course of one week's treatment. Michigan Cancer Foundation is a Plymouth Community Fund/United Way Agency.

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# GOP pair back cut in foreign aid spending

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes during the week ending April 24.

## HOUSE

**FOREIGN AID** — By a vote of 209 for and 194 against, the House removed the \$651 million foreign aid section from a supplemental appropriations bill for the current fiscal year.

The fiscal 1987 spending measure (HR 1827), which later was sent to the Senate, allocates nearly \$7 billion of its \$9 billion to farm subsidies provided through the Commodity Credit Corporation. It also provides money for pay increases and pension benefits for federal workers and scores of other programs including ones for defense and the homeless.

The bill also contained strict arms control language (see next vote).

Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., a supporter of eliminating the foreign aid, said "we can't just throw the money out and forget how that money gets used against us."

Opponent David Obey, D-Wis., called the aid cut "irresponsible, gutless and stupid."

Members voting yes wanted to delete the foreign aid. Voting yes were Republicans Carl Pursell of Plymouth and William Broomfield of Birmingham.

Voting no were Democrats Dennis Hertel of Harper Woods, William Ford of Taylor and Sander Levin of Southfield.

**TO STRIKE** — By a vote of 151 for and 261 against, the House rejected a motion to strike the enactment clause of the \$9 billion supplemental appropriations bill (above). This was a parliamentary attempt to kill the legislation.

House Republicans, the minority, generally voted yes to protest spending priorities and policies written into the bill by the Democratic majority.

A major GOP leadership objection was to the bill's ban on nearly all nuclear tests if the Soviets reciprocate, and its requirement that the administration obey SALT II, the 1979 strategic arms limitation treaty never ratified by the Senate.

Most members voting yes wanted to kill the bill. Republican Broomfield voted yes.

Voting no: Republican Pursell and

## Roll Call Report

Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

**DRUG TESTING** — The House rejected, 145 for and 242 against, an amendment in behalf of a presidential order that certain federal workers undergo mandatory drug testing.

The amendment to the supplemental appropriations bill (above) sought to restore money for President Reagan's executive order last fall that civil servants be tested if they hold positions where drug abuse could harm public health and safety or national security.

Supporters said the federal government must take the lead in combating America's drug epidemic. Opponents argued the administration program infringes too far into federal workers' Constitutional rights.

Members voting yes supported Reagan's executive order last fall on drug testing. Voting yes were Republicans Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

## SENATE

**FAIRNESS DOCTRINE** — By a vote of 59 for and 31 against, the Senate passed and sent to the House a bill (S 742) writing into law the Federal Communications Commission's fairness doctrine requiring radio and television stations to air public affairs programming and a diversity of viewpoints.

The FCC wants to repeal the 38-year-old policy, which is based on the premise that the finite broadcast spectrum should not be monopolized by license holders. Stations say the doctrine abridges their First Amendment rights.

Supporter Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., called the fairness doctrine "no more than good journalistic practice that does not chill the speech of broadcasters."

Opponent Robert Packwood, R-Ore., termed the bill a test of "whether the federal government has the constitutional power to tell broadcasters what they must program, when they must program, how they must report the news..."

Senators voting yes wanted to codify the FCC fairness doctrine into law. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegler voted yes.

**STAR SCHOOL** — The Senate passed, 77 for and 16 against, and sent to the House a bill (S 778) creating a "star schools" program for teaching of mathematics, science and foreign languages to American students at all educational levels beginning with elementary school.

Its goal is to keep pace with the Japanese.

About \$100 million in grants would be provided over five years to enable the nation's best instructors to teach to mass audiences via satellite technology. States, school districts, businesses and other units would form telecommunications partnerships to administer the program.

"Japanese students score twice as high as our students in both chemistry and math achievement tests," said supporter Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.

Calling the program "a waste of money," opponent Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said it would duplicate telecommunications instruction being conducted by NASA and the National Science Foundation.

Voting for the bill on final passage were Michigan's Riegler and Levin.

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TOPS PROGRAM
Plymouth TOPS No. 233 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Central Middle School in Plymouth for a 25th anniversary celebration.

Association of University Women, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, will speak on preservation of Michigan's artifacts. For A.U.W. membership information, call 453-6115.

new voices

Bruce and Jennifer Mielke of Canton announce the birth of a son, Andrew Christian, April 5 at Ann Arbor Mercy Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Christian and Anna Sucoe of Wayne and Donald and Delores Mielke of Plymouth.

clubs in action

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN
The St. John Neumann 50-Up Club for local seniors meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the church, on Warren Road west of Sheldon Road in Canton.

WOMEN'S GROUPS
Plymouth Family Services is offering groups for women who wish to explore their drug/alcohol use or who want to recover from drug/alcohol problems. Fees are based on the ability to pay.

TOPS MEETING
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Central Middle School, Main at Church, Plymouth. Ideas on weight reduction are discussed.

engagements

Thomson-Mangiapane
Charles and Beverly Thomson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly A. Thomson, to Duane A. Mangiapane of Dearborn Heights, son of Frank and Elizabeth Mangiapane of Dearborn Heights.

Bolling-Marcinkiewicz
Laura Ellen Bolling of Redford and Matthew Marcinkiewicz of Plymouth plan a May wedding at Aldersgate Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Jack and Margaret Bolling of Redford. He is the son of Eugene and Judith Marcinkiewicz of Plymouth.

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# There's no 'away' left for throwaways

MAY 3-9 is Michigan Recycling Week.

Recycling as an American tradition began with the Revolution. A statue was recycled into bullets for the patriots.

During World War II, there were children's scrap drives where everything from tin cans to animal fat was collected for reuse. Oil recycling began during WWII, and service stations still continue the practice today.

Since WWII, however, Americans have been conditioned to think that anything old, empty, broken or worn-out should be thrown away. It wasn't until the late '60s and a re-emergence of the importance of protecting our environment that people discovered "when you throw something away, there really is no 'away'."

THE 1974-75 recession ended that phase of recycling prosperity, and many of the country's 3,000 recycling centers closed down.

The early '80s brought another look at recycling from an unlikely source — local government officials. These officials were beginning to face a problem of increased trash disposal costs combined with fewer

landfills available to receive the trash.

But progress has been slow because most of us are unaware we face a crisis: There really is no "away" any more, even though our trash still disappears from our curb weekly.

The time has come to join (or re-join) those recycling "fanatics" to solve this increasing solid waste problem.

Recycling in the broadest sense refers to any process that reclaims materials for reuse. Recycling can play an important part in reducing the amount of waste produced and achieving a more sustainable way of life by conserving resources. However recycling is really only half the answer to our growing waste problem.

THE OTHER half is to reconsider the use of our resources in the first place and eliminate unnecessary waste when using our natural resources. These principles encompass both halves of this problem:

1. Avoid creating waste in the first place.
  - Avoid over-packaging on all products.
  - Avoid products with "built-in"

## consumer mailbag



Terry Gibb

obsolescence" such as disposable lighters, batteries and machines that do not have available replacement parts.

• Avoid goods made from a combination of materials that are difficult to separate for recycling.

• Avoid long-life materials when they are for disposable items, such as plastic bags and styrofoam cups.

• Avoid goods that are unnecessary or wasteful of resources, like electric knives.

2. Products should be designed for reuse. Reuse is usually more energy efficient than recycling. Melting down glass containers saves only 2 percent more energy than making new ones.

Reuse can save from 25-40 percent of the energy consumed to make new containers.

3. When reuse is impossible, materials should be broken down into their basic components and recycled.

• Many materials can be reused in this way including the lead in batteries, copper products, tin and aluminum, and motor oil.

4. If materials are not reusable or recyclable, they can be used for energy generation.

Energy can be recovered from waste through burning and using the heat created either directly or as a power source for electricity or steam generation.

ECO-TIP: Recycling Centers: Oakland County: Birmingham Recycling Center, DPW Yard Corner Eton-Holland Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Glass, paper, cans. 545-0322.

Wayne County Recycling Center: W. Jefferson, in front of the Detroit Edison smokestack (Downriver area), Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Newspapers, glass, cans. 671-0170.

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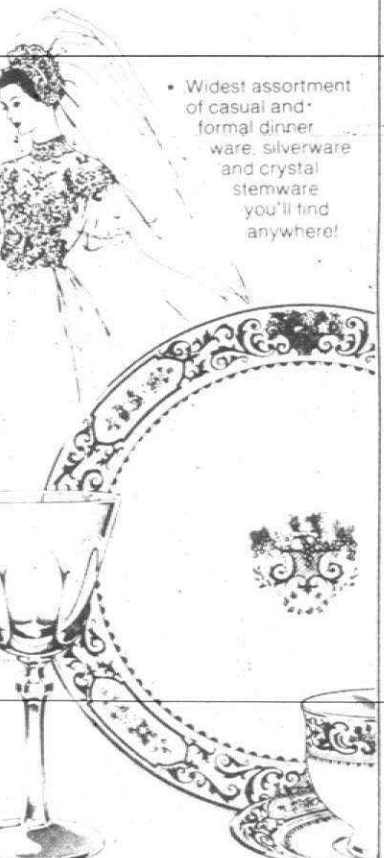
## clarification

In Monday's Street Wise column in the Street Scene section, we mistakenly mentioned that a hot-air balloon race would be part of this year's Great Chili Cook-off in Saline, a benefit for the Kidney Foundation of Michigan Inc. Although balloons have been featured at past cook-offs, the Kidney Foundation points out that balloons will not be a part of the

cook-off this year. The sanctioned cook-off will be Saturday and the renegade cook-off (which allows cooks to add beans and other thickening agents) will be Sunday at the Saline Farm Council Grounds. Take US 23 south of I-94 to Michigan Avenue, then go west on Michigan Avenue to Saline.

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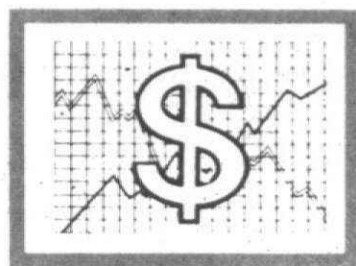
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By Brian Lysaght  
staff writer

Right now one of Jim Ratliff's semi-trailer trucks is probably rumbling down an interstate in Kentucky or Illinois or Indiana loaded up and headed back to Michigan.

Twenty-two of the big trucks run out of the Ratliff Trucking terminal in Plymouth. They carry mostly auto components across the central states of Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and, of course, Michigan.

Ratliff, a Canton resident, employs 25 drivers and five mechanics to drive the rigs and keep them running. His trucks are on the road 24 hours a day, six days a week.

Four years ago Ratliff Trucking had three trucks and wasn't much more than a hand-painted sign on a door. Today Ratliff is feeling squeezed in his company terminal on Eckles Road and plans to build another on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The company grew as the result of hard work. Ask Ratliff when the day begins and he'll say "early." Ask him when it ends and he'll say "late."

"It's a long day," he said. His trucks haul unfinished parts from vendor to factory or factory to factory for General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

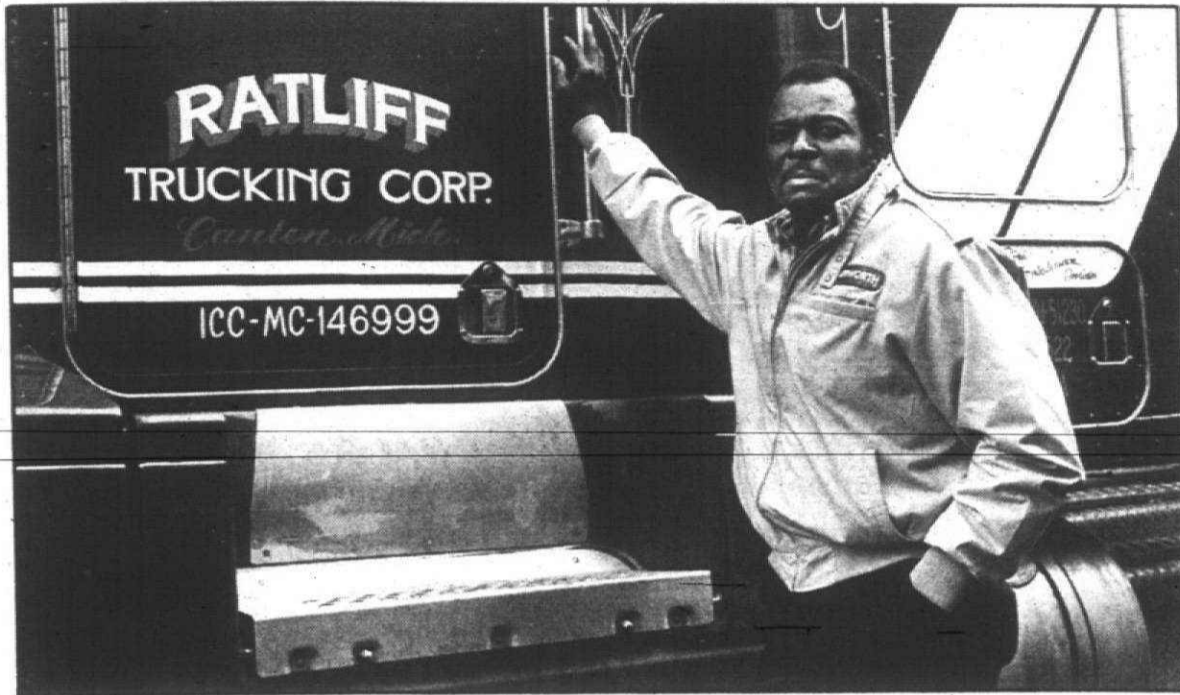
"We have a lot of round robin with the auto companies hauling racks one direction and loaded auto components the other direction," Ratliff said. He doesn't drive his trucks anymore because of insurance regulations, he explained.

RATLIFF BEGAN his career driving as a route salesman for a drink company in New Jersey. From there he began leasing and driving his trucks for 7-Up, hauling liquid sugar to company plants in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Ratliff said living in Canton and working in Plymouth is advantageous, but the family settled in the area by chance.

"I had an option to settle in many places," Ratliff said. "I feel it's a God-given thing. I just followed where my mind led me."

## Hard work drives trucking entrepreneur



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Jim Ratliff's trucks haul unfinished parts from vendor to factory or factory to factory for General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

He is probably thankful he did. A neighbor and Ford employee named Jay Harris told Ratliff about Ford's minority supplier program. After making some phone calls and filing some paperwork, Ratliff got an interstate trucking license and began hauling Ford products from vendor to assembly plant. His business began to grow.

Ray Jensen, a Ford spokesman, said the minority supplier program seeks out minority-owned and controlled companies like Ratliff Trucking and tries to develop with them "a long-term profitable relationship with Ford."

Canton resident Steve Larson, coordinator for Ford's Transportation Minority Supplier Development Council, the group that works directly with truck companies and other transporters, said Ratliff's is a small company by Ford standards.

"(Ratliff) is a very good entrepreneur," Larson said. "He owns his trucks, he doesn't lease them, and he is growing at a pace he can handle."

RATLIFF SAID his trucks are now licensed to haul anything but explosives. He says he is hoping to expand his business. The new truck terminal, into which the company will move next January, will have a dock and larger garage. The facilities should enable Ratliff Trucking to haul locally, carrying non-auto related loads in addition to the interstate work for auto companies.

Ratliff hopes to hire eight to nine more employees and buy more trucks, but he talks cautiously about the future.

"Our future for the company is to make plans for any downfall or depression that might occur," Ratliff said.

Ratliff said each of his trucks drive 100,000 miles annually. Multiplied by 22 trucks, that equals 2.2 million miles. He said he aims to keep each of his big Kenworth trucks seven to eight years. The list price on the new trucks is \$90,000-\$100,000 each.

"Preventative maintenance," Ratliff said, "is the key to getting your money's worth out of the semi-tractor trucks."

## Prepaid legal coverage imitates medical HMOs

By Carolyn DeMarco  
staff writer

What happens when a usually healthy person displays symptoms of a minor illness which nonetheless require professional care? If he or she is like many of us, the problem is taken care of with a visit to a physician through a prepaid health maintenance plan. The patient pays little or nothing extra for the visit.

And if that same person finds himself in need of professional help for a minor legal problem? Chances are he'd take his chances with an attorney recommended by his brother-in-law or attempt to handle the problem without legal advice.

There's a better way, says Chris Nolan, regional executive director of sales and marketing for American Legal Access Systems — prepaid legal protective services, much like those used in the health field.

"Our market is 80 percent of the population," Nolan said. "We're not concerned with the upper 5 percent that can afford attorney fees or the lower 15 percent that can usually get free legal aid." Annual cost of a family legal protection plan is less than \$300.

American Legal Access Systems is the company owned by the marketer, Nationwide Legal Services. Offices were recently opened on Haggerty Road in Livonia, but the company has been digging its toe-hold into the Michigan market since last December. Nolan is also building a sales force in New York, Illinois, Colorado and Vermont.

Douglas Sweet, director of research and development for the Michigan Bar Association, says another estimated 20-25 prepaid legal protective firms have also begun operations in Michigan, with 20 of them somewhat functional.

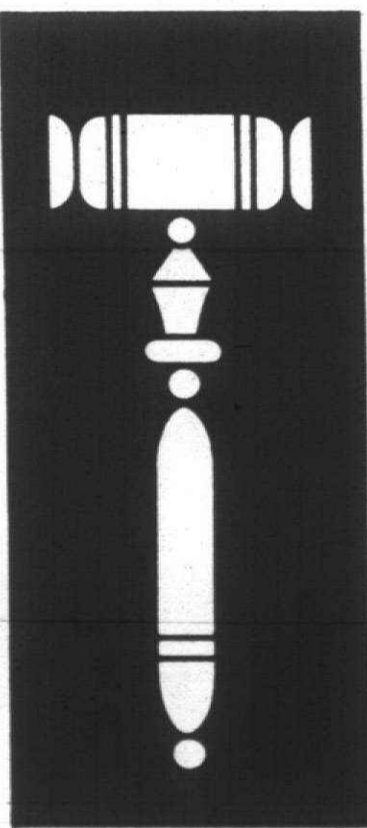
THE IDEA OF prepaid legal systems is simple — to practice preventive law. The American Legal Access System sells the individual or small business a contract which provides for unlimited telephone consultation with an attorney on a toll-free hot line. Unlimited letters and calls made on behalf of the client are included at no additional charge as well as review of contracts and written documents, preparation of two wills, and a 30-minute in-office consultation with an attorney for each new legal problem.

If a legal situation is too complicated to advise on by telephone or mail, members will be referred to a specialist at a rate of \$50 per hour in office or in court.

Contingency cases arising from negligence, breach of warranty, product liability or malpractice are exempted from the hourly rates. But participating attorneys will handle cases for 25 percent less than their usual fee rates. Probate of uncontested estates are also handled at discounted fees.

Sweet said specific programs are not endorsed by the bar association,

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but neither is their general use discouraged. A committee is at work reviewing the idea, he said. "We're working on getting information so we can give advice. There's no indication that anything is wrong with them."

Sweet said there is no way to determine which prepaid plans are best for the consumer. "The individual should try them out. There should be a way to cancel and a way to complain and solve any problems."

AMERICAN ACCESS does provide such a cancellation, Nolan said. "If you don't like the speed or quality, you can ask for your money back within 30 days. Less than half of 1 percent do." An initial registration fee is non-refundable.

In addition to individual and family plans and those for small businesses, many corporations have adopted prepaid legal services as a benefit to dangle in front of prospective employees. Unions, too, are looking to prepaid legal services as a bargaining item for its members.

Most prepaid legal services have contracted with existing law firms to hire attorneys. Nolan said 60 firms are listed with American Access, but he gave no names. "It's a two-edged sword. We don't want clients calling them directly and wasting their time. We want them to go through channels."

Each law firm gets a percentage of the contract and in turn provides free services. If referral firms are needed, the client is billed at \$50 per hour. The initial firm gets no kick-back.

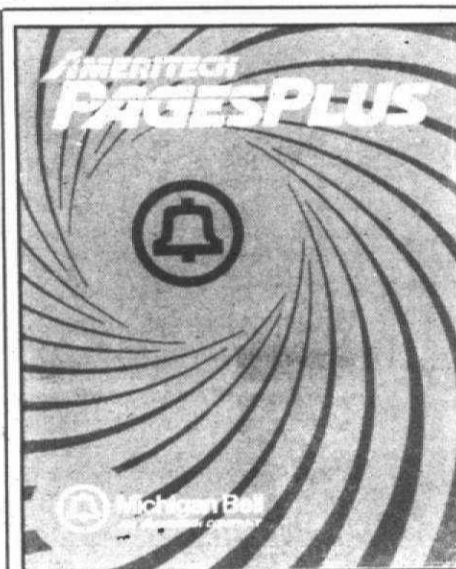
All attorneys used must have a minimum of five years experience, Nolan said, and are checked for qualifications by the New York office. "We work with the American Bar Association and ask if the complaints and lawsuits against them are excessive. County court records are checked to verify the area of expertise, and we insist on a \$2 million malpractice insurance. If they're sued, we want them to be collectible."

OWNERS OF family plans most often use the service for divorce, traffic citations and real estate, Nolan said. "If you hired an attorney to handle a real estate closing you could pay 1 percent." On a \$100,000 home, that could be as much as \$1,000. With a legal plan it would be no more than \$300 if it were a complicated closing.

Other services provided by attorneys may include adoption, name change, trust preparation, tax planning, title search, counsel regarding evictions or foreclosures, premarital contracts, garnishment or cases involving consumer or civil rights.

Prospective salesmen can find out more about the marketing aspect in regular training sessions, Nolan said. Ongoing training is also provided.

For more information on the prepaid legal services provided by American Legal Access Systems, call Nolan at 397-8886. For information on marketing, call Ken Head at 963-5712. American Prepaid Legal Services Institute in Chicago (312-988-5751) serves as a non-profit association for promotion of the legal prepaid services field.



## Ameritech answers competition

By Brian Lysaght  
staff writer

Same book, different cover. Officials of Ameritech Publishing, the people who bring you the yellow and white pages, say their new telephone directory looks different but works the same old way.

Ameritech's PagesPlus directory, with its bright yellow cover and prominently displayed company logo, has been hitting doorsteps all month. Delivery to homes and businesses will be completed by month's end.

All Michigan Bell customers will get the books. Ameritech will deliver 190,000 North Oakland, 290,000 North Woodward and 232,000 West-Northwest directories. As in past years, the directories contain both yellow and white pages.

"It's still the same: same company, same book, different cover," said Ameritech Publishing spokeswoman Karen Fontanive.

With the breakup of the Bell Telephone system, other companies have begun to publish telephone directories. None are publishing in metropolitan Detroit though. Sril, Troy-based Ameritech Publishing is preparing for competition in the lucrative field.

"THE TREND across the country is expanded yellow pages, and we assume that Detroit will be part of that," Fontanive said. PagesPlus, with its new look and expanded format, is Ameritech's answer to the competition.

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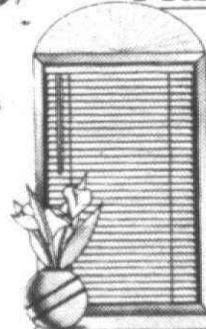
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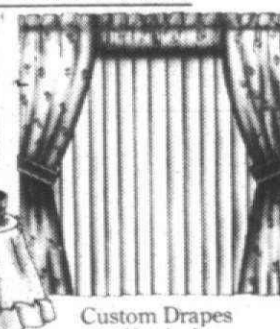
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# Measure prospective sites against standard

When conducting the actual site-selection process, the current or prospective business owner needs to develop a standard from which all potential sites are evaluated. By defining the criteria by which one will judge any site, the owner may avoid the problems associated with choosing a poor location.

In the book, "Principles of Retail Location," Richard Nelson discusses eight major criteria to be considered. First, how much business can you expect to generate (dollar volume) from potential customers during business within the trading area of a particular site? The U.S. Department of Commerce publishes its statistics among competitors by local trade area.

Next, can potential customers be easily and conveniently served by the site? Although an area may appear "busy" in terms of automobile traffic flow, there needs to be an associated level of pedestrian foot traffic in order for any site to be considered viable.

Nelson's third criteria has to do with growth potential. How does the site compare to others in terms of population growth, income trends and purchasing power? Demographic data by zip code would be used to

## Ameritech answers book competition

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AT&T never registered the familiar walking fingers logo, or the slogan, "Let your fingers do the walking..." or the equally familiar Bell logo.

"At the time, AT&T felt it only enhanced its position in the market to have other companies using the fingers walking logo," Fontaine said. "Today we know differently because there are so many other companies publishing."

With other companies using the walking fingers in their books, Ameritech opted for the new name and new look for this year's directory.

One of the new companies, United Phone Book Advertisers Inc., will publish this fall its second Ann Arbor-Vpsistant telephone directory. The company will also be publishing directories in Lansing, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

JIM BAKER, United's regional sales manager, says his company is the country's largest growing independent directory publisher. Based in Omaha, United began publishing directories in 1984, and last year saw sales reach \$35 million to \$40 million, Baker said.

The company buys its white page listings from Bell. The books include

## focus: small business

### Mary DiPaolo

evaluate differences existing between alternative site locations. Next, what type(s) of stores share business with the site and would they work to attract customers to the site and your store?

One excellent local example involves a wine/party store merchant sharing 6,000 square feet of retail space with a videotape rental facility and a bagel/deli shop. The compatibility and cumulative attraction of

ferred customers patronizing the site has turned what was once a dead retail location into a thriving center of business activity.

Additional criteria pertains to site economics. In terms of cost vs. productivity, how efficient is a site relative to its size, shape, facilities and topography? If a site seems favorable but requires extensive leasehold improvements, it may not be cost effective to pursue that specific location. Lastly, does the site minimize competitive hazards given its location, character, size and type of present and potential competitors?

Available sources of local market data and information include county and city planning commissions, downtown development authorities (DDAs), and retail merchant associations. It is also recommended that the entrepreneur contact other business owners whose personal judgment and experience may prove a valuable source of assistance.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of *MarkoTrends*, a Farmington Hills-based business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Focus: The Small Business Environment."

## business people



- Larry Oldford** of Plymouth was named one of Farm Bureau Insurance Group's top agents of 1986, based on sales and service for the year. Oldford received the company's All American award. He also was honored for earning three Seals of Excellence for the high quality of his insurance business.
- Richard L. Marentette** of Livonia has been appointed vice president of the Joy-Beach Daily office of Comerica Bank-Detroit. Marentette joined the bank in 1983 as an administrative trainee. In 1984 he was promoted to assistant cashier, and in 1981 he was named assistant vice president.
- Michelle M. Wynn** of Livonia has been named a vice president of General Management Services Inc. Before her promotion, Wynn was regional manager of the company. Before coming to GMS in January 1986, she was a sales representative of Diversified Services Technologies and the office manager of Suburban Office Services.
- David Berger** of Livonia has completed the signmaking curriculum at the Banacom Training Center in Irvine, Calif. Berger works for Laser Images Instant Signs in Livonia.
- Matthew J. Garrick** of Livonia was promoted to regional manager of the bank investments department of Manufacturers Bank.
- Helen Mary Kozlowski** was promoted to full-time director of special projects for Marygrove College. Before becoming director, Kozlowski was a part-time director and instructor at the college.
- Rick McMaster** of Livonia has been named general manager of the Grand Concourse Restaurant in Pittsburg. McMaster has been with the C.A. Muer Corp. since 1985.
- Dennis O'Connor** was named creative director at Maritz Communications Co. O'Connor is a former editor of the Canton Observer and former sports coordinator for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He is a 1975 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.
- Danny Domzalaki** has been promoted to regional manager of the A.W. Williams-Egrin & Associates offices in Southfield. Domzalaki is a Redford resident and has been with A.L. Livonia two years.
- Robyn Frankiewicz, John Bradbury and Mark Mowessian** of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne have earned master level memberships in the 300/500 Masters Program for sales in 1986. This is the first time each has achieved membership in the organization.
- Tom Celani**, president of Action Distributing Co. Inc., received Miller Brewing Co.'s highest honor for overall business excellence for the fifth year in a row. Action received this honor eight of the possible 10 years. Just 15 of 900 Miller distributors received the Grand Masters award.

# Protect yourself against decline in stock market

The stock market continues to follow a roller-coaster path. Because of huge unrealized gains, infusion of foreign money, domination by the professionals and the increasing use of futures options, huge market swings are expected to be experienced by millions of investors.

What is especially disturbing is that unless you take special steps now, you could suddenly lose most of your unrealized gains and even incur huge losses.

Here are several strategies you might use to protect yourself against potential losses.

**Buy Put Option**

A put option gives you the privilege to sell 100 shares of a stock at a predetermined (strike) price within a specified time, which can be as long as nine months. This option elimi-

### finances and you

**Sid Mittra**

trade 100 shares of Chrysler is \$50, you would limit your loss in the 100 shares of Chrysler to \$250, no matter how far the price of the stock declines.

Here is how it works:

100 shares at \$56/share	\$5,600
Value at \$28/share	2,800
Your loss	-2,800
100-share put at \$56	5,600
Commission to trade 100 shares	-50
Cost of buying put option	-200
Your cost	-250

Assuming that the price of the put option is \$200 and the commission to

ket, you may adopt an alternative strategy. You could sell Chrysler at \$6 and buy a call option for, say, \$350.

This option will authorize you to call on the seller before the expiration date (say, six months) to deliver to you 100 shares of Chrysler for the specified price of, say, \$56.

If your prediction is correct and Chrysler does go up to, say, \$76, you reap a hefty profit of \$2,000 — (\$76-\$56) x 100 — less the cost of options plus commissions.

Here is how it works:

Assume price rises \$76 before call option expires.

Exercise call option by calling on the seller to deliver

100 shares at \$56/share	\$5,600
Price of option	-350
Commission	-50
Sale at \$76 per share	7,600

Your gain \$1,600

Here again, if you are wrong in your prediction and the stock goes down, you just let your option expire and lose just the \$350 you paid for that option.

Next week: More on stock market.

**Educational Seminar: Main Topic** "Your Investments, Your Taxes and Tax Reform." The seminar, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Coordinated Financial Planning Inc., will be held 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

For more information or reservations, call 643-8888.

*Sid Mittra is professor of finance at Oakland University and president of Coordinated Financial Planning Inc.*

## business briefs

- PLANNING A BUDGET**  
Thursday, April 30 — Free seminar on planning a budget offered 7-9 p.m. in Room B-200-210 in the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Information: Kathleen Pitton, 222-4916. Sponsor: Manufacturers National Corp.
- PET CARE**  
Pet-Nanny has opened at 33723 Five Mile, Suite 338, in Livonia. A representative of the company visits the home of absent pet owners and the pets can be boarded at home, rather than in a kennel. The telephone number is 464-9388.
- CPAs' HEALTH CARE**  
Tuesday, May 12 — Health care conference for CPAs begins at 8 a.m. in Dearborn. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.
- HELPING MDA**  
Fifteen sales associates for ERA Mark Realty Northwest in Plymouth will solicit donations Saturday for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- MANUFACTURING PROFESSIONALS**  
Tuesday-Thursday, May 5-7 — "Computerized Project Management for Manufacturing Professionals" offered in Dearborn. Information: 271-1500 Ext. 598. Sponsor: Center for Professional Development of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.
- HIRES AD AGENCY**  
Westland Maple Discount-Drugs has hired Marketing Impact Inc. to handle its advertising.
- MONEY MANAGEMENT**  
Wednesdays, May 6-20 — "Successful Money Management" seminar will be 7-10 p.m. in Novi. Fee: \$39. Information: 476-7295. Sponsor: BAS Financial Corp. of Farmington Hills.
- ENGINEERING JOB FAIR**  
Monday-Tuesday, May 18-19 — A

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE**  
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**BUSINESS HOT LINE**  
Small business owners in Michigan can call the U.S. Small Business Administration's toll-free "Answer Desk" telephone service to get help on problems connected with their business and the federal government. The telephone number is 1 (800) 368-5855. It is staffed during normal business hours.

**ROBOT SAFETY**  
Wednesday-Thursday, May 20-21 — "Robot Safety Workshop" offered in Detroit. Information: Steve Trombino, 1-994-6088. Sponsor: Robotic Industries Association.

**AUTO CONFERENCE**  
Monday-Thursday, June 1-4 — Autocom '87 auto conference and exhibition in Dearborn. Information: Carol Anderson, 271-1500, Ext. 294. Sponsor: Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

**ENGINEERING JOB FAIR**  
Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 11-12 — A Detroit engineering and high tech job fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Detroit. For more information, call 388-2429. Sponsor: Career Recruiting Conferences.

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upcoming things to do

- SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS: The Neil Simon comedy 'Star Spangled Girl' will be presented by the Spotlight Players...
IT'S MAGIC: A 'Magic Nite' by Boyer and Simmons will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12...
SPRING CONCERT: Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual spring concert 'A Night on Broadway' at 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17...
BANDS, CLOWNS: Family Day for all ages will be held 3-8 p.m. at Ashley's in Redford...
POLKA TIME: 'Good Time Polkas' with host Virginia, a Canton resident, is heard 6-8 a.m. Mondays-Fridays on radio station WCAR (1090 AM) of Livonia...

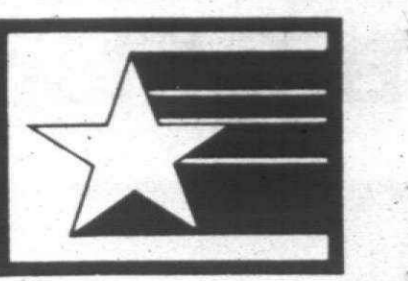


Disc jockey Tom Patrick appears nightly Mondays-Saturdays at LaSalle Drinkery, a new nightclub at the recently opened Embassy Suites Hotel-Southfield.

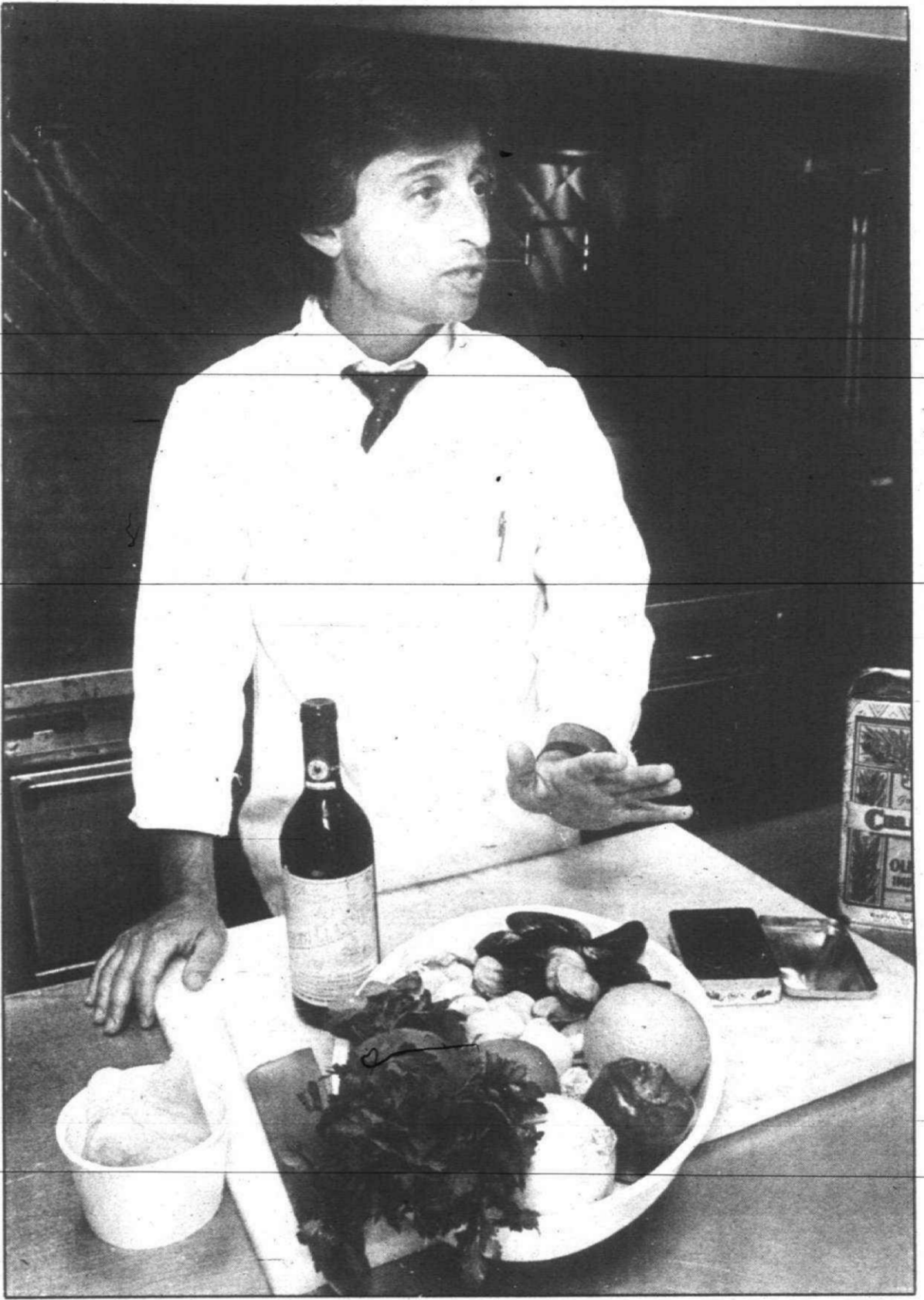
Hirt and Pete Fountain. Also included on the Friday and Saturday series will be the Canadian Brass, Chuck Mangione, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Johnny Cash and the Gatlin Brothers... Tickets are on sale at all Ticket Master outlets...

- RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: 'You Can't Take It With You,' classic comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman...
PARK CONCERTS: The City of Birmingham will present a 14-week series of free family entertainment Thursdays from June 4 through Sept. 3...
MUSICAL EVENT: The Academy Singers, a group of 50 young junior and senior high school singers and dancers...
COMEDY TIME: 'Invitation to a March,' a comedy by Arthur Laurents...
CABARET SHOWCASE: A lineup of stars led by Whitney Mansion vocalist Kate Patterson will sing, dance, joke, act and mime its way through a 'Salute to Michigan Performing Artists' on Sunday, May 17...
MUSICAL HIT: Avon Players will present the musical hit 'Woman of the Year' starting Thursday, April 30...
MUSICAL EVENT: 'Invitation to a March,' a comedy by Arthur Laurents...
CABARET SHOWCASE: A lineup of stars led by Whitney Mansion vocalist Kate Patterson...
MUSICAL MUSIC: St. Owen's Youth Group will host a concert of contemporary Christian music designed for Christians of all denominations at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3...

The Observer Newspapers Entertainment



A dish fit for Le Gala de Cuisine



By Ethel Simmons staff writer

R.I.K.'s Total Cuisine Center in Bloomfield Township does hundreds of parties each year, but one of the events owner Rik Halberg and his gourmet carry-out and catering service staff look forward to the most is Le Gala de Cuisine.



Mussels, littleneck clams, sea scallops and shrimp lend color and variety to a platter of fruits de mare. Here shown in a serving for four to six, the dish will be prepared for 500 guests at Le Gala de Cuisine. The sauce will be brought to the site, and the seafood will be cooked in a frying pan and served with the sauce from chafing dishes.

This lavish, springtime party at Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills is also sponsored by the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association and features the finest in foods, from appetizers to desserts. The annual benefit for Cranbrook Kingswood School will be held 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the school's Elise Saarinen-designed Quadrangle. Halberg, who will be participating for the fifth time, has selected fruits de mare (fruits of the sea) for the dish he and his co-workers will prepare.

'You want something sophisticated that people are going to like and has a lot of flavor.'

— Rik Halberg

'The seafood is added last,' he said. Clams, mussels, sea scallops, shrimp and monkfish cut into cubes went into the pan. Halberg gets all his seafood from Superior Fish in Royal Oak. His vegetables come from the Eastern Market in Detroit. A strip of orange peel will be removed from the frypan before the seafood stew is served. A pinch of saffron is an essential ingredient. 'The saffron gives a mellow, musty flavor. It gives kind of a golden color,' Halberg said. At Le Gala, Rik's contribution will be among the entrees offered in the Great Hall, the dining room inside one of the school buildings. Appetizers are served in individual schoolrooms and halls and out-of-doors before guests proceed to the Great Hall.

Halberg started out in the health food business in Arizona. He ran two vegetarian restaurants there and also grew and manufactured food. After attending the Culinary Institute in New York, he worked at a restaurant in High Park with one of the developers of new American cuisine. He got out of the health-food business because of, in a word, "economics," he said. At R.I.K.'s, the emphasis is on greater variety and what he describes not as health food but as "healthier food. We try to offer everything."

Frutta di mare fits the requirements. "It's low in fat and calories." At Le Gala, more than 44 chefs from Detroit-area restaurants and country clubs will take part. For ticket information call 645-3134.

Rik Halberg of R.I.K.'s Total Cuisine Center at Bloomfield Plaza in Bloomfield Township displays the ingredients that go into frutta di mare, an Italian seafood stew he will prepare at Le Gala de Cuisine. Monkfish and shellfish combine with red peppers, onions and tomatoes for the delicious dish that will be served in the Great Hall at Cranbrook Kingswood School.

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## 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' brings family close



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Sisters Laurie (Amy Rosenthal) and Nora (Kathleen L. Lietz) talk about their late father and how they wish they didn't have to live with their Aunt Kate and Uncle Jack, in "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

Performances of Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs," presented by the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, continue through Saturday, May 9, at the playhouse in Redford. For ticket information call 522-8057.

By Bob Weibel  
special writer

Director Mattie Wolf has done a masterful job of casting the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's current production, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," especially in achieving the feeling of real families, rather than stage families.

One is seldom conscious of the "acting." Rather one feels more like an voyeur, looking in on very private moments that all families have experienced at one time or another.

The family in this case belongs to playwright Neil Simon. This mostly

autobiographical work recalls what it's like growing up in a poor Jewish family during the Depression in New York.

Actually, there are two families living under one roof. One is dependent on the other. Therein lies the human mud pie of conflict and guilt leading to crisis and humiliation.

IN THE MIST of this endless trail of troubles we find Simon, disguised as Eugene, and played to perfection by Vito Guerra. Eugene is the only comedic role in the play. It's young Simon with a funny perspective of events. His comic delivery is superb.

Guerra slips effortlessly from narrator to performer in episodic scenes depicting boyhood memories of baseball, dreaming about girls, running errands, learning about girls, being blamed for things that go wrong, trying to talk to girls, surviv-



Bob Weibel

ing an angry father, thinking about girls, eating liver and cabbage, talking to your older brother about girls, being the family gofer and so on.

Pat Varga is excellent as his mother, Kate, who holds the family together. John Battle gives a sterling performance as his older brother, Stanley, who must choose between a job and dignity. David Berg is very good as the overworked father, Jack, who attempts to provide the money and wisdom to support two families.

Sue DeLosier is convincing as a young widow with two daughters to raise.— and feelings of guilt for sponging off her sister's family. Ka-

thy Leitz and Amy Rosenthal are both good as the daughters, Nora and Laurie, who would prefer a home of their own.

Lighting is well done, and the set design is exceptional. Somehow they crammed two bedrooms, a bathroom, a hallway, two entrances, a kitchen, dining room and living room on a 30-foot stage.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

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**British film is thought-provoking**

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interloper. He laments that the old country is no longer good for making money. He's successful enough to keep a British mistress. Jaffrey manages to keep Nassar from turning into a caricature of a man who strives to earn enough money to buy acceptance.  
Omar turns out to be a bright and willing if somewhat innocent pupil. Uncle finally hands over to him a hole-in-the-wall laundrette in a working-class neighborhood. It's so tough, the laundry needs a bounce. It's a job for Omar's punk friend, Johnny (Daniel Day Lewis)  
and subsisting on public welfare checks, is given a job washing cars by his Uncle Nassar (Saeed Jaffrey).  
Uncle was born hustling the coin of the realm. It doesn't matter if most of that realm views him as an

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**Farmington excels with Simon's view**  
**review**

Performances of "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon, presented by the Farmington Players, continue through Saturday, May 16, at the players' Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills. For ticket information call 628-5061 anytime.  
By Helen Zucker  
special writer  
The Farmington Players production of Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor," directed by Bill Salisbury, is marvelous theater.  
The cast of five is polished, consistently funny and makes the most out of what may prove to be one of Simon's most durable works.  
The play is based on stories by Anton Chekhov, one of the finest short story writers. Simon has fashioned a series of vignettes that are as fresh and delightful in 1987 as they were when Chekhov published them in the late 19th century. Simon has not played havoc with Chekhov, and the Farmington troupe gives Simon its all.  
Omar is as quiet and closed as his community. For him perhaps there isn't truly such a thing as assimilation or total acceptance. It's a matter of living in parallel cultures.  
These are people scrambling not for the top but for the first rung on the ladder.  
It makes for 94 minutes of interesting viewing, full of quirky performances and wry laughs. Ludus Tonalis' score under the credits, mimicking the chug-chug-pop of a washing machine agitator, stops just short of being cute. Out of a top score of four stars, we'll flip it 2.8. Worth renting for an adult audience.

Ralph Rosati, an actor well-known for his ability to move with terrific ease from one character to another, draws us into the play. He wears a worker's cap, a long white scarf wrapped round his throat and a black coat. Holding a quill pen, he writes away at a small desk. Rosati makes us feel the chill of a heathless room and the heat of a writer's mind in high gear.  
C.M. Novess III is deft, clever and totally believable in all his roles. Novess has the best accent in the troupe. He manages to convince the audience that he's Russian by using inflections rather than an accent. He moves with assurance, and he's dazzling as the waterfront man who gets a gentleman to pay to see him down, with unpredictable consequences.

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# Sports

Brad Emons, Dan O'Meara editors/591-2312



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## Salem's softball record hits 6-0



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Kim Berrie pitched all seven innings for Salem and guided the undefeated Rocks to their sixth straight victory.

Westland John Glenn outit Plymouth Salem 7-4, but that didn't stop the unbeaten Roc's from claiming their sixth consecutive softball victory Monday.

Salem made its four hits count and also capitalized on seven walks to defeat the Rockets 5-1.

Kim Berrie, who struck out three and walked three, went the distance for the Rocks, who improved to 4-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I think we've got a pretty good team," said Salem coach Rob Willette, whose ballclub is ranked No. 9 in Class A. "If we were anything less than (6-0), I think I'd be disappointed, and I'm sure the girls would be, too."

The Rocks were never behind after pushing across their first run in the opening inning. Denise Tackett's base hit scored Jessica Handley, who had singled and moved up on Marcie Walker's sacrifice bunt.

Salem added two more in both the third and fifth innings before John Glenn got its lone run on Lolita Burgess' RBI single in the sixth.

The Rocks took advantage of a bases-loaded situation in the third when Tackett and Sandy Oberliesen had back-to-back RBI sacrifice flies. Oberliesen had another sacrifice fly in the fifth and Walker an RBI single.

John Glenn's Dawn Williamson worked five innings and took the loss. She struck out four.

Burgess had two of the Rockets' four hits. In the John Glenn sixth, Christina Hoffman reached base with a two-out double, advanced on Jennifer Okon's single and scored on the base hit by Burgess.

The Rockets are 2-2 in the Lakes Division and 3-3 overall.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Salem's Bonnie Waller is tagged out at third base by John Glenn's Christina Hoffman on this play, but the Rocks still outscored the Rockets 5-1.

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MERCY 12, LADYWOOD 3: Amy Edward pitched a complete-game victory and drove in four runs Tuesday as Farmington Mercy clobbered Livonia Ladywood 12-3 in Catholic League softball.

Edward, who has all of the decisions for the 6-3 Marlins, walked four and struck out three. The sophomore hurler scattered nine hits.

Edward was two-for-three at bat and had an RBI single, a two-run double and a bases-loaded walk.

Molly McWood stole six bases, scored three runs and had one RBI. Linda Raymond and Kristin Orlandoni had one hit and two RBI apiece.

Raymond's RBI came on a single and a walk, Orlandoni's on a base hit and a fielder's choice.

Mercy broke a 1-1 tie with three runs in the bottom of the second inning and put the victory on ice with a six-run fourth.

In tournament play Saturday in Bay City, the Marlins defeated Saginaw High 13-8, but lost to Saginaw Swan Valley 7-2 and Clio 7-5.

Mercy, 2-1 in the league, played at Allen Park Cabrini Wednesday and has a double-header at Bishop Gallagher today.

*'If we were anything less than (6-0), I think I'd be disappointed, and I'm sure the girls would be, too.'*

—Rob Willette  
Salem softball coach

## Area teams vie for Observerland title

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

It won't come as any great surprise if Redford Bishop wins the Observerland Relays Saturday, but the competition isn't willing to concede the trophy without first making the Spartans earn it.

Borgess, based on its outstanding speed and depth in the sprint events, rates as the favorite, according to most area coaches, to succeed Plymouth Canton as the team champion.

Spartan coach Marion Pittman's 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams, which boast the top area times, will compete intact, though Pittman plans on using "everybody" to keep from asking some runners to do too much.

In addition to the sprint and distance medleys, there also will be an open 100 dash, which strengthens Borgess' position since it boasts one of the top sprinters in junior Corey Ivey, whose 10.6 time is among the area's best.

PITTMAN isn't planning to enter Ivey in the 100, but that shouldn't make much difference, he said. The Spartans' Derrick Green finished ahead of Ivey in Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational. And because Green is a senior, Pittman would like to see him win an Observerland race, too.

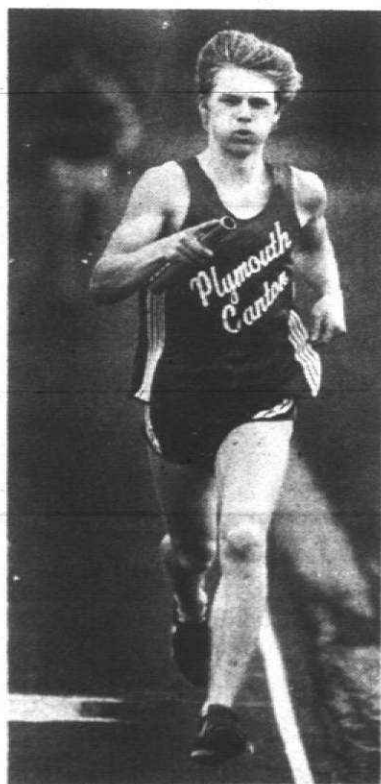
To offset the strengths of a challenger such as host Livonia Churchill, Pittman hopes Borgess can make a better showing in the field events than it did last year when it scored only one point.

"We have to get a real good performance out of the field events because we know that's where they're planning to score a lot of their points," he said.

With Eric Harp, the area's best in the long jump, Ivan Blacksmith and Ray Johnson, the prospects for a Spartan victory in that relay are pretty good.

Pittman added Borgess' shot putters are coming along, too, but Livonia Stevenson, led by Kevin Belyk, won that event in the Elks Relays and is looked upon as the favorite to win the Observerland title.

WAYNE MEMORIAL, a newcomer to the Relays, is likely to provide Borgess' chief competition because of its parity with the Spartans



Jay Swiecki and Canton teammates will defend title.

in the speed relays. The Zebras also boast a top-notch sprinter in Darren Tatum.

"Generally, the teams that have speed are the favorites, and that's why Bishop Borgess will be favored," Wayne coach Joe Grasley said. "But a lot can happen in speed events — a dropped baton, a disqualification."

"I don't know if we can be considered a threat to (Borgess). We'd like to go there thinking we can be competitive, but there will be other good teams there who are capable of winning."

One of those teams Grasley referred to is Westland John Glenn, which defeated Farmington and Churchill in dual meets and has fared well in invitational.

"It's been a real turnaround from the last couple years," John Glenn coach Richard Gordon said. "We think we're just a little Cinderella team having a lot of fun. We're running and letting things fall into place as they come."

### boys track

THE ROCKETS should be competitive in every event but the hurdles, Gordon said, and that's a strategy shared by other coaches who are counting on team balance to carry them.

"This meet lends itself to that," Plymouth Salem coach Gary Balconi said in regards to the scoring system in which teams through sixth place earn points based on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 format.

"I told the kids we have to be able to score all over the track. That doesn't mean we have to win a lot, but we have to be competitive in a lot of events. When it's all over, we'll see how those points add up."

The Rocks, who won the Elks Relays, figure to be in the running for the trophy as well. Brian Neuhardt is one of the best at 400 meters and will be a key to helping Salem stay close to Borgess and Wayne in the speed relays.

The Rocks' Shawn Hunter, Plymouth Canton's Tyrone Reeves and Southfield-Lathrup's Eric Stokes are excellent long jumpers and could help their schools pose a threat to Borgess in that event.

JOHN GLENN is a strong candidate to win discus with Harold Lovelace on its side, and the Rockets should be strong in the speed events with Marcus Lowe leading the way. Plus, Kevin Wilson has recovered from a knee injury and will bolster Glenn's outlook in the relays.

With none of the Farmington schools competing, Glenn's Dan Liedel could be favored to win the open 1,600 run. He finished one second behind Monroe's Todd Williams, considered by some to be the top high school runner in the nation, in Saturday's Dick Waters Relays.

Wayne's Derrick Allen, Northville's John Frisbee and Redford Catholic Central's Jeff Fedewa could push Liedel in the 1,600, and Grasley is hoping the Zebras can do well in the 3,200 relay when Dave Richards and Chris Woolley hook up with Allen.

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### A PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FLASHBACK

The first week of May, 1975 saw the Plymouth Salem Rocks record 2 key baseball wins. The first, a 7-6 nonleague victory over Ypsilanti featured a fine hitting and pitching performance by John DenHouter. Chuck Thomas picked up the save. Charlie Johnson, Dave Pierce, Brian Wolcott and Tim Dillon all delivered key run-scoring base hits. Against Belleville later in the week, Tom Willette pitched the first 5 innings allowing just one hit while striking out 12 in a 10-0 Salem bombardment. Hitting heroes included Dan Moore, Doug Tripp and Howard Inch. The Rocks took a 5-2 league mark into a Tuesday showdown with Redford Union.

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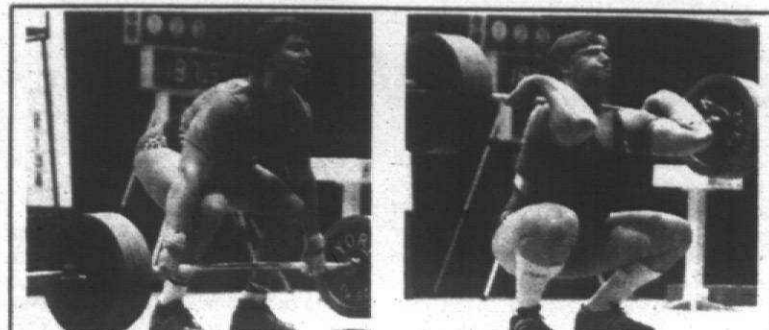
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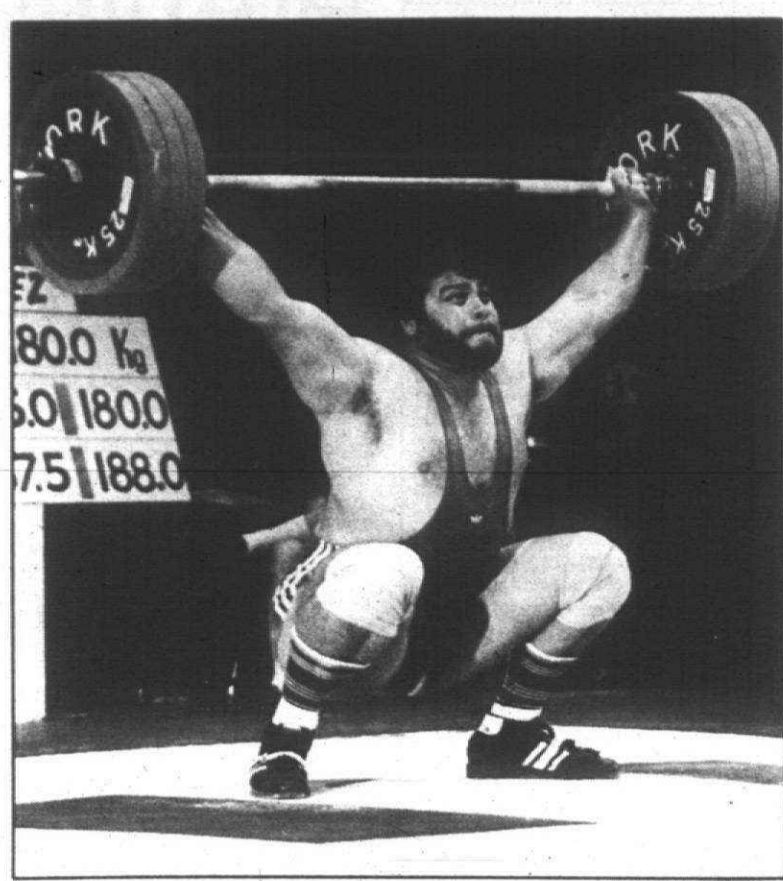
WHO TO WATCH FOR AT PAN AMERICAN TRIALS

John Bergman, super-heavyweight class. The 24-year-old native of San Rafael, Calif., was ninth last year at the World Championships after taking first at the U.S. Olympic Festival and National Championships...

Lifters pumped for Trials

By Brad Emmons staff writer

The president of the U.S. Weightlifting Federation, Murray Levin, says his sport is making a comeback in this country. But whether the United States can compete internationally remains to be seen...



Mario Martinez is a super-heavyweight who won a silver medal at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He is one of the top weightlifters in the U.S.

ALTHOUGH the United States captured two medals at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Americans have not fared well internationally during the past two decades. In 1983, a promising lifter from Chicago, Jeff Michaels (holder of four U.S. records), was suspended...

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Games but lost the national title last year to John Bergman, 24, of San Rafael, Calif. OTHER U.S. record holders expected to compete include 25-year-old Brian Okada of Wailuku, Hawaii...

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Marlins, Blazers settle for soccer tie

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CHURCHILL 3, STEVENSON 3: Carrie Maier scored two second-half goals for the Falcons, but it wasn't enough Monday at Livonia Stevenson. Army Trunk gave the unbeaten Falcons a 1-0 halftime lead. Stevenson tied it early in the second half, but Trunk then converted a corner kick to Maier who converted to make it 2-1, Farmington.

SALEM 11, W.L. CENTRAL 2: Jill Estey wrecked Walled Lake Central single-handedly, scoring four goals in Plymouth Salem's lopsided win Monday at Central. Not that Estey didn't have a lot of assistance. Michelle Minton, Teri King and Sara Hayes each scored twice for the Rocks, who led 8-1 at the half. Lisa Hysko also scored for Salem (6-1 overall, 6-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association).

GARDEN CITY 20, RU 4: Twelve Cougars scored in this rout of Redford Union Tuesday at Garden City. Lori Hodges' four scores paced the winners. Chris Buggy, Tina Gierucki, Sandy Meadows, Denise Daggart and Kathy Kasza each contributed two, as the Cougars improved their record to 9-2.

Robinson signs with SVSC

After a 4-12 season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Saginaw Valley State basketball coach Bob Pratt knew he needed an instant infusion of talent.

Robinson is expected to fill a sore spot at shooting guard for the Cardinals, who posted a 13-17 overall record. "We had to recruit to fill that spot," said SVSC assistant coach Tim Inman. "Our expectations are that Mark will make an immediate impact on our program."

Robinson was named to the All-Observer first team after both his junior and senior seasons.

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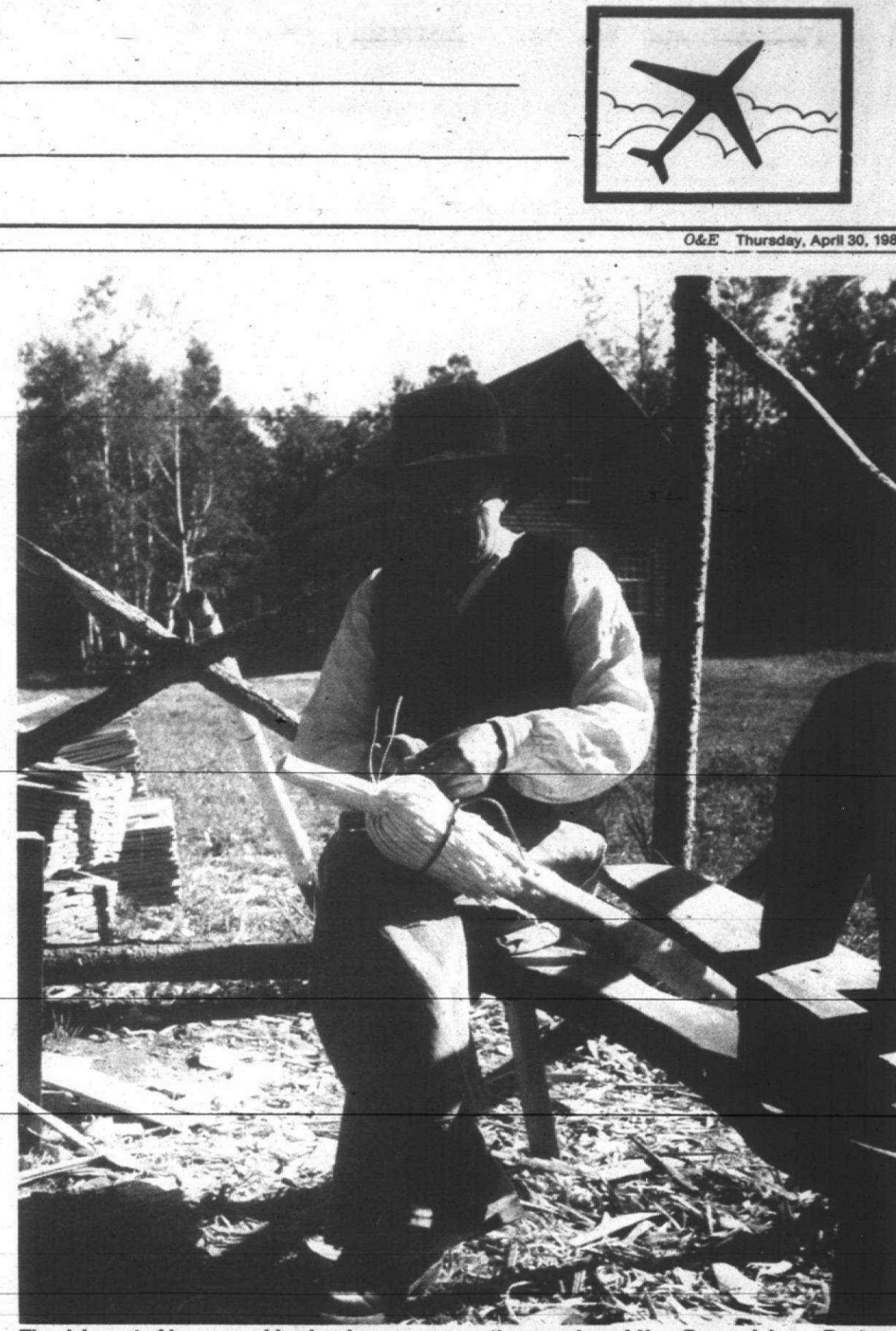
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The dying art of broom-making has been preserved at Acadian Historical Village in the northern region of New Brunswick, on Route 11 near Caraquet.



# Housing sales dip across state

Housing sales in Michigan for the first quarter this year were 3.8 percent below a year earlier, according to the Michigan Association of Realtors.

The slight dip in sales reflects a leveling off of the fast-paced buying of a year ago resulting from the low interest rates in almost 10 years.

"The 1986 increase was dramatic," said Elizabeth (Libby) Wright, MAR president. "A year ago, we

showed a 29-percent increase statewide over 1985.

"This year, with interest rates remaining fairly stable during the first quarter, the industry is back to a more steady pace, having met the demands of those homebuyers who were holding out for lower rates."

WRIGHT ALSO noted that the decline in sales reflects a problem real estate agents throughout the state are experiencing: a shorter supply of

homes available for sale. Real estate boards participating in the survey all noted a diminishing supply of new listings.

"Our members report homes are selling faster than they can be replaced with new listings," said Wright. This demand for housing in turn contributes to an increase in the average sale price, as more buyers are competing for fewer homes.

The association reports the aver-

age sale price went up 8 percent over the same period last year.

The average price of a home was the most expensive in the Livingston County area, \$78,115, up 34 percent.

THE BATTLE Creek area offered the lowest price, \$40,613, representing a price decline of nearly 10 percent. The Battle Creek area also reported the highest increase in sales, up 35 percent over the previous year.

The Flint-Saginaw area experienced the steepest decline in sales, 26 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

"These figures reflect the economic activity in the areas," Wright noted. "Battle Creek's stable employment base is evident in the strong increase. On the other hand, the concern and uncertainty in the Flint-Saginaw area regarding automotive jobs has turned up in the sales decrease."

Overall, there were 15,867 homes sold so far this year in the 15 regions surveyed by the association, compared with 16,497 sold a year earlier.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

## Pets of the Week

Tammy, an 8-week-old female kitten and Sandy, a 1-year-old female mixed breed dachshund need homes. Tammy (Control No. 186184) is housebroken, good with children and other animals. She weighs about 2 pounds and will be 8-10 pounds when fully grown. Sandy (Control No. 196745) weighs 17 pounds and is already fully grown. Each pet is available through the Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society. To adopt these pets or others, or to check for lost pets, call 721-7300. The center is at 37255 Marquette, Westland.

# Ford Motor Co. donates tents to Wayne County park system

Wayne County Parks recently received four tents, valued at \$15,000, from Ford Motor Co.

Jerry Brown, Ford Municipal Affairs manager, made the presentation to Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara on behalf of the

Ford division.

The tents will be available as portable picnic shelters throughout the spring and summer. Individuals or groups can reserve tents by calling the Wayne County Parks system.

"We have worked with the Wayne

County Parks system on several projects," said Brown, who is a former Livonia councilman. "We thought it to be most appropriate to assist in providing adequate recreation facilities to the community of which Ford is a big part."

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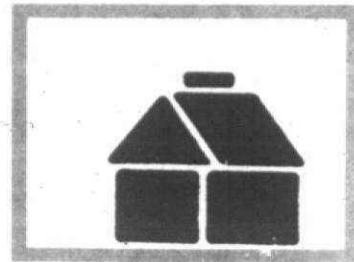
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## Organist featured



Carole Halmekangas, organist at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia, will be a soloist in the final concert of the season of the Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra at an 8 p.m. concert Sunday in Ward church, Six Mile and Farmington roads. In addition to her organist duties, Halmekangas is program director of Ward's women's ministries. She did her undergraduate at Wheaton College in Illinois and has a master's degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan. In addition to her performing, she composes and arranges instrumental and choral music, and is director and conductor of Fifth Season, a women's ensemble.



## Invitational show only the beginning

**A**FTER AN ABSENCE OF a year, the Livonia Cultural League reinstated its Purchase Award Invitational with an outstanding 75-exhibit show now on display in the Livonia City Hall.

Top honors in the show went to Livonia resident Yorika Cronin for a modernistic oil painting, "Interior." Second place went to Farmington resident, Donna Vogelheim for a watercolor, "Outside My Window." Third place winner was Southfield resident Jodie Stein with an acrylic, "Threat."

Stein also won an honorable mention for another acrylic, "Saturday Afternoon." Joan E. Bonnett was also awarded an honorable mention for "Sailform Abstract."

All the winners — including the honorable mentions — will become a part of the public collection of art assembled by the cultural league via the invitational. The collection is on permanent display in the Fifth Floor Gallery of the city hall.

**IN ADDITION, THE LIVONIA** Arts Commission, a co-sponsor of the show, has indicated an interest in the show and quite possibly will purchase one of the paintings to add to the public collection.

Judges for the show were Elaine Godfrey, professor emeritus, Eastern Michigan University and John Loree, professor of art, Eastern Michigan University. The show's chairman was LCL board member Lucille McNamara.

The show will be on display through Friday, May 15. Artists were honored at a champagne awards reception Sunday, officially opening the show.

Marie McGee

## briefly speaking

### ● SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, in conjunction with the city of Plymouth, will hold its fifth annual spring arts festival in Kellogg Park Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31.

The juried two-day festival will feature the exhibition and sale of work from more than 100 fine artists and crafters from Michigan and throughout the United States.

### ● DEARBORN SYMPHONY

The Dearborn Symphony will present its final concert in its silver anniversary season at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, in Edsel Ford High School auditorium. The event will mark the farewell of Nathan Gordon, founding musical director, who is retiring after 25 years of service to the orchestra and the community.

Opening the concert will be the "Euryanthe Overture" by Weber, followed by Beethoven's "Triple Concerto in C for Piano, Violin and Cello." Soloists will be Jutta Czaap-ski, piano; Gordon Staples, violin; and Italo Babini, cello. The evening will conclude with Symphony N. 5 in E Minor by Tchaikowsky.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. For more information, call 561-5782.

### ● AUSCHWITZ EXHIBITION

"Auschwitz: A Crime Against Hu-

manity," an exhibition from the infamous concentration camp where four million people were murdered, will be on display in the Wayne State University Community Arts Gallery May 17-29. An opening ceremony will be held in the gallery Sunday, May 17. The exhibit of 135 photographs, documents, artifacts and personal belongings is on loan from the Auschwitz State Museum in Poland. Detroit is one of the 15 major cities on a two-year tour of the exhibition under the sponsorship of the United Jewish Appeal.

Artwork will include 17 pen and ink drawings by prisoner Mieczslaw Koscielniak. Also on exhibit will be personal clothing and ashes of the Auschwitz victims. There is no admission charge.

Exhibition hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tuesday and Wednesday the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### ● GARDEN CITY ART SHOW

The Garden City Library will be the scene of the Garden City Fine Arts Association's spring art show opening Monday, May 11 and continuing through Saturday, May 16. Judging will be done by Edward Hubert. Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; closed Friday; and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Mystical 'Iolanthe' opens at Marquis

Light Opera of Michigan will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" in Northville's historic Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main starting Friday, May 1, and continuing through Sunday, May 10. Performances run on Friday and Saturdays evenings at 8 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"Iolanthe" is a delightful operetta set in Gilbert and Sullivan's mystical land of the fairies and is a favorite among Gilbert and Sullivan connoisseurs. Light Opera of Michigan will also use the opportunity to feature first and second place winners in the 1986 Met competition in Detroit.

Headlining the cast will be first-place Met winner Claritha Buggs as Queen of the Fairies and second-place winner Barbara Youngerman in the title role of Iolanthe.

ALSO FEATURED WILL be

George Bloomfield as The Lord Chancellor, Mark Byars as Lord Mountararat, Conwell Carrington as Private Willis, Tim Hamann as Lord Tolloller, John Muriella as Strephon and Judy Zorn as Phyllis.

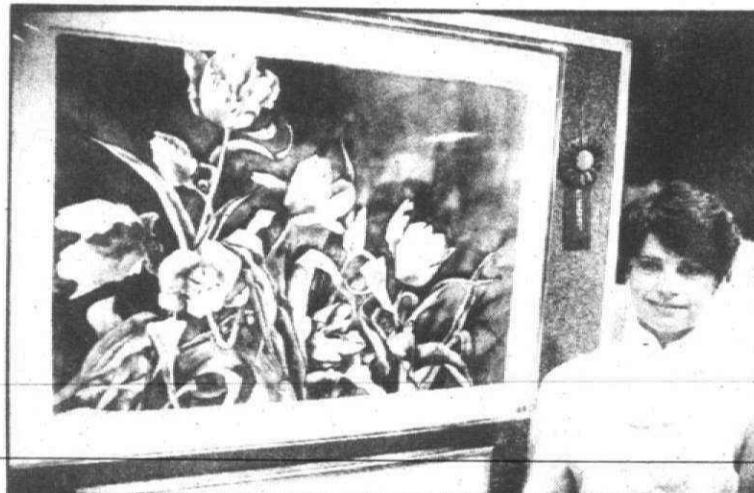
David Pulice, LOOM's artistic director, is the stage director. Alexander Turco is the music director and Dolly Scheibelhut is costume designer.

Tickets are \$10 with discounts available for senior citizens. Tickets can be reserved by telephone with VISA, Mastercard or American Express by calling 349-8110 between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets will also be available at the door or at the Marquis Theater located on either side of the theater. For further information, call 349-8110.



LAURA CASTLE/staff photographer

Yorika Cronin won first place with her oil painting, "Interior."



LAURA CASTLE/staff photographer

"Outside My Window" won a second place for Donna Vogelheim.

By Marie McGee  
staff writer

**I**F YOU'VE wondering what the Livonia Cultural League has been up to lately, wonder no more.

The group surfaced brilliantly Sunday at its invitational purchase award art show with the message that there are bigger things to come.

High on that list is involvement in a "birthday bash" that will be held in conjunction with Livonia Spree activities in late June and the state's sesquicentennial observance.

"The bash will be an excuse to hold any kind of an anniversary

celebration you can think of," said the project's chairman, Bob Bishop.

"Actual birthdays, your birthday as a Livonia resident or your subdivision's birthday — and for the business community, how long you have been in business here," Bishop said.

"In other words, we'll accept any kind of an excuse."

**THE EVENT** has such promise, Bishop said, that the city of Livonia has agreed to be a sponsor of the bash, which will be held Friday, June 26, in Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

A committee of Livonia Cultural League members and Livonia



LAURA CASTLE/staff photographer

Southfield resident Jodie Stein won a third place with "Threat."

residents meets regularly to plan the event, which will include "Taste of Livonia" food booths, refreshments, dancing, door prize drawings and, of course, ice cream and cake.

All the trappings of a birthday party — including clowns and balloons — will be included, and all ages will be welcome, Bishop said.

Proceeds will help the Livonia Cultural League pay for its many activities such as the Civic Center Environmental art sculpture, the Ruth Knight Young Artists Awards (coming up soon) and the invitational art show now in progress.

**BUT BEFORE** the bash takes place, the Livonia Cultural League hopes residents will "tune into" another one of its projects, which begins tomorrow.

Through the cooperation of Metrovision, cable television viewers can arrange to have fast-moving film "Top Gun" shown on Channel 20 at either 7 p.m. or 9 p.m. through May 10.

The cable TV company has agreed to donate half the proceeds to the Livonia Cultural League.

Call 422-3200 to order the pay-per-view with a cultural slant.



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Dorothy Stockbridge tinkles the ivories of an antique piano at the home of her aunt, Eileen Toy of Livonia.

## A new pitch for performing arts

By Marie McGee  
staff writer

**M**AYBE IT GOES back to her days as an advocate for the arts for the city of Lansing. Or maybe it comes from her rich Italian musical background. But whatever the reason, Dorothy Stockbridge continues to make a pitch for the arts.

Her biggest challenge will come the weekend of May 8-10 in Livonia Mall when she presents the first-ever "All Things Musical," an unusual lineup of talent to treasure.

She's calling it "The first music specialty show of its kind in the country," and it's designed to serve the needs of the musical community as well as the public.

Collectors of vintage sheet music, records, radios, pianos and the like will find much to suit their fancies, she said.

"THAT'LL BE FUN," she said, "but the real purpose of the show is to showcase musical talent."

This will be done in several ways, she explained, including demo tapes, videocassette films or in live performance during the musical clinic and showcase segments of the event.

Anyone looking to hire a musical group — for a wedding, for example — will be able to see and hear several groups perform without ever leaving the mall, Stockbridge pointed out.

A former Livonia resident who now lives in Ann Arbor, Stockbridge is currently a portrait painter. But it wasn't so very long ago that she was employed by the city of Lansing as liaison with the arts community. She was a member of Michigan Concerned Citizen for the Arts, which helped draft legislation to aid the arts community.

She also knows what it's like to be a working musician. For awhile, she made her way as a ballad singer, accompanying herself on the piano, in various supper clubs.

**THE MAIN PURPOSE** for the show and sale, she said, is to visually promote musicians, "to find them jobs and keep them from leaving Michigan."

Computers are putting a lot of musicians out of work. "Somehow we have to help those who have chosen music as their life's work," she said.

One of the highlights of the show will be the performance at 3 p.m. Saturday of the popular Max Davey Singers.

Davey is doing the show because he believes in what she is trying to do for musicians, Stockbridge said.





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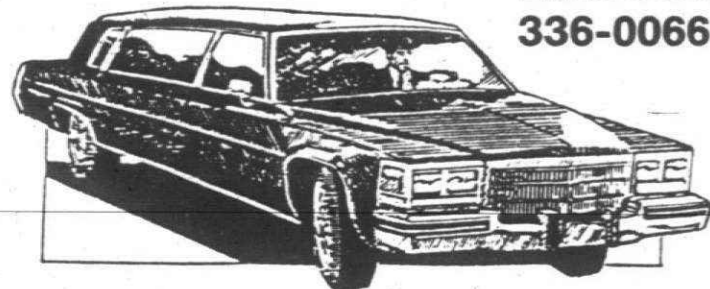
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A detachable train is one of the features of this all-over Alencon lace sheath adorned with pearls and sequins. The headpiece is a Indian headband of satin and pearls.

**Credits**



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Questions should be directed to McGee at 591-2300, Ext. 313.



**Timetable is important to planning**

**A** COUPLE CAN be wed as quickly as it takes to get a license and an official to tie the knot. But it gets more complicated if they decided on a large wedding to solemnize the event.

Nowadays, hotels, catering halls and churches are often booked a year in advance, so planning can begin as much as a year in advance to select the wedding date and secure the site.

Six months is considered reasonable time to plan a large, formal wedding. Here's a list of the chores and approximately when to do them.

**ONE YEAR AHEAD:**

1. After discussing budget and deciding how the party will be paid for, choose and reserve wedding date and ceremony and reception sites. (Both for efficiency and as a souvenir, bridal authorities suggest the bride buy a wedding planner and memory album.)

**SIX MONTHS AHEAD:**

1. Choose and order the wedding dress after deciding on the color scheme. At the same time, begin thinking about wedding attire for the

groom, best man, ushers and fathers.

2. Choose and invite the attendants.  
3. Begin the guest list.  
4. Schedule meetings with clergy, travel agent for honeymoon ideas, bridal registry representatives to select and register for china, silver and other gifts.

**THREE MONTHS AHEAD:**

1. Complete the guest list, order invitations and stationery, start addressing invitations.

2. Shop for trousseau and order wedding rings; order groom's and attendants' attire, confirm delivery date for bridal dress.

3. Select photographer, arrange transportation for wedding.

4. Complete honeymoon plans.  
5. Plan ceremony and reception details regarding music, caterer, bouquet, mothers' corsages, boutonnières.

**ONE MONTH AHEAD:**

1. Mail invitations.  
2. Buy groom's and attendants' gifts; pick up wedding rings.  
3. Have final fitting for gown and headpiece.

4. Have bridal portrait taken.  
5. Plan bridesmaid's luncheon, rehearsal dinner and bachelor party, if not already done.

6. Arrange for announcement in newspapers and for lodging of out-of-town guests and attendants.

**TWO WEEKS AHEAD:**

1. Obtain marriage license and send announcement to newspaper.

2. Make appointment with hairdresser, check to make sure luggage is in order and that honeymoon arrangements are all settled, if not already done.

3. Arrange for transportation to departure point for honeymoon. (Best man often provides it.)

**ONE WEEK AHEAD:**

1. Finish addressing announcements to mail on wedding day.

2. Provide final guest count and go over final details with caterer, florist, musicians, etc.

3. Give/or attend bridesmaid's luncheon and bachelor dinner. (Present gifts to attendants at rehearsal dinner.)

4. Groom gives clergy fee to best man who will deliver it after the ceremony.

5. Arrange to move belongings to new home; begin honeymoon packing.

**WEDDING CEREMONY TIME-TABLE:**

Two hours to go: wedding party gets dressed.

One hour to go: pictures taken at home with attendants.

Forty-five minutes to go: ushers arrive at ceremony site, place wedding programs and prayer books in pews.

Thirty minutes to go: organist starts music, ushers show in guests.

Ten minutes to go: bridal party assembles in line in vestibule.

Five minutes to go: groom's parents take seats in front pew on right of main aisle; last-minute guests are seated. The last person to take her place is the bride's mother.

One minute to go: two ushers lay aisle canvas.

Zero hour: wedding procession begins.

Associated Press

**Slimmery shimmer**



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Wonderful new glittery materials put new emphasis on the bridal party. New season is lame — not just in gold but in pastel shades as well — and iridescent swishy taffetas. At the left is a off-the shoulder, straightline lame gown with a floral accent at the waistline. At the right is a puff sleeve, scoop neckline gown of taffeta. Both are from Boulevard Bridal Shop in Birmingham.

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# Romantic elegance

**T**HE TRADITIONAL formal wedding dress with a long train is enjoying great popularity this spring as romantic elegance takes over center stage.

But styles that reflect more sophistication are also being seen in bridal departments and shops, including for example, sheaths and many shorter lengths. Some styles include pale pastel gowns, puffy sleeves and multicolor beading on white lace bodices.

Pictured at the left is a Bianchi creation showing the importance of beading in this year's fashions. The gown is available exclusively at Boulevard Bridal Salon in Birmingham.

At the right is a Milady alencon lace with satin and organza sheath with a cathedral-length train. Hanging borealis crystals are a brilliant touch.

This year, too, there seems to be more back interest in dresses than usual as shown in the photo below at the right. An original creation of alencon lace and netting by Betsy for Nina's Bridal Shop in Ferndale, the long-waisted bodice ends with a V-cut, flaring into seven layers of netting to give this season's most fashionable look — the mermaid. Short puffy, ruffled sleeves of netting are edged with pearls (70 yards, if you're counting).

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A closer look at the hand-band-style headpiece worn by the model in the upper right photo shows hand-beaded veiling. It is a custom-designed by Bradley for the Couture Collection and is available at Boulevard Bridal Shop in Birmingham.



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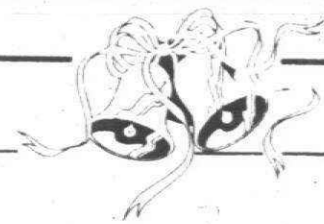
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# Here's help in finding the right love boat

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The cruise lines are selling a dream. A dream of romantic encounters, non-stop fun, exotic destinations and food beyond compare. And the lines deliver the dream — at least to a certain extent.

To have a perfect cruise, it has to fit right. So here are some hints to help you tailor your cruise to your body.

**PICKING A SHIP:** This is the hard part. With several dozen cruise lines serving the American traveler, it is difficult to choose just the right size and fit. Good travel agents can help because they carry a whole line of cruises and can help pick just the right one.

**CHOOSING AN ITINERARY:** What's your pleasure? Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Mexican Riviera,

the Mediterranean, the Far East or the Norwegian fjords? Pick a destination, then pick a ship.

The Caribbean is by far the most popular destination for Midwesterners. But within that one area are a number of itineraries. The most common is the seven-day cruise out of Miami that hits Nassau in the Bahamas, St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

An increasingly popular route is the western Caribbean area, featuring the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico with its Mayan ruins.

Other ships are heading farther south to Cartagena, Colombia or Caracas. Still others transit the Panama Canal, then head to Acapulco, Caba San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta on the Mexican Riviera, which also is a popular cruise destination from Los Angeles.

Most of the Alaskan itineraries are the same, leaving from Vancouver and hitting the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Juneau, Glacier Bay and Sitka. Some leave from San Francisco for longer

trips, while others go all the way to Anchorage and back.

**PICKING A CABIN:** The higher the cabin, the higher the price. Cabins in the bowels of the ship are the cheapest, as are inside cabins with no portholes.

Nearly all cabins on a ship are the same size — small, despite what the brochure and scenes from the "Love Boat" TV series show. The largest suites on a ship are nearly as large as a room in a budget motel. A higher price does not necessarily mean a larger room. The price is determined by the location.

The best room may be in the middle of the ship on a middle deck, because here is the smoothest ride. Lowerdecks are closer to the engines and service areas. Higher decks are farther from the center of gravity and thus rock more with the ship. Be sure to get a cabin away from the disco.

Windows are nice, but for the extra money, the view may not be worth it, especially on a short cruise.

**FOOD:** Those jeans will be considerably tighter when you disembark from a cruise. There is no way of avoiding a severe case of overeating.

Figure on eating at least six times a day, and sometimes eight. There are early riser's coffee on deck, breakfast, mid-morning bouillon, lunch, mid-afternoon snacks, dinner, the midnight buffet and, sometimes, a post-midnight buffet as well.

The best thing about dining on ships is that the food never ends. If you can't decide between lobster and steak, have both. Go ahead and have the baked Alaska and the rum cake. It's all included in the price.

**PAYING THE PRICE:** Cruise lines and travel agents sing the praises of cruises as the best travel bargain afloat. It may be a bargain for what you get, but it isn't cheap. A couple can expect to spend a minimum of \$2,000 to \$3,000 a week for their cruise, with costs going higher on longer cruises.

So find the cruise that fits, and come aboard.

# Engaging traditions

## Why we have the ring, shower, hope chest

**P**ROPOSALS HAVE been emblazoned across cakes, tucked inside fortune cookies, etched in the sand, written in the sky, placed in newspaper ads, sent via Western Union and carrier pigeon and lettered five feet high on billboards.

But no matter how unique the method of popping the question, the "engaging customs" that follow have survived centuries, and the background of these traditions can be as meaningful to today's bride and groom as they were to the first Egyptian who gave a ring to his betrothed.

If you're wondering why you're attending showers, saving for your hope

chest or wearing an engagement ring on the third finger on your left hand, Bride's magazine provides some interesting answers.

**WHY AN ENGAGEMENT ring?** A symbol of the groom's honorable intentions, a ring also was considered partial payment for the bride. Under Roman law, a bride groom furnished a ring as a sign of security, to protect the interests of the bride-to-be. The ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand because the pharaohs of Egypt believed a vein, the "vena amoris," ran from that finger directly to the heart.

Why a trousseau or dowry? The 20th century dowry — the material goods a bride brings to her marriage — is considered the career and salary of the working bride. But the custom of a dowry began in Europe sometime after 500 B.C., when the esteem in which the bride was held was heightened by her dowry — the land, money or household goods she brought with her. As long as the husband and wife were married, he benefited from the dowry, but if the husband died or the marriage was dissolved, the bride had her dowry to fall back on.

Why a bridal shower? Tradition has it that a Dutch maiden fell in love with a poor miller, and when her father denied her a dowry to marry, the miller's friends showered the bride with gifts to help the young couple set up housekeeping. In the 1890s, this theme was furthered when friends put presents in brightly colored Japanese paper umbrellas; when the bride popped it open over her head the parcels "showered" down on her.

**WHY A BACHELOR party?** While the days of the dancing girl jumping from the cake may be past, few grooms pass up the chance to gather with buddies before the wedding. Traditionally, the purpose of the bachelor party was to raise a fund for the groom so he could continue to go out with his friends after his bride took control of the household finances. But the gathered bachelors mainly mourned the loss of one of their own, even as they toasted the bride with champagne, and smashed the glasses in the fireplace or underfoot so the glass would never be used for a less worthy purpose.

What is a hope chest? Your hope chest may be a recently acquired trunk of gifts and purchases for your new home, but originally the bride's family began preparing for her mar-

riage when she was born. Collecting, embroidering and crafting items to store in a marriage chest, even a

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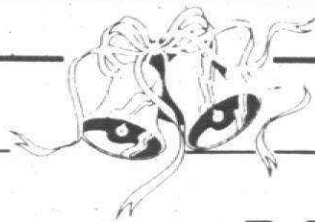
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# You're invited

## Extending invitations, writing the thank-yous

**W**ITH THE return of the traditional wedding comes the return of traditional choices in invitations and thank-you notes.

With longer engagements, brides have more time to make the appropriate selections for all the formalities surrounding their weddings. This includes finding the perfect invitations.

Neiman-Marcus, for example, plays the arbiter of taste in handling only Crane paper, ecru in color and engraved in black ink.

"The basic invitation package," according to a Neiman-Marcus spokeswoman, "is your engraved invitations, two envelopes — an inside one and outside one, a reception card and response card with envelope. And, of course, the invitations are tissueed."

STACEY HIMMEL, who has been helping couples select their invitations for the last several years, also notices

a traditional trend.

"There is more and more engraving... but the message inside the invitation may be personalized for friends and family."

Among the contemporary selections made by her clientele, florals remain a popular choice.

Handwritten invitations are acceptable and appealing for those having a small wedding of less than 50 guests. Handwriting on the envelopes even adds a personal touch to the most formal invitation. For an extra touch, brides can have professional calligraphers address the envelopes being sent to guests.

SOME COUPLES personalize their invitations with a photograph taken by a professional or friend. Some prefer formal studio sittings, while others like a carefree, relaxed pose outdoors.

A couple should choose their invitations no less than 10 to 12 weeks prior

to their wedding date so there will be time for word selection and proofreading, delivery and addressing. Invitations with photographs may require additional time.

Invitations should be mailed at least one month prior to the ceremony. This allows adequate time for guests to respond and make gift selections.

With gifts in mind, the bride may wish to select her thank-you notes at the same time she selects her invitations. A blind-embossed thank-you card with her maiden initials can be used prior to the wedding for shower thank-yous.

FOR AFTER THE marriage, an engraved ecru thank-you card with the name of the married couple is appropriate.

How can the bride keep track of hundreds of invitations? For years, brides made 3-by-3 cards listing guests' names and placed them alphabetically in a box or binder. They used

the cards to eliminate duplications, check spellings, tally the wedding and reception counts and do necessary cuts to keep the event within budget.

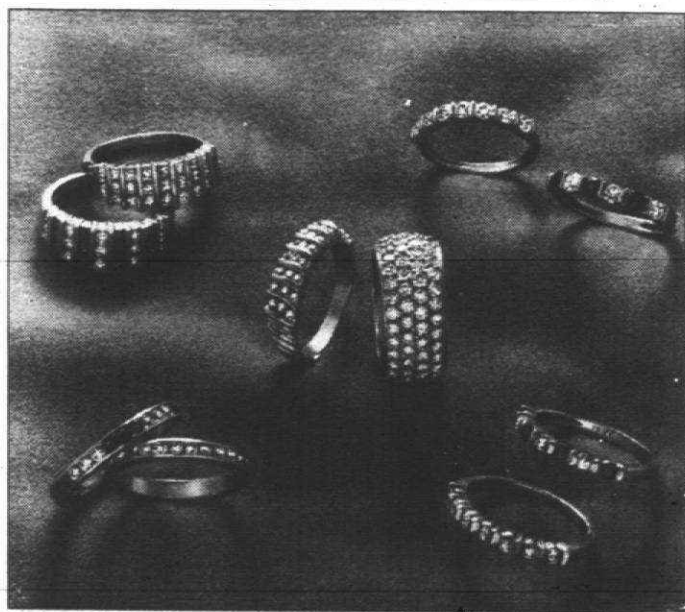
Today, any family that has a computer might try out its mailmerge system. Lists can be placed in the computer, alphabetized, tallied for responses and gifts can be listed for thank-yous.

FOR ADDRESSING the invitations, a bride can hire a service or undertake the task herself. The bridesmaids might want to lend a hand over afternoon tea. All invitations should be hand-addressed in blue or black ink. A typewriter should never be used.

The thank-yous also should be handwritten, but only by the bride and groom. Since timeliness is important, most experts suggest writing thank-yous as soon as the gifts are received.

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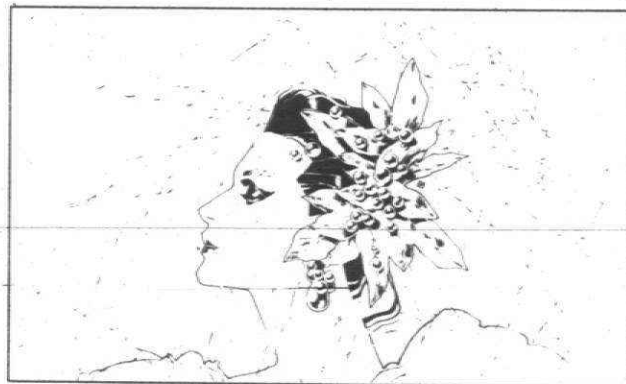
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