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Officials say board vote won't affect taxes

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By Bill Casper
and Neal Haldane
staff writers

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A change to a charter township would increase the local government's taxing power but local officials emphasized Monday that they could not increase taxes without approval of Redford Township voters.

The local board of trustees is considering a complicated switch from the current status of general law township to charter township.

The change is needed to retain

\$316,000 in state-shared revenue allocations eliminated when the state changed its formula for determining those payments.

Legislation requires Redford to become a charter township or city by February 1989 in order to continue receiving those payments, according to Redford Supervisor James Kelly.

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But if voters approve the change (from general law to charter township), the township could increase taxes from 2 mills to 5 mills without asking residents to vote on the increase.

Switch strengthens taxing authority

By Bill Casper
staff writer

The local board of trustees stands to gain a little taxing authority and Redford Township supervisor James Kelly stands to formally gain a little more power if the local board of trustees decides to switch from a general law to a charter township government.

Redford officials claim taxes could not be increased without approval of voter residents but the change to a charter township would affect local government in other ways.

Most significantly, the supervisor's authority would increase under a charter township while annexation of a

charter township becomes more difficult.

Those and other ramifications involved in becoming a charter township were highlighted in a videotape presented Monday by Michigan Townships Association representative Sue Hodgman during a board study session on the issue.

"We are not promoting either side of the issue," she told board members before presenting the 24-minute videotape. "We have no vested interest in either and this (videotaped) material is only for informational purposes."

IN A general law township, the township board re-

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Psychologist guides patients at local agency

By Arlene Funke
special writer

Thomas Herzberg has devoted his career to helping the mentally ill.

Herzberg, 56, is a clinical psychologist and executive director of Suburban West Community Center, an outpatient mental-health agency headquartered in Redford.

The agency's clients — approximately 700 people per year — don't lie on a sofa and rehash old childhood grudges. Suburban West concentrates on helping the clients gain confidence, find jobs and cope with stress.

"We're getting away from talking therapy," Herzberg said. "The emphasis is on assertive community treatment. We work with people in the community and try to solve their everyday problems as they come up."

The agency operates a satellite counseling office in Canton and a job training center in Livonia.

It serves residents of Redford Township, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Most clients previously had been hospitalized for moderate to severe problems that rendered them unable to function.

"WHEN PEOPLE leave the hospital, they are discharged to independent living," Herzberg said. "The overwhelming majority are going back to their families or to their apartment, occasionally to a group living situation. They are considered to be well enough to go out and function on their own without supervision, in the overwhelming majority of cases."

The agency is increasing its caseload of referrals from the general public. These clients are treated for such problems as anxiety, depression, stress and family problems.

Herzberg considers himself a champion of mentally ill people, but he's acutely aware that many people don't share his views.

"There is a lot of fear in the community," Herzberg said. "Anything that people don't understand, there is going to be a lot of suspicion."

Herzberg, a native of New York

close-up

City, has spent more than 30 years in the mental health field and has a doctorate in clinical psychology from Wayne State University.

He has been with Suburban West since its beginning in 1978. Previously, he was a staff psychologist for the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital and had a part-time private practice.

Herzberg also has worked in veterans' hospitals, served as a school psychologist and counselor in the Royal Oak school system and taught at Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State and Oakland University.

"I'M MUCH more optimistic," Herzberg said. "It used to be, if anybody went into a state hospital, it was frequently for a lifetime. They threw away the key."

Less than 3 percent of Suburban West's clients need supervision to keep them from hurting themselves

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Thomas Herzberg
advocate for the mentally ill



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Heavy reading?

Two-year-old Jeremiah Paul of Redford decided to pick out his own book. His mother, Rosanne, was looking for background for her other son's school report during a visit to the Redford Public Library. For more on who visits the township's favorite book nook on a given day, see Page 1B.

State releases suggested AIDS education plan

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Students in grades seven through 12 should know what AIDS is, how it's spread, myths about the disease and how to prevent it, state educators say.

Those four guidelines are the basis for suggested AIDS teaching in Michigan's public schools.

"We feel that everyone needs to be given the knowledge and the skills to adopt behavior that will protect them from contracting the disease," said Barbara Hower, state health education specialist.

Local superintendents were sent information on the suggested curriculum last week. "What a district does with it is a district's decision," said Hower.

'... the key thing we're concerned they understand is how it's not transmitted.'

— Barbara Hower
state health specialist

Local superintendents said they haven't yet reviewed the state program.

Kenneth Erickson, Redford Union Schools superintendent, said, "I certainly think that what we're doing now is designed to meet the needs of the state law."

He said the schools administration

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Miniature display hosted by YMCA

By Bill Casper
staff writer

It's a small world — especially for those hobbyists who craft and collect miniatures.

And the YMCA in Redford Township is again putting miniatures on display — along with Teddy Bears — in its sixth annual Miniature Show.

The public is invited to attend the Sunday, March 20, show and also to enter the competition for both miniatures and Teddy Bears, said Judy Bobrow, the Y's director of public relations and fund raising.

The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"A lot of people are into Teddy Bears and miniatures and it seemed like a natural combination," she said. "Anyone can enter a Teddy Bear in the contest. The public will judge the Teddy Bears."

Awards will be given for the most

loved, best-dressed, smallest and largest Teddy Bears, Bobrow said.

"A LOT of people hand craft and collect miniatures, tiny replicas of anything from food to furniture to cars," she said. "The miniatures are made to scale to fit in small doll houses, called room boxes."

"We were going to cancel this year's show until we learned there is so much interest in this activity," Bobrow said. "One vendor is coming all the way from Texas for the show."

"Room boxes will be on display for competition in one room and for show in another room," she said. "A panel of experts will judge the room boxes in competition."

The room boxes will be judged on originality of concept, quality of workmanship and use of scale, Bobrow said.

There also will be three work-

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Students try to curb pending teacher cuts

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Because some of their favorite teachers may be laid off, some Clarenceville Junior High School students are trying to do something about it.

Heather Neely, 12, said she and three friends are organizing a letter-writing campaign to Clarenceville Superintendent Micheal Shibler, Gov. James Blanchard, state Sen. Robert Geake, state Rep. Lyn Bankes, and President Ronald Reagan.

By writing officials, the students say they hope to raise enough money to keep their teachers from being laid off.

"We're asking some of the parents to write separately," Neely said.

Kim MacIver, 12, Katy Grant, 12, and Amy Patterson, 13, also are heading the letter-writing effort. All four are seventh graders.

"No action has been taken yet" on layoffs,

Shibler said. But it's possible the board of education could lay off 10 teachers at the end of the school year, he added.

"THE GOVERNOR is not going to increase the state aid formula significantly, by zero to 2 percent," Shibler said. And the district's costs are going up 7-9 percent, he said.

While elementary enrollment is expected to remain stable, junior high and high school enrollment is projected to dip, cutting the district's state aid.

"Something has to give," Shibler said. The board will examine possible layoffs in late March or early April.

MacIver said she heard of the layoffs from her choir teacher, Dawn Roberts.

"She's a good teacher. She's real patient with us and does a good job," MacIver said, explaining why the students wanted to do something.

The students said they've heard that about 10

teachers were being laid off due to budget cuts. When they told other students, "A lot of them wanted to help out," Neely said.

"We'd like to get other schools involved," Neely added. Teachers at other schools could also be laid off, she said.

So far, 30 students have agreed to write letters, they said.

"We said we'd mail them," Neely said.

A LETTER written by the students for government officials reads, "I am writing to you as a student from the Clarenceville School District. Our school is financially going broke."

"A lot of our teachers are getting laid off. We want to save our school, and with your help we think we can do it."

The students said they talked with some teachers about what to do. "They say it (letter writing) is a good idea to get involved and to keep at it," Neely said.

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He and other township officials, along with the supervisor of Plymouth Township, maintain that the Headlee Amendment would require voter approval to increase Redford's current tax rate if the local board approves a change to a charter township form of government.

The bottom line is we lose the revenue sharing money if we stay a general law township," Kelly said Monday night during a board study session on the issue. "The board could levy an additional 3 mills (\$3 per \$1,000 of assessed property val-

ue as a charter township), but only if voters approve."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen supported Kelly's position.

"PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP became a charter township by board resolution in 1979 and we found that our residents were most concerned about tax hikes," Breen said. "But the Headlee Amendment prohibits a tax hike without voter approval and that satisfied our residents."

Charter townships can levy 5 mills of property taxes for general operating purposes. Currently, Redford is capped at 2 mills because of its status as a general law township.

Legal opinions support the idea that the Headlee Amendment would require voter approval of additional taxes if Redford became a charter township by a board of trustee resolution.

An analysis of the state law written by John H. Bauckham, an attorney for the Michigan Townships Association, supported that opinion.

The local board also has the option of seeking voter approval of a charter township.

But if voters approve the change, the township could increase taxes from 2 mills to 5 mills without asking residents to vote on the increase.

Kelly and Redford treasurer Robert Brang said.

UNDER STATE law, if the board votes to become a charter township, local voters have 60 days to petition for a referendum vote on the change of government.

The referendum petitions would have to be signed by eligible Redford voters, equal in number to at least 10 percent of the votes cast for the supervisor in the last local election, Redford clerk Joan Kelly said.

Redford residents also have the option to initiate by petition a charter township vote without board action, according to state law.

State officials recently decided to discount Redford's special assessments resulting in the cut of state funds. The township asked voters to approve special assessments for street lighting, police operation and other services because it had reached its maximum taxing power as a general law municipality.

Tied in with the need to change to a charter township, Redford must also change the name of some of its special assessments in order to get credit in the state formula.

Kelly said changing the name of some special assessments is needed in order to preserve the \$316,000 in state payments. Residents would

have to approve the change from special assessments to ad valorem taxes.

Changing some special assessments to ad valorem taxes also would generate an additional \$300,000 to \$350,000 in business property taxes because ad valorem taxes can be levied against personal property while special assessments cannot.

Kelly said he plans to make a charter township proposal at the board's Monday, March 7 meeting.

A vote on changing the names of some special assessments could come in August.

Switch enhances supervisor's role

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tains most of the administrative authority, while the state charter township act grants the supervisor more authority over the day-to-day operations of the township.

However, the board of a charter township is authorized to hire a superintendent and delegate to that official a wide range of duties that include managing public improvement projects and overseeing the operation of township utilities, the maintenance of township property, and terms and conditions of township contracts.

If the board does not hire a superintendent, those duties become the responsibility of the township supervisor.

But Redford deputy supervisor Kevin Kelley said Monday that most of the township's daily administrative duties have long since been assumed by the local supervisor because of the practical need to make numerous decisions on a timely basis.

SOME REDFORD residents

have expressed opposition to the additional cost of hiring a superintendent, but board members have said they don't intend to hire a superintendent.

There are no substantive changes in the duties of the township clerk and treasurer under a charter township, Hodgman said.

The charter township action also recognizes that townships providing police and fire protection, along with water, sewer and other services should be afforded additional protection from annexation, she said.

However, a charter township incorporated after June 1978 is not automatically immune from annexation.

Although the authority of the state boundary commission over charter township land is lessened, the commission may order annexation of a portion of a township to avoid instances where portions of a township are completely surrounded by the annexing city.

The township also can be annexed if the action is initiated by township voters.

State offers AIDS guidelines for use by school districts

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would review the state recommendations carefully for items that might help the district teach students about AIDS.

Current teaching on AIDS in the Redford Union schools more heavily emphasizes abstinence from sex to encourage AIDS prevention.

"THAT'S AN area we feel should have heavy emphasis," Erickson said. The state program equally balances teaching on abstinence and safe sex to prevent AIDS.

South Redford School District Superintendent Jan Jacobs said, "We want to involve our parents" in reviewing the state program, along with staff members.

After administrators and parents study the program and tailor it for the district, Jacobs said he hopes to begin an AIDS education program in the district before the school year ends.

Currently, the South Redford district offers some AIDS education for middle school students, he said.

The state program was developed by the state Board of Education and

public health officials, after Gov. James Blanchard signed a bill in November requiring AIDS education in Michigan schools.

The four basic guidelines are taught in ways deemed appropriate for three grade levels—seventh and eighth grades, ninth and 10th, and 11-12.

"In seventh and eighth grades, we do an exercise in sorting out the myths about AIDS, what have you heard, what do you think is opinion, fact, or myth," Hower said.

BY THE state program, no less than three class periods for seventh and eighth graders should be devoted to AIDS teaching. At the end of the program, "We have the kids develop an action plan on how to communicate AIDS information to others," Hower said.

Ninth and 10th graders get instruction in the four basic categories "at an advanced level plus there are three other areas that we address," Hower said.

In ninth through 12th grades, five class periods should be devoted to AIDS instruction, the state recommends.

First, she said AIDS is discussed as a communicable disease and how it fits in with others.

"Another thing we address is the risk behaviors," Hower said, including sharing of needles, anal intercourse, and sex without a condom.

"The third thing we discuss is avoidance and modification of risk behaviors," she said. Equal emphasis is placed on avoiding risk behaviors "or what to do to modify that risk."

In 11th and 12th grades, the four basic areas are stressed again. "We go into how AIDS affects the immune system, to help understand opportunistic diseases, risk behaviors and risk-reduction techniques," including abstinence and using condoms.

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Miniature crafts on view

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shops, with professionals teaching people how to make a miniature bunny in a basket, a miniature woman's hat and miniature flowers, she said.

"MOST OF the show's participants are miniature vendors and collectors, who rent space at the Y for the display and sale of their hand-crafted items," Bobrow said. "But we encourage amateurs to participate in either the competition or the show display."

This year's show will feature a special display of a five-level doll

house, made from a hollow log by wood hobbyist Louis Nykon of Belleville. Bobrow said.

A miniature doll house will be raffled off and other door prizes, donated by vendors, will be given away, she said.

Admission is \$1 per person, plus a nominal charge to take part in the workshops, Bobrow said.

Miniature and Teddy Bear contestants should call Bobrow, 537-8500, by March 14 for entry information and miniature vendors should call by March 7 for a show application.

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The Wayne County Department of Public Services (Roads Division) has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held at the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, Michigan, at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, March 2, 1988. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss and hear comment on the proposed special assessment project to pave Graham Road (Garfield to Telegraph) and Garfield Avenue (from Graham Road northerly approximately 470'). All interested residents/property owners are invited to attend and make comment.

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Joe Fry (left) and Rob Christenson demonstrate their model of an Indian village.



Donald Julian (left) explains the art of making log cabins to a visiting class.

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Art of the state

Local students 'explore' Michigan

By Susan Coppa
staff writer

Know what the difference is between a hogan and a teepee? How about what ships traveled the Great Lakes in the 1800s? Of course, you all know the song of the Rufus Side Towhee, right?

If not, ask a MacGowan Elementary School student. There may be a little bit of trivia left for those students to learn about Michigan, but not much.

The Redford Township school students last week became the teachers, sharing their research and demonstrating new skills, crafts and cooking expertise on the state to their classmates, school officials and parents.

The kindergarten class stayed close to home, working on a map of the MacGowan neighborhood, while the first grade classes studied con-

servation, nature and scenic spots in the state.

Second grade students checked out Michigan agriculture, the highlight of their presentation being the breakfast of Michigan products.

Chris Vangos' fifth grade class became native Americans, with a little help from a visit by Laughing Cloud, a Michigan Indian who travels to schools throughout the state sharing her knowledge of the Woodland tribes.

OTHER AREAS of study included birds of Michigan, Henry Ford and the assembly line, Detroit's history and the explorer Cadillac, logging camps, the Upper Peninsula and Mackinac Island.

Emotionally impaired students studied lakes, pollution and the fishing industry. And, as did all the classes, they gave a 12-minute presentation on their topic.

According to MacGowan principal Diane K. Bert, the project, which was first suggested last June, is the only one in the area in which an entire school focuses on one subject.

Every student was actively involved in the project, Bert said, which began intensively about three weeks ago.

Parents were invited to visit during the three afternoons that the program was held, with their response being "terrific," Bert said.

"The students became the teachers," Bert said, "giving the children a chance to shine."

Richard Szurek, who teaches the emotionally impaired class, was chairman for the project and secured a grant from Wayne County Intermediate School District.

"Was it hard for the kids to return to normal routine?"

"It was exciting," Bert said, "but everyone's ready to get back to the regular classroom."

Mentally ill find advocate in agency's psychologist

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or others.

On the contrary, most mental patients are passive and dependent, Herzberg said. They lack the confidence to look for a job, are easily intimidated by a landlord or crumple under the weight of family problems.

"Jobs tend to be central for everybody for normal functioning," Herzberg said. "The training alone isn't enough. You have to find the job, give them the training and follow up until they get it together and function on their own."

The agency's \$1 million annual budget is funded primarily by state money funneled through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board. Cuthbacks by Wayne County, which provides additional funds, have hurt.

All programs are based on an ability to pay. Assistance is available through a weekly fund-raising bingo, held at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Joy Hall in Livonia. That enables Suburban West to accept clients who are unable to pay.

LESS SUCCESSFUL was the agency's recent effort to establish a "Fairweather Lodge" next to St. John Bosco Church on Beech Daly. The building, a former convent, was to be a home where former hospital patients would live and work together in such jobs as janitorial or landscaping services.

Neighbors objected, and the Redford Township Board denied the request.

Despite setbacks, Herzberg sees obstacles falling. He attributes the changes to patient advocacy groups and families who are educating the

public. In the long run, he believes people's minds will change.

"I'm optimistic, but it's slow going," Herzberg said. It's human nature (but I'm hopeful the people in the community who are resistant will change and will find out more about what the facts are."

Herzberg points out that mentally ill people "come from the community."

"They are your neighbor, brother or sister," Herzberg said. "Their mental health needs have to be met."

HERZBERG FORSAKES these weighty issues when he leaves work. He and his wife Georgiana, a teacher of occupational therapy at Wayne State University, are refurbishing a 16-room, early 20th Century-era house in Detroit's Indian Village.

The couple's children are daughter Laura, 14, a student at Cass Technical High School, and son Steven, 12, a pupil at Burton International School in Detroit.

The March lineup includes Brokenshaw and Michael (March 7), vocalist Patti Richards (March 14) and Brokenshaw again (March 28).

Interested persons may contact the Captain's Cove at 522-045 0.

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

Several top names in local jazz will be heading to Westland, courtesy of Bill Bashara.

Bashara has instituted a jazz music night on Mondays at his new club, the Captain's Cove. The club, 28001 Joy, east of Middlebelt, will showcase other types of music during the rest of the week and on weekends.

The Larry Nozoro quartet will serve as the house band each Monday, with Nozoro bringing in special guests, including local jazz mainstays vibraphonist Jack Brokenshaw and pianist Matt Michaels.

"I really think there's a market for jazz on this side of town,"

Bashara said. "We haven't had much going on the west side jazz-wise since Hunter's Run."

The Livonia restaurant-night club stopped featuring jazz performers within the last year or so, Bashara said.

The Captain's Cove reflects its name through a nautical theme and features a fireplace to help put some spark into cold, winter nights. The club seats about 100 patrons, Bashara said.

THE BAR was known as the Golden Spike for a number of years under former owner Ben Deyen.

Bashara bought the business late last year along with his father, George, and a brother, George, Jr.

The elder Bashara is an establish-

ed jazz veteran who played with big bands in New York and Philadelphia in the 1940s.

"That's where I developed my appreciation for the music," said Bill Bashara. "I don't play like my dad, but I really have a love for it and wanted to do something to help bring jazz back to this part of town."

Bashara said there will be a cover charge for the guest performers. But on nights when the Nozoro band is on its own, admission will be free, he said.

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Local Ford workers boost production

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Some of Ford Motor Co.'s better ideas appear to be coming from the employees.

With the help of the company's Employee Involvement (EI) program, the Livonia Transmission Plant has increased its production capacity as part of a soon-to-be completed \$30 million expansion program.

The plant can produce 100,000 more of its AOD transmissions that are used in rear-wheel drive cars and full-size light trucks. The plant will make 895,000 AOD transmissions annually.

High sales of Ford full-sized light trucks spurred the need for expansion of the manufacturing plant,

which services 13 assembly plants.

The expansion was completed in 1 1/2 years. Nearly 200 jobs were saved as a result of the expansion, according to plant manager Gene Wise. No new jobs will be added, Wise said.

Instead, management has relied on the workers already employed at the plant. Hourly employees, supervisors, process engineers and machine tool vendors all have had a role in the expansion process.

EMPLOYEE TEAMS, including both hourly and salaried workers, were formed within the plant to look at ways of improving machinery and production.

As a result, Ford officials said money has been saved and quality has been improved. The \$50 million price tag for the plant upgrade could

have been two or three times higher, they said.

"One of the reasons which led to that was a heck of a strong team effort by Gene Wise and the plant team plus the UAW members," said Henry Nickol, general manager of the Transmission and Chassis Division of Ford's North American Automotive Operations. "There was a tight teamwork situation here."

A total of 15 teams were formed in the plant with hundreds of employees providing input on how to improve machinery. In some cases, hourly employees helped design machines, machine layouts and gauging systems.

Glyn Robitaille of Livonia, for example, had a large part in the designing the newly refurbished output shaft machinery at the plant.

ROBITAILLE, an hourly employee, went out to various vendors and looked at all the options, including the possible purchase of new high-tech machinery. Robitaille found a way to improve existing machinery.

The renovation totaled \$200,000, which is a far cry from the \$650,000 cost of a new machine.

"We were lucky to have Glyn, who has 25 years of lathe experience," said Rodger Wantin, team manager of the project. "He saw the opportunity to redo the existing lathe."

Such involvement of an hourly worker was almost unheard of 20 years ago. But a more competitive industry has brought a more progressive attitude to both management and workers.

"They didn't weigh your opinion like they do now," Robitaille said. "Now they really go for it."

And all parties — management, union and employees — find the shift in thinking beneficial.

"We had to accomplish a lot in a short period," said Jim O'Neill, manufacturing manager at the plant. "We recognized the fact that our employees have a lot of knowledge and a lot to contribute."

"IT'S NICE to come up with a program which puts hourly and salaried workers together," said Frank Gross, chairman of UAW Local No. 182, which represents hourly employees at the plant. "It helps to prove once again the American worker is able to take the ball and run with it."

Jack Waldecker of Brighton, an hourly employee, went along with a team to West Germany for nine days to look at new machinery for the plant's pinion gear finishing operation. Pinion gears at the plant now receive a three-stage diamond honing process, designed to reduce distortion.

"We're proud to help them," Waldecker said. "We're proud they came to us and included us in this. Especially in a high-tech operation like this. They (management) had enough faith in me to send me to Germany."

"I think it all started back in 1980," Waldecker added. "It looked like they were going to shut the doors here. They big car was down and we didn't have a small transmission. . . . More or less, it started to hit home."

Legislator calls for privately-run jails

By Jeff Counts
staff writer

More people in western Wayne County could be spending time in jail if state legislators approve a package of bills aimed at allowing local governments to hire private contractors to run jails.

Lawmakers are scheduled to hold hearings on the legislation in March, said state Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, who crafted the package. The hearings will be held before the Senate Corrections Committee.

Currently the state is allowed to use outside contractors to run prisons, although there are no such facilities in operation. However, state law precludes counties and other local governmental units from running private jails, said Geake, whose district includes Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Canton.

The 16-bill legislative package was drafted in response to "citizen complaints that people aren't being held in jail," said Geake.

The Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police has endorsed the private jail concept and has called for legislation allowing it.

OVERCROWDING at the Wayne County Jail makes it difficult for law enforcement officials to find jail space for people sentenced in western Wayne County on misdemeanor charges. The situation has forced the Livonia Police Department to resort to sending inmates to a northern Michigan jail to serve their sentences.

"At the present time jail facilities throughout the state, and particular-

ly in Wayne County, are inadequate for the housing of prisoners," Geake said in a press release. "This situation has resulted in the inappropriate release of many persons awaiting trial on serious felony charges as well as those already convicted of misdemeanors."

He said, "Public jails are expensive and local counties should have the option of contracting with private firms."

The legislation is also the result of a recent Attorney General opinion that said the state may not confine those convicted of misdemeanors in a jail owned and operated by a private firm. The ruling said lawmakers have the power to change the law, according to Geake.

GEAKE SAID he expects opposition to the legislation from sheriffs and unions. Sheriffs are now responsible for running county jails. He said that opposition would be partly based on the fact that private firms could hire jail workers cheaper than can sheriffs.

Dale Davis, a spokesman for the Michigan Sheriff's Association, acknowledged that thousands of jobs in sheriff's departments could be lost statewide and said the group opposes the running of jails by private firms. He said the legislation could create as many problems as it would solve.

It's a poorly drafted piece of legislation," he said, adding that it brings up the questions of how jail officers will be trained, how much force they would be allowed to use and how much punishment they could dole out.

He said the legislation doesn't address the questions of liability or

who would be responsible for inspecting private jails.

He was critical of the package, claiming it was pushed because "Wayne County government has failed in providing enough jail space. Now the rest of the state will be penalized because of that."

Although the association is opposed to the running of jails by private firms, it hasn't taken a formal stand on the package, he said, adding that the association wants to meet with Geake. "We just want to see the best possible legislation."

Redford Township Police Chief James Barclay said he would "welcome anything" that would help his department imprison people convicted of misdemeanor offenses.

"We can keep them for 72 hours and that's it," he said, adding that that's the length allowed by state law for his lockup. "And nine times out of 10 the Wayne County Jail is too full of persons on felonies to accept persons convicted of misdemeanors."

"I'm sure the courts would like an alternative," he said.

Livonia Police Chief William Crayk said he thinks "most chiefs are looking at whatever methods" there are to house inmates serving time on misdemeanor convictions, and added that privately run jails for those types of inmates wouldn't be as difficult to run because the nature of their crimes is less serious.



Sen. R. Robert Geake



Chief William Crayk

Livonia uses northern jail

By Jeff Counts
staff writer

A drunken driving or larceny conviction in Livonia could mean more than a jail sentence — it could mean a trip to northern Michigan.

The district court in Livonia started sending some people convicted of misdemeanor charges to the Presque Isle County Jail in Rogers City two months ago because the Wayne County Jail is too crowded, said Livonia Police Chief William Crayk.

He said Livonia officers make the more than 250-mile trip weekly to drop off inmates who will serve from 30 to 90 days in the jail in the northern resort town that is nearly at the Straits of Mackinac.

After serving their sentences, the local sheriff "gets them a bus ticket and drops them off at the bus stop" for the ride home, said Crayk.

He said housing inmates in northern Michigan jails is cheaper, but said the determining factor is bed space. "They've got the room," he said.

THE WESTLAND Police Department has looked into housing inmates in its outstate jails, but has yet to send any there, said Inspector Paul Schnarr.

"We have been looking at a service that finds jail space around the state and then transports them there," he said.

He said Westland is able to get most inmates in the Wayne County Jail or placed in a work program that puts those sentenced on misdemeanor charges to work on county projects on weekends.

Mike Ratz, undersheriff of Presque Isle County, said he has housed as many as four people from Livonia in the 18-bed jail. But he has had as many as 10 inmates from the Detroit area.

"It's been no problem," he said, "and it has even been a money maker for the county."

The county has a contract to house inmates from Wayne and Oakland counties, along with Dearborn and Livonia. The county receives \$35 per day for housing an inmate, which is nearly half the cost of keeping an inmate in the Wayne County Jail, said police in suburban Detroit.

Ratz said Mackinac County in the Upper Peninsula takes inmates from Oakland County.

To accommodate inmates from Wayne County, Ratz has set up special visiting days on Sundays so the families can make the more than 500-mile round trip, he said.

He said he has received no complaints from inmates who end up serving their sentences so far away from home.

The only potential problem is when our jail fills up, he said. "When that happens we just call the people down state and have them pick up their guys."

around Redford

• BASKETBALL BENEFIT

Thursday, Feb. 25 — The Channel 2 All-Star Basketball team will play the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association staff at 7:30 p.m. at Thurston High school gym. Proceeds will benefit the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association. For information, call 552-5269.

• DRUG ABUSE/HOME SAFETY

Thursday, Feb. 25 — The Don S. Hubert VFW Post 345 and Ladies Auxiliary will co-sponsor a drug abuse and safety program at 7:30 p.m. at 27345 Schoolcraft near Inkster. A representative of the Michigan State Police and Children's Hospital Poison Control Dept. will speak on the danger of drugs and safety in the home.

• DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

Thursday-Friday, Feb. 25-26 — Registration is being taken 4-6 p.m. Thursday and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday at the Redford Recreation Office for a daddy daughter square dance to be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 4, at the Redford Community Center. Cost is \$4 per couple and includes refreshments and photo. For information, call 937-2727.

• RETIREES MEET

Friday, Feb. 26 — Livonia Chapter 1109 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. A certified genealogy record researcher will speak on "Genealogy — Climbing Your Family Tree."

• SKATING EVENT

Saturday, Feb. 27 — The Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a "Plastic Mug Skate" 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Redford Ice Arena. Pay regular admission, bring a plastic mug and receive free pop all skate long. No skate rental. For information, call 937-0913.

• BLOOD PRESSURE

Saturday, Feb. 27 — The American Heart Association of Michigan will offer free blood pressure screening 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wonderland Mall main court, Plymouth and Middlebelt.

• GARY HART SUPPORTERS

Saturday, Feb. 27 — The 17th Congressional District "Friends of Gary Hart" will hold an open house to discuss Michigan's upcoming Democratic Caucus Campaign volunteers are needed. For information, call Vikki Kowaleski, 722-1568.

• DINNER DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 27 — The Redford Union Blue and Gold Club will hold their annual dinner dance with live band and open bar. For information, call 255-2737 or 535-6713.

• DEMOCRATS' FUND-RAISER

Saturday, Feb. 27 — The Redford Democratic Party will host a fund-raiser, 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Metro Hall, 26941 Plymouth. Dance, beer and setups, and pizza. Donation is \$10 per person. For information, call 937-3032.

• TRAIN/TOY SHOW

Sunday, Feb. 28 — The St. Robert Bellarmine Mens Club will sponsor the "Ole Train and Toy Show" 1-5 p.m. at St. Roberts, 27101 W. Chicago. Dealers, train video, movies, operating layouts will be featured. For information, call 277-2419.

• THEATRE AUDITIONS

Sunday-Monday, Feb. 28-29 — The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford will hold auditions for the play "For Geniuses," a satire on the moviemaking industry, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Theatre Guild Playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly. Actors are needed to

play the role of a 27-year-old woman and five men ages 20-55. For further information, call 421-5157.

• BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Tuesday-Thursday, March 1-3 — The Redford Township Junior Athletic Association will hold registration for boys baseball and girls softball 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at Redford Ice Arena, and Thursday at Hilbert Junior High. Fee is \$40, pony baseball is \$55. For information, call 532-1432.

• KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Wednesday, March 2 — The Vandenberg Elementary School in South Redford School district will hold a kindergarten roundup at 1:30 p.m. in the media center, 24901 Cathedral. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 are eligible. For information, call 532-0300.

• SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE

Thursday, March 3 — A 10-week beginners course in American Sign Language will be offered at 7-8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Loretto School, Six Mile and Beech Dale. For information, call 542-4806.

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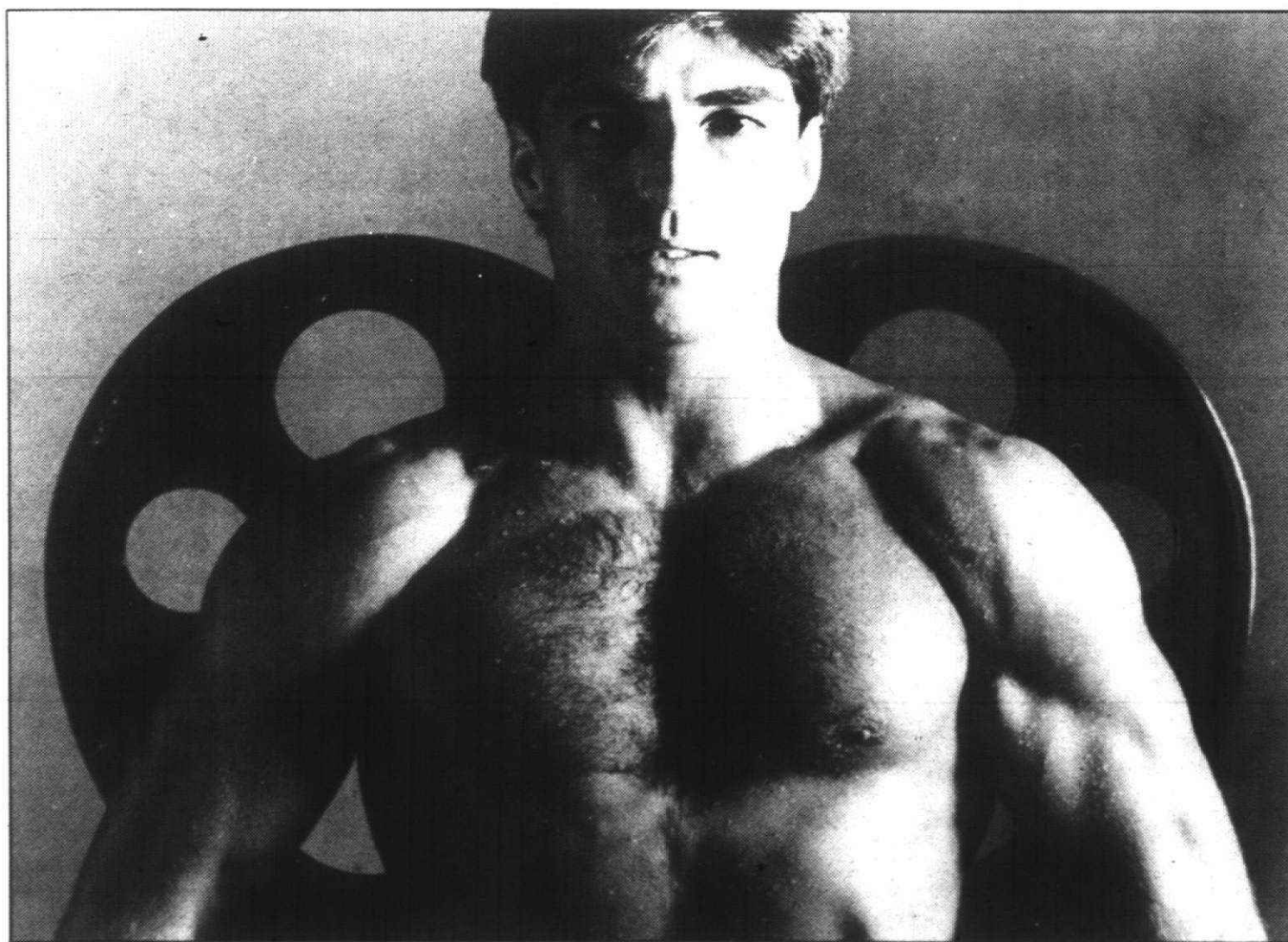
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Highway plans get area input

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Michigan Department of Transportation officials will meet today with community leaders and residents from throughout southeast Michigan to discuss upcoming road projects.

But they warn cutbacks in federal funding could reduce action on all but top priority projects.

Today's meeting will help set state highway financing priorities, in light of the reduced federal support. It will also gather comments for Transportation 2020, a privately financed study of America's highway needs.

THREE PROJECTS assured of being financed at some level in the coming year involve completion of the I-696 extension, widening I-75 in the Pontiac/Auburn Hills area and extension of Haggerty Road northward.

Widening I-75 is expected to coincide with development of the Oakland Technology Park, a massive office complex in Auburn Hills.

The I-696 extension, when completed, will provide a major east-west highway between Farmington Hills and St. Clair Shores.

Though road officials hope someday to extend a route north from Haggerty, this year's work will primarily be confined to improving the Haggerty/I-275 interchange, assistant MDOT section manager Theresa Petko said.

Though extending I-275 from western Wayne County as far north as I-75 in northwestern Oakland County had once been considered, Petko said the Haggerty extension would only extend as far north as M-59, west of Pontiac.

Income tax preparation assistance is available

A taxpayer assistance team from the Michigan Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will be in Livonia for four Saturdays, beginning March 5.

Team members will assist taxpayers in preparing their 1987 state and federal income tax returns.

Services will be offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 5, 19 and April 2, 9 at the IRS office, 37405 Ann Arbor Road.

Returns must be filed by Friday.

Taxpayers needing assistance fil-

The I-696 extension is expected to be completed this year, road officials said.

I-696 is expected to be the first of the three major projects completed. "We expect to let the last contract on that sometime this year," Petko said.

Road repairs will receive the bulk of state transportation money, she added.

"OUR MAJOR concern is to take care of what we have."

Federal support for all road projects, she added, has shrunk from \$105 million in 1985 to \$91 million in the new 1989 budget.

Mandatory budget cuts necessitated by federal Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law as well as changing federal priorities are responsible, Petko said.

A public forum on road needs is scheduled for 9 a.m. today at the Detroit Edison Auditorium, Detroit.

Input from local residents will determine how the state spends money under its highway investment plan. A statewide forum will be held Thursday, March 24, in Lansing.

The state's highway investment plan extends to 1994. There is currently \$9 billion impounded in the state Highway Trust Fund for construction projects.

MDOT officials said the money should be used to match federal grant money, increasing the overall amount available to improve Michigan highways. The state is opposed to using the federal grant money for non-construction projects, including clean-air programs, MDOT officials said.

ing Michigan returns only can visit state treasury district offices 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Tri-county district offices are the State of Michigan Plaza Building, 1200 Father Kern, Detroit, 100 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, and 64 New Street, Mount Clemens. Services are also available at the state Department of Treasury building, Walnut and Allegan, Lansing.

Returns must be filed by Friday, April 15.

SC scholarship offered

Applications are available for the Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarship Award.

The tuition grant applies to the 1988-89 school year.

Eligible candidates must have completed 30 credit hours at Schoolcraft and must currently be enrolled

as a full-time student carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Applications are available at the college financial aids office, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

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Additional information is available by calling 591-6400, Ext. 350.

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Opinion

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Charter Board should approve change

AMID ALL THE CONCERNS about state-shared revenues and services, one thing is clear when considering Redford Township's intent to change its government structure.

The people will have the final say when it comes to how much they are taxed.

So the township board should approve the switch to a charter township when it meets March 7.

This change in government structure from a general law township to a charter township makes economic sense for Redford.

The reason for the change stems from a state decision to discount special assessments Redford levies against property for services ranging from police protection to garbage collection.

The change in the state formula will cost the township \$316,000 a year in lost state-shared revenues.

A CHANGE in government will have a minimal effect on services township residents expect and the amount of money they pay for those services.

But the change will help restore those lost state-shared revenues.

There are two ways to make this switch.

The township board of trustees can pass a resolution authorizing the new government or residents can vote on the change.

Normally, we would ask that any decision of this nature be placed on the ballot and voted on by the people of the community.

But this case is different because approval of a ballot proposal could have a serious effect on the township's ability to tax residents.

A charter township can levy up to \$5 of property taxes per \$1,000 of state assessed value for general operating purposes. Redford now is capped at \$2 per \$1,000 because of its status as a general law township.

If the township board of trustees acts to

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change the type of government, they could not levy more than the current \$2 per \$1,000 rate.

ANY CHANGE in the tax rate would have to be approved by residents. So the township could not levy additional taxes without going to the people even though it has a higher tax limit.

On the other hand, legal experts with the Michigan Townships Association paint a different picture if residents vote on the charter proposal.

If residents vote yes on a charter plan, it appears the township would immediately have the authority to levy the \$5 per \$1,000 in property taxes by simple action by the board of trustees.

In that case, the people's voice is taken away. So in this instance, action by the township board makes the most sense.

AT THIS point it is unclear if simply switching to a charter township will restore those state-shared revenues.

Some officials think that is all that is needed to get that cash.

Others think the township will have to ask residents to change the name of some special assessments to general property taxes in order to get credit in the state formula.

The courts may have to resolve those different opinions.

But those concerns do not matter until the township decides to make the switch. The board of trustees should approve the resolution at its next meeting, Monday, March 7.

Post office Cost-cutting erodes service

Area post offices to be closed on Saturdays.

Meijer's to be open 24 hours.

I'm from the government, and I want to help you.

WELL, MAYBE the post offices should be run by Meijer's Thrifty Acres or some other outfit interested in servicing the paying customers while also turning a profit.

That's what being in business in America is all about — service and profit. But is our United States Postal Service reaching either goal these days?

In case it has escaped anyone's attention, Saturday hours at Detroit-area post offices are a thing of the past now that the Postal Service's Detroit division has embarked upon a massive cost-cutting campaign.

Closings are part of a drive to save \$2,657,000 in the Detroit division, postal officials have said. The division's current \$550 million budget must be trimmed to help balance the federal budget.

The 100-plus post offices in the division are closed an additional half a day per week — most on Saturday — and mail processing on Sunday is a thing of the past.

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And since misery seems to love company in the public sector, we weren't surprised to learn recently that stamp prices are expected to rise from 22 to 25 cents in mid-April.

NOW, IT IS not our intent to beat up on a postal service already battered black and blue by decades of criticism. Its problems are many; solutions are few. The stamp-licking public has come to know that through years of service reductions and price increases.

But we must say that this Saturday shutdown is a terrible idea. Saturdays often are the only time people who work Monday through Friday can handle postal matters requiring face-to-face communication with someone on the other side of the counter.

Many local postmasters gave us the old "I'm just following orders" statement when asked to comment on the closings, but at least Rochester's John W. Kessler was honest about it.

"People are used to coming on Saturdays," he said. "That's when they're free."

The way we understand it, a half a day — any day — had to be chopped at each post office. Most officials opted for Saturdays. Why not Wednesday afternoons?

POSTMASTERS like to point out that the post office lobby with its mail slots, stamp machines and scales is still open Saturdays.

That's fine, but just try telling a vending machine to stop your mail for two weeks. And if you want to see how a post office sans clerks really works, just check out the two hapless folks fiddling with the scale, trying to figure out how much postage to put on their package.

Of course, there are always those postal "convenience centers" in supermarkets and drug stores. They're sort of an extension of the post office lobbies. Some are quite elaborate with actual human beings behind the counter.

Again, fine. But if we're going to move the post office away from the post office, why not go all the way? Why not let the service-with-profit people have a go at it?



Molding tomorrow is today's responsibility

OUTSIDE MY window construction equipment rumbles and roars, gouging out a new future for this newspaper. The trees are being cut down, the earth removed and land plotted.

In many ways our new construction exemplifies what is happening all over the suburbs.

And while seeing a tree being cut down does cause a bit of sadness, watching our company grow makes all the years' effort feel like time well spent.

We need to renew. And sometimes that means doing away with the old and building for the future. It's a lesson that many metropolitan areas have already learned and from which they are reaping the benefits — much to our detriment.

THE SUBURBAN Detroit area is slow in coming around. Perhaps newness scares folks. But we really have to stop being frightened.

For years now, we have lived in a metropolitan area whose infrastructure has been built on the obvious — that to remain vital, a city must change, grow, develop and, most importantly, all, renew.

Many of our suburban communities are facing that same quandary today. Citizens groups are sprouting all over, proclaiming the sanctity of the American bedroom community. Bedroom communities might have

Bedroom communities might have been good 20 years ago. But they will be worthless 20 years hence.

been good 20 years ago. But they won't be good for anything 20 years hence.

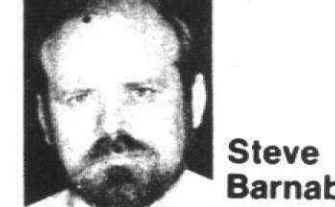
Believe it or not, Livonia was new. Not so many years ago, really. And people laughed.

"Who, after all, would want to go and live out in that God-forsaken wilderness?" the skeptics queried.

They were wrong, of course. Just as they were wrong about the need for Cobo Hall, Joe Louis Arena and (excuse me while I chuckle) the Palace in Auburn Hills.

Now not everything that is new is necessarily good for the growth of the metropolitan area. But Detroit, more than any other metro area, has cheated itself by denying the need for developing a well-rounded metropolitan area.

THANKFULLY, SOME folks take the bull by the horns and make sure the renewal process carries us through. Henry Ford II did that. Little Caesar's Mike Ilitch is doing it today by investing his money in the Fox project in Detroit.



Steve Barnaby

But the central city isn't the only place that needs to be renewed.

Look around at your community. Frankly, what's good for today won't be worth anything for your children if planning stops at next year or the year after. We must think about 20 years from now.

We do need to leave a legacy for our children, a legacy of a well-planned community that is competitive with the rest of Midwestern America. And to be competitive, we will need better planning, forged through cooperation between communities.

The goal shouldn't be to stop development, but to map it out in an orderly fashion.

As suburban communities grow, they need their own hotels, convention facilities, business and mercantile centers. We are becoming more than just extensions of a major city, we are becoming a metropolis unto ourselves.

from our readers

Soapy stories 'excellent'

To the editor:

The editorial on Soapy and the article by Tim Richard and Wayne Peal were excellent.

As you know, Williams was "one of a kind." It was a great honor for me to have had the opportunity to work for him during the final years of his long and distinguished career.

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Column was unfair attack on attorneys

To the editor:

It seems the editorial pages of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are becoming filled with increasingly strident attacks on attorneys who represent accident-injured people.

The latest, punch comes from Steve Barnaby's column "It's time to stop those who prey on tragedy" (Feb. 18). His simplistic attack on attorneys is served up like some sacrifice at a shrine to the insurance industry, corporations and their defense attorneys.

In Barnaby's myopic view, personal injury attorneys "prey" on victims — they're "ambulance chasers" and "self-employed scalpers" who try to figure out "another scam" to make "big bucks out of public misfortune."

You can do better than that Steve — you left out "hired mouthpieces," "sharks" and "vultures."

Thanks too for opening my eyes, when all along I thought I have been making a living helping victims of drunk and negligent drivers, poorly designed and maintained roads and defective products.

At the same time, my colleagues and I can take satisfaction in the fact that our legal efforts have contributed to improved safety on the roadways and the removal of hazardous products from the market place.

For example, products liability lawsuits on behalf of innocent severely injured or deceased consumers have led to the recall, redesign or removal from the market of flammable baby clothes, asbestos, exploding Drano containers, the Dalton Shield and the Pinto automobile, among numerous others.

I appreciate that is not enough to focus on the benefits that have been accomplished for injured individuals and society. There persists an erroneous perception about us because of the well-publicized small minority within our profession who ignore ethical standards.

Recently, a few lawyers engaged in reprehensible conduct in soliciting clients from the next of kin of vic-

tims of the Northwest Flight 255 disaster.

Efforts are underway to expel such malefactors from practicing law and otherwise to enforce the policy resolution of The American Trial Lawyers Association.

I wouldn't expect Mr. Barnaby to accept a blanket condemnation of his profession because of a few malicious or negligent journalists like the reporter whose false story of a rape charge destroyed a person's reputation and led to a million dollar verdict against the newspaper.

Therefore let us resist the temptation to stereotype and to inflame prejudice with ignorant and biased characterizations. Let us serve the common good by seeking the truth.

Alan C. Helmkamp,
Livonia

Photo was exploitive

To the editor:

I was not happy with your promoting a python snakeskin purse in "Street Seen" on Jan. 4.

According to the July/August 1987 issue of International Wildlife, snakes are being exploited. They write about the devastating power of the skin trade.

Janet Townsend,
Canton

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points of view

Grace

Admirable, endearing under pressure

GRACE UNDER pressure is not only an admirable trait, it is also one of the most endearing.

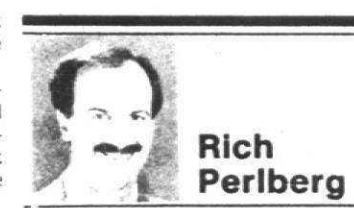
Consider Bruce Babbitt, the former Arizona governor who surprised no one by dropping from the Democratic presidential contenders last week. In his departure speech, he said he ran a good race.

"I was in it right up to the beginning," he said.

It probably says something about elections that some candidates are more attractive leaving a race than they were while submerged in the fray.

Consider also Peter Oppgaard and Jill Watson, the figure skaters who until Saturday were the only medal winners from the United States in this year's Olympics.

A lot of people from these parts were closely watching these two as they have for nearly two years. Although Oppgaard is from Knoxville and Watson from Bloomington, Ind., they have lived in Bloomfield Hills for nearly two years while training almost daily at the Birmingham Ice Arena under the watchful eye of



Rich Perlberg

coach Rita Lowery, also of Bloomfield Hills.

THEIR DARING leaps, twists, swoops and death spirals have also come under the scrutiny of ice arena regulars who virtually adopted the skating stars and provided a well received home away from home.

Such derring-do was so well performed in practice that it was a shock to watch the TV screen last Tuesday night and see Watson slip early in the program during a relatively routine double axel move.

What goes on in your mind at such a point? Before your friends, the audience, the world and, most important, the judges, the years of diligent practice are jeopardized by a mis-

take at the worst possible moment. The majority of your program is still ahead. How do you keep your concentration on the task at hand rather than on the damaging but permanent mistake?

If you are Watson and Oppgaard, you press forward, putting to use all the practice, training and discipline. "I just let my body take over and we did it," Watson said.

DWELLING ON the past is pretty wasteful, whether it be for life or merely for the beginning of a 4-minute skating program. The two put the past behind them and moments later Watson was superb in a flying, twisting jump that Oppgaard said convinced the two that the coveted medal was theirs.

Babbitt never came close to the moment of truth that Watson and Oppgaard successfully mastered.

Even though the results were quite different, all three responded like champions in their public denouement. This proves nothing profound, other than it takes more than a scoreboard — or a ballot box — to judge the winners.



Tim Richard

Now, those measures (SB 547-549) were reported out of the Senate Education Committee on 4-6 bipartisan vote.

There are controversial elements, but they won't be debated because two of the measures couldn't make it to the Senate floor.

Owen's position is to throw the educational quality bills, along with Gov. Jim Blanchard's "tax equity" package, into a 16-member joint committee of senators and representatives and negotiate the entire package. All the Senate Democrats and enough Republicans went along to delay all three bills.

I'VE HAD a gut feeling about the House for a long time, but Senate Majority Leader John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant, finally put it into words.

"The House leadership treats its

members like children," Engler said in a conversation last week. "It stifles debate. It serves the people who run it."

OK, so Engler is a partisan. But he's absolutely correct. Attend any sessions of the House and Senate at random and you'll notice:

- The Senate debates bills, and you hear plenty from both sides. Only a handful of House members speak. On the day in question, the Senate spent nearly three hours debating bills while the House floor leader announced, barely an hour into the session, "there will be no more voting today."

- The Senate moves bills promptly — as evidenced by the effort to pass the educational quality bills. The House stores them in committee and lets them sit on the calendar for months, passing them in a rush at the end of the session. Notice the length of the House calendar.

- Senators have a tendency to debate a bill on its merits, then vote it up or down. The House leadership plays power broker by tying many bills together and vote-swapping under pressure of deadline.

BLANCHARD'S posture in this is disappointing.

Uncle Sam is assuming character of loan shark

I DON'T remember Political Science 101. I don't remember Western Civilization 314.

I hate to admit it, but I don't even remember Copy Editing 211.

But the federal government is making darn sure I remember that I owe them the cool \$10,000 I borrowed nine years ago for my college education.

Now, don't get me wrong. With over \$1 billion unpaid last year on guaranteed student loans, defaulting is serious business.

In fact, it's so serious that federal agents are intensifying Operation Deadbeat. They're not just garnishing wages anymore. Now they're seizing homes, tax returns, automobiles and yachts.

And they should. Abusers should be abused. I say do it Moslem style — an eye for an eye, a foot for a foot. Pound for pound and buck for buck.

BUT I'M angry — and with good reason. Just look at the profile those federal agents say fits many of my former classmates who aren't paying back their loans.

They passed the bar, and now they're earning \$50,000-plus a year



Bill Kole

in plucky law practices. Or Fortune 100 firms picked them up, and now they're living in suburban chateaus, driving company BMWs and doing lunch on chubby expense accounts.

Now look at me.

I'm a newspaper reporter earning \$23,000 a year, which is, as Steve Wonder once sang, "livin' just enough — just enough for the city."

I drove a 1975 VW Rabbit with 114,000 miles on the odometer and the hand of God himself on the engine.

I rent a small but comfortable bungalow on Detroit's upper east side.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Hey, what's this guy's problem? Doesn't he realize that we're all in this together? That we're all on the same planet, toiling miserably under the curse of Adam?"

That we all face stacks of bills? But I'm not complaining about re-

paying my student loans. I'm griping about the government's beat, which is aimed at defaulters but still blows on me.

EVERY MONTH, I get an official-looking statement in the mail. It politely thanks me for last month's \$100 payment and soberly asks for this month's share.

But after rent, utilities, groceries, diapers for our 5-month-old son and dog food for our 100-pound living security system, there's inevitably too much money left at the end of the month.

I make my loan payments, but they're not always on time.

And now, the Feds are screaming for their money in a way that makes me want to peek through the curtains every now and then to make sure my decrepit VW Rabbit is still in the driveway.

I say go after the defaulters, guys, and go after them with gusto. But stop threatening me, my family and my credit rating.

If I wanted to be intimidated, I would have financed my education with real loan sharks.

Bill Kole is a reporter for the Rochester Eccentric.

keeping up with government

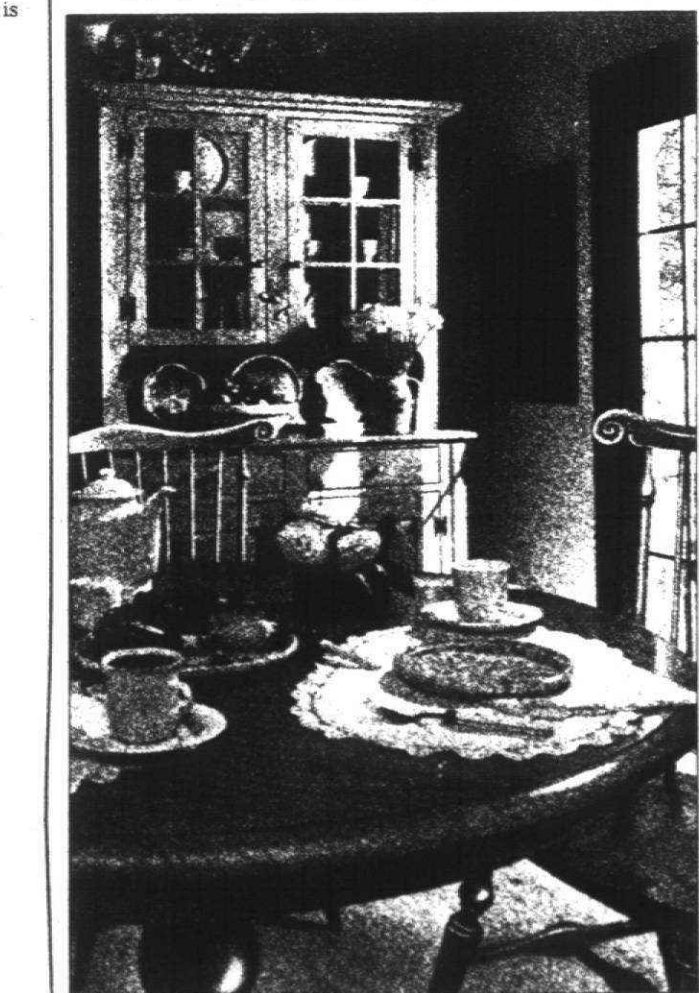
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Center in Lansing offers to help people find out about such things as pending legislation, the state constitution, election laws, voting regulations or tax information.

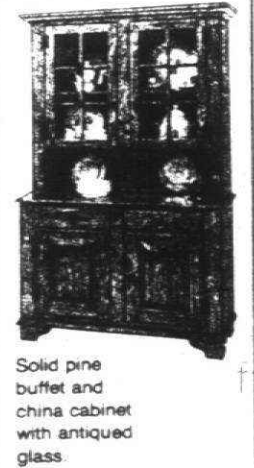
with the Republican school-financing plan. But one has to give Engler and his Senate colleagues high marks for developing a plan and offering it for prompt debate.

And I still wonder how the veteran state reps can tolerate years of boot camp.

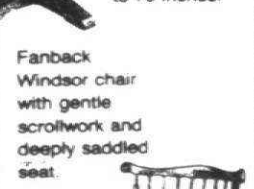
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School chiefs criticize Blanchard's tax idea

By Jeff Counts
staff writer

Gov. James Blanchard sent up a trial balloon this week on school financing and local school superintendents took aim.

The balloon was an idea to allow school districts to levy income taxes to augment property taxes to raise money for education.

An increase in the state sales tax has been proposed by the state Board of Education as a way to distribute money to school districts in a more equitable manner.

But Blanchard discussed the proposal this week while attending the National Governors' Association winter meeting in Washington, D.C., saying it's unlikely state voters

would approve a hike in sales tax.

Michael Wilmut, Garden City School superintendent, said a local income tax used to support schools would be like a state income tax increase, and noted that "the last time Blanchard proposed an increase in the state income tax, he was crucified."

"It's a back door approach to a state income tax increase," he said.

James Carli, Livonia School superintendent, said the income tax suggestion "is just a way of shifting the problem back on local communities."

The Legislature is attempting to change school financing so that education opportunities in rich and poor school districts are equal.

Blanchard has proposed a \$250

million effort to improve public education, but has faced opposition from legislators seeking property tax cuts.

Carli said the school-aid formula could be used to provide equal educational opportunities, but he said the state should contribute more money.

The present formula is designed to send state money to school districts that need it. Districts that have high property valuations are usually out-of-formula and receive less or no general state aid.

"I really don't think an income tax would go," said John Hoben, Plymouth-Canton school superintendent, who echoed Carli's criticism that the equity issue in education wouldn't be a problem if the state properly funded the aid formula.

Michael Shabler, Clarenceville superintendent, rejected the income tax idea, and said he would support an increase in the sales tax as a way to raise money to improve education and make sure that poorer districts have equal education opportunities.

"What would happen in communities where there's high unemployment?" Shabler said of any new income tax.

He agreed with other area educators' assessment of the state school aid formula, saying that more state money should be funneled into it.

"It looks like the state's trying to make local officials the scapegoat again," said Woody London, assistant superintendent of business services for the Wayne-Westland School District.

London said the district is already paying for 55 percent of the cost of educating students.

"An income tax is too unreliable," he said. "It's subject to unemployment and inflation."

He said the sales tax and property tax are more stable tax systems.

"I don't think the electorate would go for either a sales tax or an income tax," said Jan Jacobs, South Redford School superintendent. "I think Blanchard was going in the right direction with trying to close the tax loopholes. That would yield significant dollars."

He said a local income tax would be difficult to administer in Redford Township because it has two school districts.

"We've got a good formula," he said. "We just need the state to put the money into it."

Jacobs said that would eliminate the inequity of spending on education.

Redford Union School Superintendent Kenneth Erickson agreed that the state should put money into education to eliminate the inequity, but he called an income tax an "intriguing" option especially for a property-poor district like Redford Township.

He said the state should play a role in redistributing the wealth to school districts. He said Blanchard's income tax suggestion is just "another way of throwing the problem back to the local districts."

Local benefit will aid leukemia research

The seventh annual "Evening of Hope" dinner dance will be Saturday, March 5, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft. The dinner dance is sponsored by Leukemia, Research, Life, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of child-

hood cancers.

The evening begins with an open bar at 6:30 p.m. A dinner follows at 8 p.m., with dinner music provided by Knight's Creed and dancing music by Prestige. Tickets are \$27.50 per person and may be purchased by calling

527-7253 or 581-0485. The price includes an open bar, dinner, snacks and dessert. The evening's proceeds will benefit cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

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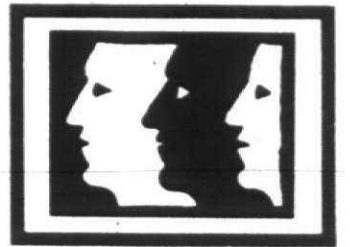
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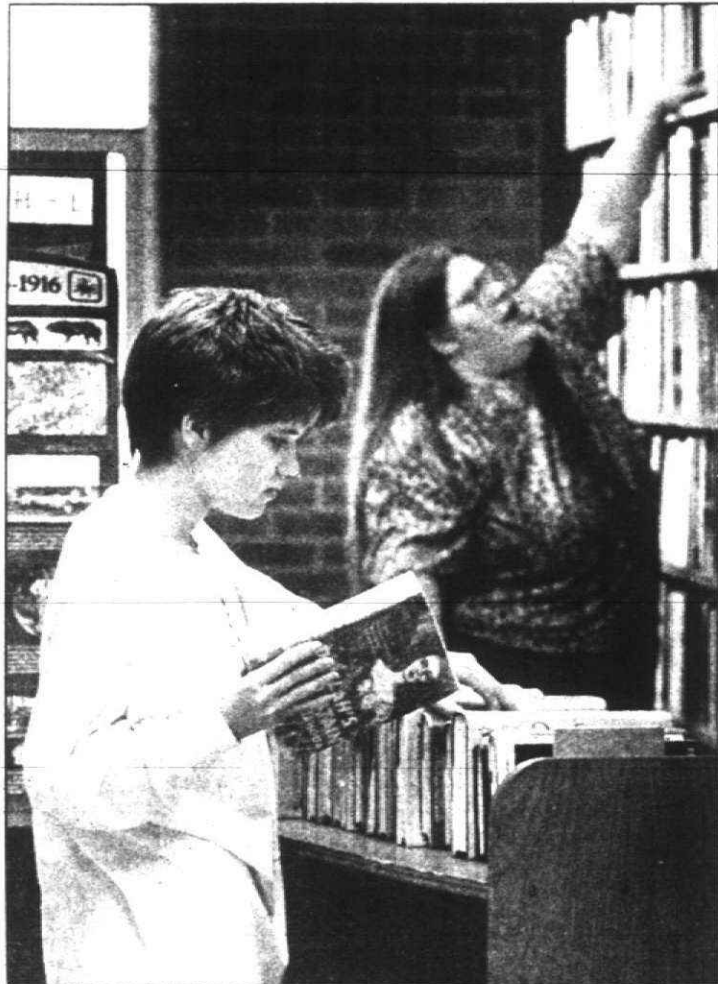
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From quiet to chaos: It's the library



By Sue Mason
staff writer

The peace and quiet of the Redford Public Library makes you think it's just another average day at the local book nook.

Routine, yes. Average... that's hard to say since what is going to happen during the hours the library is open is difficult to predict.

Jeannine Davidson ought to know. As the children's librarian, she admits that on some days she wishes she had "a ticket to Timbuktu."

"Some days it's very quiet and very orderly," she said. "Other days all heck breaks out, and that's when you wish you had a pair of roller skates or a ticket to Timbuktu."

For the most part the library staff handles a lot of reference questions, helps patrons, gives out directional information on tax forms, and checks in and checks out a large volume of books.

Sandwiched in between are special programs for children and families and tax preparation assistance for senior citizens.

The library is under the tutelage of Marjorie Hoag, the director. Davidson is pulling double duty because of the absence of a librarian, working with children and young adults and doing reference work.

But, according to Davidson, the backbone of the library is the community service aides and student assistants.

THE AIDES, like Sabine O'Leary and Theresa Kieltyka who are working toward master's degrees in library science, help with the clerical tasks and check books in and out.

"We couldn't function without them," Davidson said. "They help out a great deal."

The student assistants come from local high schools and colleges and do some of the tedious jobs like shelving books, processing periodicals and shelf reading. "One of their favorite activities," Davidson said with a chuckle.

Carrie Lengyel is a student at Henry Ford Community College who's been working as an assistant for about a year. She likes the job because it's close to her Redford home, but admits it hasn't convinced her to study library science.

"I could never handle being a librarian," she said. "It's too tedious for me to do the rest of my life. The librarians do a good job, but I could never do what they do."

The visitors at the library Monday were there for a variety of reasons. One man stopped in on his lunch hour to check on a book, while Kathleen Cooke was there with her three children, so that her Michael could work on a report on Michigan he was doing for school.

Rosanne Paul also was there because of a report her son had to do for school. She was tracking down some research material on one of the signers of the Constitution, while her son, Jeremiah, 2, played with a wooden truck at her feet.

"We have encyclopedias at home, but I'm trying to get him more," Paul said. "And I really don't know

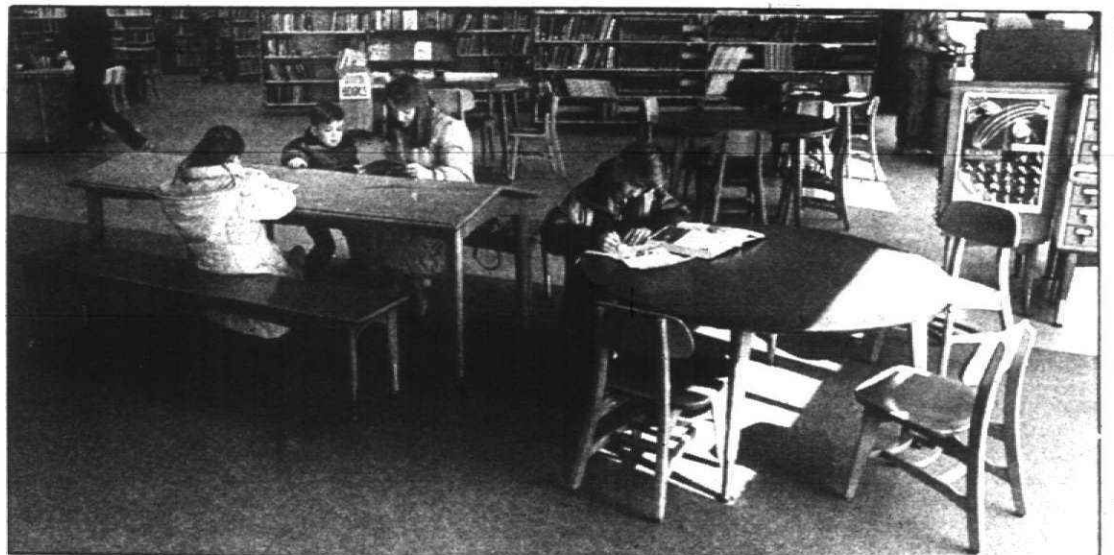
what I'm doing, it's been so long since I had to do a report myself."

THERE WAS a steady flow of people at the checkout counter. Some were returning books for themselves or relatives, while others like Mike Gibbons were checking out books.

"I usually come once or twice a month when my books are due," he said. "I bring them back and get something else."

A typical day at the library? Maybe yes, maybe no.

"If you want to see chaos in action, come in on a Thursday afternoon when we have the tax preparation," Davidson said. "There's never enough parking places, and it's hard to make everyone happy."



Kathleen Cooke of Redford reads a story to her son Christopher, 6, while her son Michael, 10, works on a school report and daughter Beth Ann, 8, reads a book to herself.

Munch, munch

Girl Scouts launch cookie sale



It could be considered a rite of spring.

Each year thousands of young girls hit the streets, order sheets in hand, with just one question on their mind: "Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?"

It's not a hard question to ask because, for the most part, people are ready and waiting for the girl scouts. "Everyone loves Girl Scout cookies," said Marianne Fagan of Brownie Troop 861 in Redford. "We don't have to sell, people look for us."

Yep... it's that time cookie lovers have been waiting for... The Girl Scout cookies are here.

For your sweet tooth, there's seven types of cookie to choose — Chocolate Chunks, the ever-popular Thin Mints, Echo (chocolate sandwich cream), Trefoils (old-fashioned shortbread), Do-si-Dos (peanut butter sandwich cream), Samoas (a coconut and chocolate concoction) and Tagalongs (peanut butter and chocolate).

Girls in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council, which includes Livonia and Redford Township, will be selling cookies at various locations Feb. 26 to March 20.

THE SALE generates more than 50 percent of Girl Scouting's annual operating budget and proceeds pay for such things as sending Girl Scouts to the U.S. Space Camp, Girl Scout camp maintenance and upkeep and local troop projects.

Troop 861, based at Roosevelt Elementary School in Redford, will have three cookie booths at the Farmer Jack Supermarket, Six Mile and Inkster Road, on Saturday, Feb. 27 and March 5, to round out its individual cookie sales.

The Brownies — with some help from their parents — have been busy taking orders for several weeks and it looks like Jennifer Brooks will be the troop's top cookie seller with 254 boxes.

And the secret to Jennifer's success? "My mom and dad both go to work," she said.

The scouts receive badges and pins for selling the cookies and the troop leaders are offering "something special" for members who sell more than 100 boxes, Fagan said.

STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Redford Brownies Kristina Klosowski, 9 (bottom to top), Kristin Knuutila, 8, Julie Fagan, 8, and Jennifer Brooks, 8, are roaring to go when it comes to selling — not to mention eating — Girl Scout cookies. Scouts in the Redford area will be manning cookie booths at local businesses for the next four weekends.

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Lorene Green

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• WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will have a dance from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Roma's of Garden City. Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$4. For more information, call the hot line at 562-3160.

• SINGLE POINT

Ward Church Single Point Ministries will sponsor an evening of music and fellowship at 8 p.m. Friday, March 4. Featured will be Tony Elenburg, whose songs are heard regularly on WMUZ radio. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 422-1854.

• BETHANY WEST

Bethany West, a support group for the separated and the divorced, will host psychologists Ron Fenton and Gary Bernstein, who will discuss "Flirting — Developing Social Relationships" at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Price is \$2. For more information, call 397-0143.

• MASS

Bethany and the Family Life Off-

ice of Detroit invite all separated and divorced Christians to join in the celebration of the Mass at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Woodward and Belmont, Detroit. For more information, call 422-4766.

• SATURDAY SINGLES

The next Saturday Night Singles Dance Party will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 5, at the Kingsley Inn, Woodward south of Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. The dance is open to the public. Admission is \$4. For more information, call the hot line at 562-3160.

• VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles, a group for those 45 and older, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Charlen Berry will sing and accompany herself on the dulcimer, a musical instrument with wire strings that's played with two light hammers. For more information, call 591-1350. The meeting is open to the public.

• TRI-COUNTY

Tri-County Singles will have a dance from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Presidential Inn, 1-75 and Northline Road, Southgate. For more information, call 843-8917. Admission is \$4. Also, the group has a dance on Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 9981 Telegraph, Taylor. Admission is \$3 for the Wednesday dances.

• NEWBURG

From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19, there will be a one-day workshop, called Single Again. It will be held at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh. Topics will include "Letting Go," "Stress and the Single," "Love Styles," "Parenting as a Single" and "How to Wrap a Package." A continental breakfast, luncheon and child care will be provided. Fee is \$7.50. For reservations, call 397-0531 or 422-0226.

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The Farmington Single Professionals will have an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Farmington Community Center. Afterwards, the group will go dancing at a local spot. The group is open to single professionals, 25-35 years of age. Admission for guests is \$5 at the door. For information, call the hot line at 425-9663.

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Concentration is well developed. Good intellect is evident. Logic and analytical ability characterize your thinking pattern.

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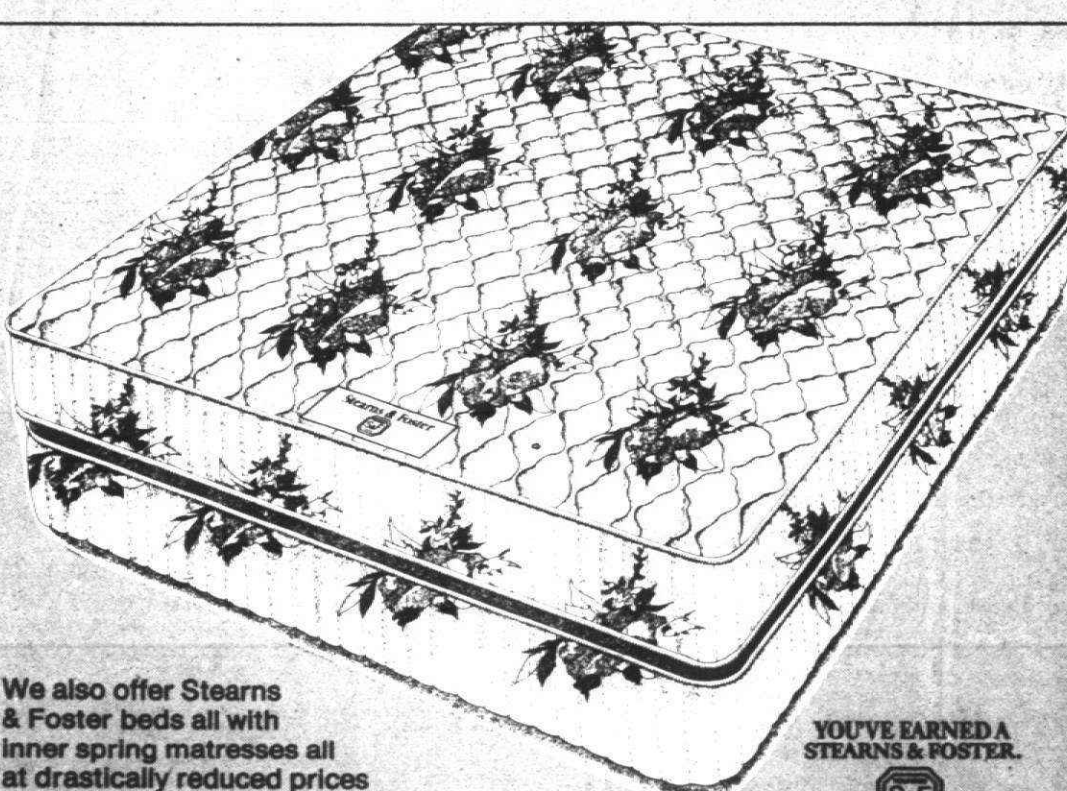
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bridal register

Meier-Sisson

Carol Beth Meier of West Des Moines, Iowa, and Robert Mathew Sisson of Westland were recently married at Aldersgate Free Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Ind.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Meier of West Des Moines. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sisson of Westland.

The Rev. Dwight Meier, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. Esther Meier, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Ruth Wilson, also a sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Cynthia Wilmoth, Sandra Angelette and Kim Black.

Kevin Hitchcock was best man. Groomsman included Mark Sisson, brother of the groom, Dean Amann, Kevin Cripe and Jim Wierenga. Allen Meier, brother of the groom, was an usher.

The couple will have a reception at First Baptist Church in late February. The couple will honeymoon in Lake Tahoe, Nev., in March. The couple plans to live in Upland, Ind.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of



Valley High School of West Des Moines and attends Taylor University in Upland. She will graduate in May.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1986 graduate of Taylor University. He is a member of the teaching staff at Taylor University and is hall director of Wengats Hall.

Bowen-Filloon

Charlene Kay Filloon of Garden City and Rick Wayne Bowen of Livonia were recently married at St. Linus Church in Dearborn Heights.

She is the daughter of Ronald and Dorothy Filloon of Garden City. He is the son of Wayne and Sharon Bowen of Livonia.

The Rev. Anthony Sukowski performed the ceremony.

Bride attendants included Marcy Fowlson and Tammy Nickel. Monica Nickel was the flower girl. Groom attendants were Todd Moore and Michael McTigue. Ushers were Ronald Filloon Jr., Kenneth Filloon and Darren Filloon.

The couple lives in Westland. The bride attended Garden City West High School. The groom is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Henry Ford Com-



munity College. He is employed as a prototype technician with Valeo Automotive Inc.

Arsenault-Hayward

Beverly Hayward and Joseph Arsenault, both of Garden City, were recently married in Toledo, Ohio.

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Koenigsknecht-Utech

Joni Koenigsknecht of East Lansing and Michael Utech of Livonia plan a May wedding at Most Holy Trinity Church in Fowler, Mich.

She is the daughter of Carl and Judy Koenigsknecht of Fowler. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ederina Utech of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as Hodgkins Interior Design in East Lansing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a medical student at Wayne State University. He plans to work in emergency trauma medicine.



Van Bynen-Pemberton

Cheri Lynn Van Bynen of Garden City and James Troy Pemberton of Canton plan a March wedding at First Congregational Church of Wayne.

She is the daughter of William and Charlotte Van Bynen of Garden City. He is the son of Troy and Lanita Pemberton of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The bride-to-be is employed at Mediaspace Research Corp. of Farmington Hills. Her fiancé is employed as assistant program director at WLIZ-FM.



Voytowich-Hanna

Tracy Lee Voytowich of Redford and Matthew Hanna of Southfield plan a March wedding at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

She is the daughter of Richard and Sandra Voytowich of Redford Township. He is the son of Harold and Marlene Hanna of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Redford Thurston High School and graduated from Oakland Community College in 1983. She is employed as a keyliner designer at Opticom International in West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of Redford Union High School and has a bachelor's degree from the Center For Creative Studies in Detroit.



Logan-Hacker

Leslie Irene Logan and Kenneth Loren Hacker, both of Birmingham, plan a March wedding.

She is the daughter of Kay Logan and the late James Logan of Bloomfield Hills. He is the son of Bill and Gladys Hacker of Redford Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School. She is employed as the personal lines manager and account executive at Republic Hogg Robinson of Michigan in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School. He is the owner of Metro Steam Cleaning in Detroit.



Burt-Zelenick

LeAnn Burt of Swartz Creek and Jeff Zelenick of Livonia plan an August wedding.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burt of Swartz Creek. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zelenick of Livonia.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree in applied arts from Central Michigan University. She is pursuing a career in interior design.

Her fiancé received his bachelor's degree from CMU and is completing his graduate studies in business administration at Indiana University.



Bertke-Glass

Diana Jean Bertke of Livonia and Richard Charles Glass of Dearborn Heights plan an April wedding at St. Genevieve Church.

She is the daughter of Eugene and Mary Bertke of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of William and Nora Glass of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Toledo. She is employed at Hewlett-Packard.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Detroit. He is employed at M&M Boring.



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Pastors speak out on Swaggart fiasco

By Larry O'Connor
Staff writer

The Rev. John Roy "wept and prayed" for the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart.

At Roy's church, Bethel Missionary Assembly of God in Livonia, husbands and wives in the congregation held hands and prayed at Sunday's service. The Rev. M. Gregory Gentry took 10 minutes before his sermon Sunday to discuss the Swaggart situation with the members of his church.

Many area Assemblies of God ministers reacted with shock and sadness when they heard the news of Swaggart's resignation from his ministry Sunday. Swaggart left his ministry in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations.

The current scandal comes on the heels of the Jim and Tammy Bakker fiasco, which seemingly had died down.

MOST PASTORS feel Swaggart, though, reacted responsibly by stepping down.

"Well, I believe he's doing exactly what he preaches," said the Rev. Richard Williams, pastor of the Garden City Assembly of God Church. "He preaches that if a man sins, he should repent. He sinned and he's repenting."

Ministers, though, differ on what effect Swaggart's resignation will have on the Assemblies of God. Some quietly believe there will be extensive damage. Others think the fallout will be minor.

Some have even suggested it could strengthen the church, especially locally.

Swaggart's resignation definitely makes the picture of "televangelism" bleak, a ministry still reeling from the Bakker scandal.

SOME MINISTERS think people are more likely to turn to the local church instead of supporting television evangelists.

"There's a real need for the coaches who live vicariously with God through television to re-evaluate their position. . . I think they will," said Roy, whose Bethel Missionary congregation numbers between 150-175 people.

'He preaches that if a man sins, he should repent. He sinned and he's repenting.'

— The Rev. Richard Williams

pastor
Garden City Assembly of God Church

"What I think it's going to do is bring evangelism back into the local church in a powerful manner," Williams said. "I think that's good. Some ministers have laid back and figured they (TV evangelists) would do it. I'm not saying that's the case with all churches."

Gentry, who is a presbyter for the Southern Michigan presbytery of the Assemblies of God, believes the latest scandal might spur changes in church legislation. Gentry said there is a by-law in the Assemblies of God constitution, which allows rehabilitation of ministers guilty of misconduct.

In such cases, according to Gentry, a minister is placed under a group of pastors for two years. If it's believed the minister has been totally rehabilitated, he is allowed to have an unsupervised ministry.

Gentry would like to see that legislation changed to "make ministers realize the costs of temptation" — that they be expelled from the ministry immediately.

MOST AREA ministers feel the Swaggart scandal has a different complexion than the one with Jim Bakker earlier this year. Some said the Bakker scandal had little effect on their congregations. They're not sure about what the fallout will be from Swaggart's actions.

"I believe the Jim Bakker thing scared the world," Williams said. "With Jimmy Swaggart, he shook the world and the church I believe God will turn it around."

"When things like this happen, people lose hope," Gentry added. "We pray that doesn't happen."

Catholic Women plan convention

Council of Catholic Women Archdiocese of Detroit will have its 50th anniversary convention Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, at the Southfield Hilton, 17017 Nine Mile.

There will be anniversary liturgy, banquet, entertainment, exhibits and awards. Cost is \$20 a person per day. Registration deadline in March 4. For more information, call 237-5896.

Drama to benefit peace group

A Peace-Seekers' Play of Empowerment, "The Third Mayor," will be presented by the Red Door Players at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster Road.

Redford Township. A discussion will follow the play to provide historical information and to answer questions. A free will offering will be taken to benefit NANDI (Nonviolent Action for National Defense Institute).

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Mari Bruck will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth Central Middle School, 605 Church St., corner of Main and Plymouth. Bruck is a Christian Science practitioner. Her discussion will focus on "God's One Family Man." The meeting is open to the public. Care for small children will be provided.

ADRIAN SINGERS

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, the Adrian Singers will present the last in a series of concerts throughout mid-Michigan at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Under the direction of Art Jones, the 25-member ensemble will present a mixture of arrangements, ranging from secular songs to popular music. The concert is open to the public. A donation will be taken to help underwrite expenses for the group's upcoming international tour of duty.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit will have World Day of Prayer at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Loia Valley United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford Township. Rudy Fedus will show movies and discuss life in Peru. Baby-sitting will be provided.

LENTEN POT LUCK

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Township, will have a Lenten series of pot luck dinners, followed by a program or a speaker. On Wednesday, March 2, the Rev. Robert Horton, assistant to the bishop, will be the guest speaker. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The program is at 7:30 p.m.

Other programs will include Wednesday, March 9, the Rev. Merton Seymour, district superintendent. Wednesday, March 16, the Rev. William McKnight, Springfield United Methodist Church, and Wednesday, March 23, the Rev. Melvin Cross, performed by Marilyn Mason.

Maundy Thursday, March 31, will be observed with a Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m. The series is open to the public. For more information, call 937-3170.

CHORAL GROUP

The Echoes of Love, a student choral group from Southfield Christian School, will perform at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ward Church Women's Ministries will have Eleanor Page as the keynote speaker at its annual retreat on Saturday, March 5. Page is a Bible teacher in the Washington, D.C., area.

LENTEN SERVICE

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will present its first Lenten service at 7:30 tonight. Dr. Paul Blomquist, pastor of Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 422-0149.

WOMEN FOR JESUS

Janet Siegel will be the guest



The Adrian Singers to appear at Newburg United

and has taught Bible studies in the White House during the Nixon, Ford and Reagan administrations. She also leads Christian Womanhood Seminars for Congressional wives.

The theme for the retreat will be "The Season of the Heart." There will be workshops throughout the day. Cost is \$7. For more information, call 422-1150.

RANGER OF THE YEAR

Fair Haven Assembly of God, 876 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, will host the Southeastern Section Ranger of the Year Competition on Saturday, Feb. 27. At the event, representatives from local outposts will be tested on Royal Ranger book knowledge, campcraft skills and orally interviewed. The winners will advance to the Michigan District Competition in Flint on March 26.

Royal Rangers is the Assembly of God ministry to boys ages 5-17. The group's purpose is to reach, teach and keep boys for Jesus Christ. For more information, call 729-1552.

SLIDE SHOW

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, a "Life in Honduras" will be the topic of a slide presentation by the Missions Board of Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The Missions Board will also serve a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread.

Mt. Hope is one of the sponsors of Majken Broby, a missionary who works with refugee children in Honduras and a short discussion of her work will be part of the presentation.

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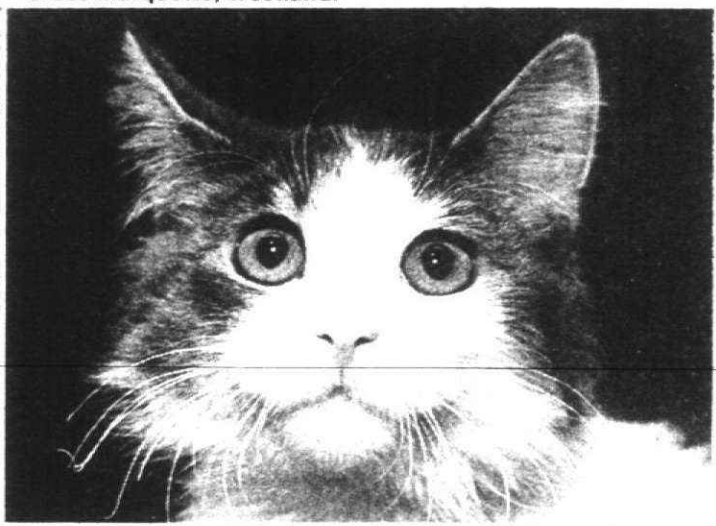
speaker at the Women for Jesus meeting at 7:



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Pets of the week

Rusty, a 5-month-old female spaniel, and Winter, a 1-year-old male cat, need homes. Rusty (Control No. 206351) is house broken and good with children. Winter (Control No. 206390) is litter-trained. To adopt these pets or others, or to check for lost pets, call the Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society, 721-7300. The center is at 37255 Marquette, Westland.



SEMTA offers new transit plan

SEMTA's board of directors is submitting a set of alternative regional transit plans to local officials, which it said responds "to shifting population trends and the changing travel patterns of commuters in southeastern Michigan."

Chairman George Killeen of Macomb County said SEMTA's "preferred alternative," called D, calls for increased bus service, particularly in the suburbs, and light rail systems on Woodward between Detroit and Royal Oak, and on Gratiot from Detroit to the I-96 interchange.

SEMTA stands for Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, a seven-county agency currently providing suburban bus service.

THE FOUR alternatives were developed with input from several groups, including the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments,

the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, the Detroit Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transit Development Committee, and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The board agreed to move the transit alternatives forward for public input, contingent upon receiving a narrative summary from the SEMTA staff.

The staff summary would explain the advantages of the preferred alternative and the costs associated with implementing the various improvements.

SEMTA's 1984 Regional Public Transportation Consensus Plan did not incorporate many of the current travel patterns of the residents of the region. Consequently, this update of the Regional Transportation Consensus Plan was necessary, Killeen said.

Schools can join read-in at Livonia Mall

The Wayne County Reading Council invites all area school districts, community groups and individuals to participate in its fourth annual Read-In from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Livonia Mall.

Tables will be provided at no cost by Livonia Mall. A maximum of four eight-foot-long tables may be used by anyone participating. Electricity will be provided.

Suggested activities include reading games, writing, poetry, creative drama, storytelling, puppetry and computers. The activities should be of interest to all ages.

School districts are encouraged to have students write statements on "What Reading Means to Me" and mount them on construction paper. The essays will be displayed at the

mall. Student illustrations and photographs also are welcome.

School districts will be responsible for providing volunteer workers for their activity and paying for costs of materials needed. A contact person must be designated for each participating district.

The Read-In is aimed at promoting reading for pleasure because

March is reading month. Newspaper in Education Week also falls in March.

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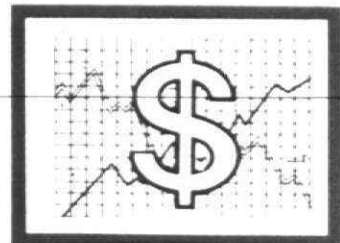
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Mike Ilitch's dream calls for the Fox Theatre to form the hub of a downtown Detroit theater

district which will include an enclosed shopping mall "with an emphasis on eateries."

Ilitch Fox-trot grabs headlines

By Bill Parker
staff writer

While posing for photographers outside the Fox Theatre in Detroit Monday, Mike Ilitch recalled he never went to the Fox when he was a youngster growing up in the Motor City.

"I couldn't afford it," he said.

Now Ilitch owns the theater. When restored, the 10-story facility will become the new home of the world headquarters of Little Caesar International.

Because of his leadership and contributions to the community, Ilitch, a Bloomfield Hills resident, was named Detroit's 1987 Newsmaker of the Year by Crain's Detroit Business. He was honored Monday by the Detroit Economic Club with a luncheon at Cobo Hall.

Ilitch was also a force behind a lighting project for downtown Detroit, which began last year at Hart Plaza. He donated more than \$1 million to support the project. He also owns Little Caesars Enterprises, the Detroit Red Wings, Joe Louis Arena, Olympia Arenas (management company for Joe Louis and Cobo arenas), and he recently bought the Detroit Drive, Detroit's new franchise in the

Arena Football League.

Moving the Little Caesars headquarters to downtown will benefit the city of Detroit, but it also leaves questions for the city of Farmington Hills.

The theater area is scheduled to open Nov. 5, while the corporate headquarters facility on one of the building's upper floors should be completed by spring 1989. At that time, the current world headquarters in Farmington Hills' Tennerty Park will be moved to the new facility.

ILITCH PURCHASED 38 acres on the southwest corner of Drake and 12 Mile roads from Farmington Public Schools in 1985. He planned to use the land to build a 125,000-square-foot facility, which would have housed the new world headquarters. But now its use is undecided.

"We won't do anything with it right now," Ilitch said. "It can be developed, but right now we won't do anything with it. We'll hang on to it and maybe develop it in the future."

"We'll move 430 to 440 employees down (to the Fox). The rest of the people (about 250) and the facilities

will remain in Farmington Hills as is right now."

Ilitch opened his first Little Caesars pizza parlor in Garden City in 1959. Since then Little Caesars has grown into the third-largest pizza chain in the nation, serving 48 states and three countries.

Ilitch was the first to introduce two pizzas for the price of one with his "Pizza, Pizza" campaign in 1974. In 1976, the first Pizza Station was opened in Southfield, offering drive-through service and a traveling oven for on-site pizza preparation at recreation events.

The company posted sales of \$725 million in 1987 through its more than 1,800 restaurants in the U.S., Canada and England.

WHEN THE FOX project is completed, the area will be the center of a theater district downtown. Plans for the facility include the Little Caesars headquarters, entertainment, an enclosed shopping mall "with an emphasis on eateries" and a parking garage.

"A theater district will have a big impact on the city," said Ilitch. "We'll bring a million people to the Fox."

Proposed entertainment will include "Broadway, rock and roll, comedy, just about everything we have at Joe Louis and more," said Ilitch.

Ilitch now estimates it will cost him \$30 million for restoration and renovation of the Fox Theatre as opposed to the original price of \$15 million.

Administration.

Ellen Goodman, Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist, will be the keynote luncheon speaker on Friday. The Athena Award to the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year will be presented at the Friday night reception followed by a concert by the Chenille Sisters.

Thirty-five workshops have been designed along four tracks of business development ranging from business startup to expansion and diversification.

BIRMINGHAM attorney Nina Dodge Abrams and human resources counselor Jacqueline Y. Castine of

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Let there be light

Daylight effect sought by firm

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

If all goes as planned, the dome on Michigan's state capitol in Lansing will blaze anew amid a wreath of lights, illuminated once again as it was at the turn of the century when incandescent lamps highlighted the shape of the dome.

The interior of the dome, an unbroken vertical space spanning four flights, will shine for the first time thanks to specially designed fixtures.

"This is an historic restoration, returning the original as best you can, either by restoring what is available or replicating that which is not. The original effect can be simulated very well," said Stephen Squillace, a lighting engineer with Shreve-Weber-Stellwagen Engineering in Southfield who is heading up the lighting restoration project.

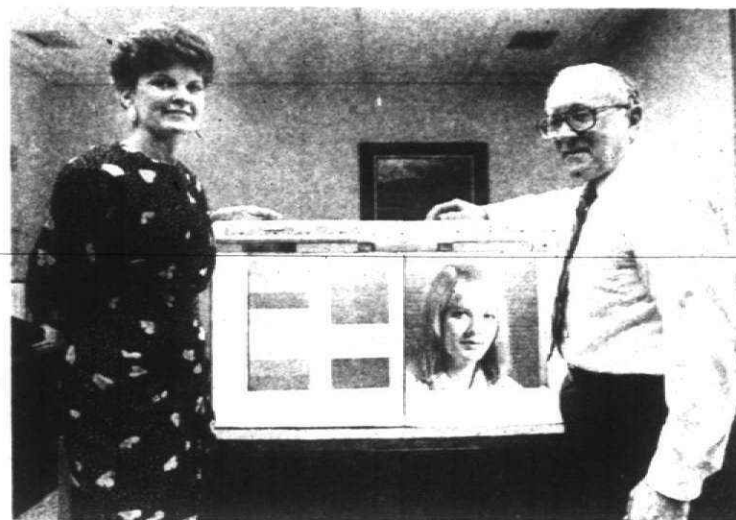
When and if the project is ultimately funded, Squillace will restore the capital's lighting system as closely as possible to the original concept designed by E.E. Myers in 1872.

Squillace pours over dated newspaper accounts and century-old photographs to learn what the original system looked like. He fastidiously studies modern trade catalogues in search of the perfect modern replacement.

THE ATTENTION to detail is more than historical preservation.

Lighting is no longer a simple matter of economics, not if optimum results are to be achieved, according to Wolfgang Weber, an electrical engineer who founded the engineering consulting firm in 1984 with mechanical engineer Gerry Shreve.

Present lighting trends blend esthetics with cost and efficiency, a move away from the economical "turn out the lights" mentality that marked the industry following oil embargoes in the 1970s, according to Weber.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Judy Bentley and Stephen Squillace demonstrate how color and visibility of light can be measured.

'Lighting defines the size and shape of a room. It creates atmospheres.'

— Wolfgang Weber

"Much more care goes into choosing lamp sources today. We not only look at energy and cost efficiency, but we also consider esthetics," Weber said, because "lighting defines the size and shape of a room. It creates atmospheres."

Optimum lighting, according to Squillace, "defines visibility, how well we can see. A normal eye takes in a scene that is 135 degrees vertically and 170 degrees horizontally, a great big panorama."

If the entire panorama is not lighted, "the body responds and says this is not right. Correct lighting gives you a daylight effect which is what the eye actually sees," he said.

IMPROVEMENTS IN existing lamps in recent years and a greater variety in available size, shape and wattage provides greater control and more subtle results in lighting, according to Squillace, adding he frequently mixes sources to achieve desired results.

Metal halide and fluorescent are energy efficient. Fluorescent, available in a variety of shapes and wattages, also provides good color rendering. Incandescent allows for better light control.

All three allow for "alternatives to downlighting," or indirect lighting which Squillace favors because it reduces glare and increases contrasts.

"State-of-art lighting, if there is any such thing, has to be done with light reflecting off other surfaces. Indirect lighting simply makes it easier to see," Squillace said, demonstrating the differences between direct and indirect lighting by a series of lamps used to light his own work area.

But clients all too frequently "see" things differently, preferring bright,

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Conference draws area women

Eight area business women will lead workshops at the fifth annual Conference of Women Business Owners called "Ahead of the Curve: Business in the 90's" Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, at the Hyatt Regency in Flint.

The conference is open to women owning a majority interest in Michigan business and those considering a business in the state. Business trends and predictions for the 1990s will be analyzed.

The conference is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), the Michigan Small Business Development Center at Wayne State University, the Office of Women Business Owners Services of the Michigan Department of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business

business people

Gregg Herning, originally from Redford Township, was promoted to director of sales with the Weston Hotel in Detroit. Before joining the Weston in February 1987, Herning was co-owner of Pro-Mo Tours, a package tour company in Mobile, Ala.

Mary Seroski Carpenter of Canton Township was appointed client service director at Gondek & Associates, a marketing communication resource company in Sterling Heights. Carpenter joined the company in January having earned a bachelor's degree from Point Park College in Pittsburgh, Pa., a master's degree from Millersville State University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts.

Moira McDermott of Canton Township is appointed manager of TeamTennis in the public relations department of Domino's Pizza. McDermott will supervise public relations, promotions and budgeting for the company's TeamTennis. Before joining Domino's, McDermott was a celebrity promotions specialist at Campbell and Co. in Dearborn. From 1983-87, she was a writer and announcer for Amrign, a marketing research firm in Bloomfield Hills.

Gary Druchnia, an agent for State Farm Insurance Co. in the Westland area, earned membership in the company's Millionaire Club. Membership in the club is based on the quality and quantity of life insurance sold and serviced. About one in four State Farm agents qualifies for membership. Druchnia joined the company in 1983. He has been a Millionaire Club member four times.

Michael Kovach, an agent for State Farm Insurance Co. in the Plymouth area, earned membership in the company's Millionaire Club.



Carpenter McDermott Herning Bauman Druchnia Kovach

Kovach joined State Farm in 1983. He has been a Millionaire Club member five times. Membership in the club is based on the quality and quantity of life insurance sold and serviced. About one in four State Farm agents qualifies for membership.

Cindy Fletcher, an agent for State Farm Insurance Co. in the Canton Township, earned membership in the company's Millionaire Club. She joined the insurance company in February 1987. Membership in the club is based on the quality and quantity of life insurance sold and serviced. About one in four State Farm agents qualifies for membership.

Kenneth J. Wagner, an agency manager for State Farm Insurance Co. in the Livonia area, earned membership in the company's Millionaire Club. Agency managers qualify for the club based on the quality and quantity of life insurance sold and serviced. About one in four State Farm agents qualifies for membership. Druchnia joined the company in 1983. He has been a Millionaire Club member four times.

Patti Roman of Livonia is spending the winter working for Telephone Marketing Programs in a cooperative education program with Oakland University. Roman is a marketing major.

Larry Bauman was named division manager of Wade-Trim Impact, the community planning division of Wade-Trim Associates.

Michael F. Marano was named chief financial officer and treasurer of Jered Brown Brothers Inc. of Troy. He was formerly secretary and treasurer.

Bret Mizer was appointed to assistant to the president at Analytical Technologies Inc., Birmingham.

Dr. Janet A. Koepke was appointed assistant superintendent for instruction at the Jackson Public Schools. She was formerly principal

of Twin Beach School in the Walled Lake Consolidated School System.

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Daylight effect sought by firm

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direct lighting systems. "Brightness is used to measure light. Bright white light is viewed as the best. But brightness is not an efficient measure," Weber explained. Indirect lighting is also viewed, with some justification, as being more expensive to install. For maximum efficiency, an indirect system must spread light evenly throughout an area. This either requires more fixtures or better quality fixtures which cost more.

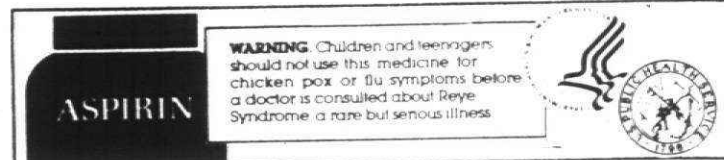
If installed properly, the initial cost is balanced by long-term cost efficiency, according to Squillacce. To educate clients about costs and the intricate differences in lighting from different lamps, Shreve-Weber-Stellwagen offers a series of light box demonstrations which measure color and visibility. Plans to convert a basement area into a lighting laboratory are under way.

Once the lab is in place, Squillacce

also plans to conduct testing on light color and output and electrical current and voltage.

AN ESTIMATED 20 percent of the firm's \$200 million gross last year was from lighting projects, according to Robert Stellwagen, a third partner who joined the firm in 1986. Jobs include the Pontiac Palace in Auburn Hills where varied light color or in the parking lot identifies parking spaces from perimeter roadways, corporate offices for Highland Super Stores in Plymouth where an indirect system was installed, Orchestra Hall, another historic restoration job, and such medical facilities as McCauley Health Center in Ann Arbor and St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing.

Summing up the industry, Weber said, "Lighting has become a complicated subject. We work with the architecture to come up with an esthetically pleasing, efficient system."



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Folks keep buying cars for wrong reasons

The people who buy cars pose a chronic embarrassment to the people who make them.

This is McCosh's Maxim, based on years of study of the stuff of which automotive legends are made: your Mustangs and Edsels, your Marlins and Camaros — cars that could turn over a ferry boat if all the people claiming or disclaiming credit were asked to move to one side.

The reason people who buy cars embarrass the people who make them is that customers persist in buying cars for the wrong reasons.

THIS MAY be insignificant to the guy stuffing pistons at the Rouge or the car salesman sweating out a credit check. But there are people in the auto business who get big bucks to determine something called the demographic profile of a potential car buyer — an analysis generally full of observations such as having

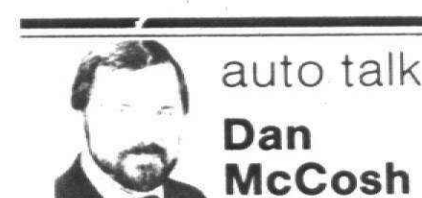
1.7 children, 2.2 parents, and 0.2 "significant others."

The idea behind modern marketing apparently is to identify any group of 10,000 or more likely to stay employed for the next 36 months of car payments, and then persuade your company to build a car for them.

Which is one reason you get a pick of 600 car models on sale in the United States today, and most of them look pretty much the same.

THE EMBARRASSMENT to the marketing types these days comes when nearly a third of the consumers who actually do buy a vehicle today take a look, then go out and buy a truck.

Sales of light trucks have been booming in the United States for about five years, and in fact have been taking over car sales faster



auto talk

Dan McCosh

than the Japanese have been taking over domestic sales.

It's one of the most profound trends in the auto business since the Iran oil crisis. And like the other great automotive trends such as waterbeds in vans, Moon discs and the short fade in Volkswagen microbuses, no one can quite figure out how it all got started.

WHY, FOR instance, do women buy about one in five light trucks sold today?

Sure, the minivan — which technically is a truck — seems to be a reasonable substitute for the station wagon. But if anyone was seriously studying the needs of women with small children, we would be seeing family sedans built with those partitions they use in Detroit taxis.

Women buying four-wheel-drive utility vehicles, the second-largest light truck category, pose a deeper mystery. These things were developed in World War II so a sergeant wouldn't have to walk, and for years

were mainly used by the guy at the corner gas station to plow out his driveway. Now about a third are bought by young women.

LESS APPEALING, but still significant, are light pickup trucks, now recording 12 percent of sales to women, according to statistics supplied by Ford. What's the appeal to two seats and a cargo bed that gets filled with snow three months out of the year?

This sort of thing led to one of those pontificating analysis sessions the other day, which meandered through most of the usual arguments about how today's active lifestyle means trucks fit in as well as jeans, etc.

My theory is that the growth in light truck sales isn't just a quest for more utility — it's also an escape from the steadily increasing same-

ness that plagues passenger cars today. THE NOTION is that it's the ability to stand out when driving around in a truck that sells them — particularly to style-conscious women. Bored with flattened bubbles and jellybeans, goes the theory, at least with a truck you have a vehicle with some character. It's the same kind of thing that got the Beetle off the ground and led to the sports car boom in the 1950s.

Once the marketing staffs get wind of this, of course, they will study and plan and start to build trucks deliberately to ride this "new trend." At which point, in all likelihood, customers will be rushing back to cars.

Just to drive them crazy.

Dan McCosh is the automotive editor of Popular Science.

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production "Genius" by Jonathan Reynolds at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford Playhouse in Redford. Actors needed: five men, ages 22-55 years old, one woman, who can appear to be 27 years old. Production dates are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, April 22 through May 7. Auditions are 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29. For additional information, call 421-5157 to leave a message, or call after 5 p.m.

● **PARTY NIGHT**
Plymouth Jaycees will host a Millionaire Night beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Cultural Center in Plymouth. The event includes blackjack and craps. Proceeds benefit programs and projects of the Plymouth Jaycees. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

● **DANCE COMPANY**
The Virsky Ukrainian State Dance Company of the USSR will appear at the Masonic Temple Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. The company has been a participant of the World Festivals of Youth and Students and has been awarded the World Peace Diploma. Ticket prices are \$22.50, \$20.50 and \$15.50. Tickets are available at the Masonic Tem-

ple Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Order by telephone at 423-6666.

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● **PLAY CONTINUES**
Performances of "The Gingerbread Lady" continue at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at the Trumbull Avenue Theatre in Detroit. The show is presented by West End Productions. Tickets are \$6. For reservations call 435-7859.

● **BRUCE ECONOMOU**
Bruce Economou, son of Chuck and Lois Economou of Farmington Hills, will be featured on "Knott's Landing" at 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, on CBS Channel 2. WJBK-TV. Economou worked in the Detroit and Chicago markets doing industrial films and commercials for seven years before moving to Los Angeles in 1986. He has appeared on "Hill Street Blues," "Superman Court" and "The Bold and the Beautiful." He also will appear on an upcoming episode of "Hunter."

● **MOTHER, DAUGHTER**
Praydele Oysher and her daughter, singer and impressionist Marilyn Michaels, will make their first appearance together in the Detroit area at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. For further information on this program, call 661-1000.

Actor learns new language, debuting in drama about deaf

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fer me money for the role," Finney said, laughing. "I really liked his initiative."

Epperson has since joined the group as a consultant. Also acting as consultants for the production will be actress Lori Jeffries, who is hearing impaired, and Garofoli, who has studied signing extensively.

AFTER SECURING the lead role, Richards found his work had just begun.

He and Epperson, he said, are tackling the job one day at a time. "First, Brenda reads each line and shows me how to sign it. Then, we'll go through one act. She'll read all the other parts, and I'll do my (spoken) lines and, as I do them, I'll try to sign as much as I can. I've been able to get the spoken lines down pretty well, but when I have to work in signing along with them, it's very confusing for me because I'm trying to communicate in two different languages at one time."

Another difficulty occurs, Richards said, because what is said in spoken English is not exactly what is signed in American Sign Language, a more literal means of communication.

"THINGS THAT really mess me up are words like 'should,' 'would,' 'could,' 'do,' 'going to.' All of them have signs that are very, very similar, but still different."

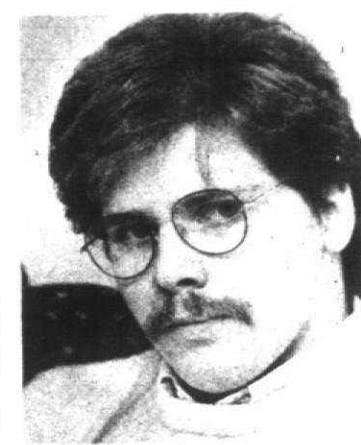
"I'm working to get to a point where the signs will come so naturally that I won't even have to think about them," Richards said. "The real difficulty comes now because I'm thinking about my lines and, at the same time, thinking about what

'After that third audition, I went up to Susan and said, "If you're worried because I can't sign" — don't.'

— Robert Richards lead actor

I'm signing for each line. What I want to achieve is for the signing to be just a natural form of communication, just to flow along with my voice."

"Now, when I'm trying to sign and keep the pace up in my spoken lines, I lose the pace."
"James is a kind of sharp-tongued, witty character," Finney said. "So, the lines have to come quickly."
"With a role that would probably make even an experienced actor more than a little nervous, Richards seems unbothered and totally re-



Robert Richards reflects on his role.

laxed about it all. "Whenever I walk into a theater, I feel comfortable and good," he said. "It's a very personal thing for me, something I love dearly."

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Purple 'wrinkles' age actress for role

By Ethel Simmons staff writer

ACTRESS RUTH VOOL, a veteran of New York's Yiddish theater, joked with the Observer & Eccentric's photographer, expressing concern about whether her wrinkles would show. But she's not at all bothered letting it all hang out onstage, where she's made up to play a 78-year-old.

"You follow the lines that you have," she said, describing her make-up routine. "And you know what color pencil you use? Purple."

In the green room, backstage at the Birmingham Theatre, she talked about her role in "Social Security," the comedy playing through Sunday, March 20. It's not the first time she's played the role of Sophie Greengrass, who breaks away from her daughters' care to have a romance with a 98-year-old, Chagall-like, world-famous artist.

Vool has been an actress since she was a teenager in Montreal, where she was born, but she didn't make her Broadway debut until 1986. She understudied Olympia Dukakis in "Social Security" and finally got her big break, playing Sophie for three weeks, when Dukakis went to Hollywood to film "Moonstruck."

ON BROADWAY, she appeared with gray hair. For the Birmingham production, she's just letting her darker hair color go lighter for the role.

Vool projects a warm personality, and she has a strong voice that complements her attractive appearance. Recalling how she got the part of understudy in the Broadway show, she said, "The show was cast. They were looking for understudies. I read for Peter Lawrence (the director) and the playwright (Andrew Bergman). They laughed."

Lawrence, who rehearsed the understudies on Broadway, is directing the Birmingham show. Vool couldn't say enough good things about him. She also spoke positively about the other cast members.

"I've rehearsed with this group for two weeks," she said. "They're se-



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Ruth Vool, who understudied and played Sophie Greengrass on Broadway, stars in the same role in "Social Security" at the Birmingham Theatre. On stage she portrays a disheveled, aging woman who undergoes a transformation to chic when she finds romance with an elderly, world-famous artist.

She added, "Mike Nichols has so much confidence in Peter Lawrence."

VOOL REPLACED Vivian Blaine in the Birmingham show when Blaine, who achieved stardom as Adelaide in "Guys and Dolls," was taken ill on the first day of rehearsals.

However, Vool doesn't think of herself as a star. "I was coming in as an understudy to Vivian Blaine," she said. "The audience has a right to expect a star here and didn't get it." "Social Security" opened on

Broadway with Mario Thomas and Ron Silver in the roles of the daughter and son-in-law who own an art gallery in Manhattan. Beth McDonald and Michael Minor play the roles in Birmingham. Also in the cast are Cecile Mann and J.R. Horne as the other daughter and son-in-law and Alvin Myerovich as the aged artist, Maurice.

"They care about the production. It's an ensemble group," she said. Asked if her interpretation of the part of Sophie has changed since she played it on Broadway, Vool indicated

'I've rehearsed with this group for two weeks. They're seasoned performers. It's a good family.'

— Ruth Vool

ed that much depends on the director's vision. In the play, Sophie is driving one daughter crazy and is deposited with the other. Vool formerly played Sophie in a more laid-back fashion. "You can just very subtly make people crazy," she said.

In this show, "I think the director wants her lording over the place," she said.

Vool is the widow of actor David Elin, who died in 1986. The two got into the theater together when one of the founders of the Habimah Theatre, the national theater in Israel, started a studio in Montreal. "We were really kids," she said.

THEN, VOOL and Elin went to

New York, to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Art. They returned to Montreal, to be married and then went back to New York, where their son, Morgan, was born. Vool said she has "played roles with the greats of the Yiddish theater. There were 20 flourishing Yiddish theaters on Second Avenue," she said, although, "They bury it every year."

One of her fondest memories was costarring with Sam Levene (who originated the role of Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls") in "Goodnight, Grandpa" at the PAF Playhouse in Huntington, N.Y. "Playing opposite him was very exciting," she said.

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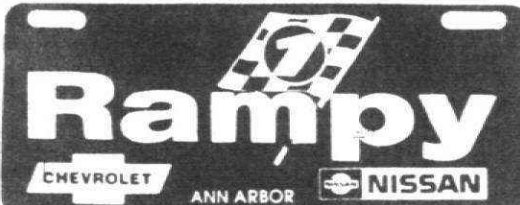


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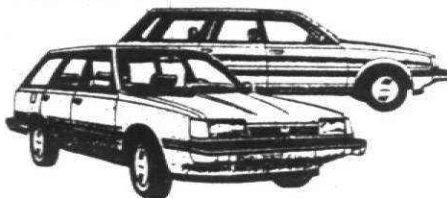
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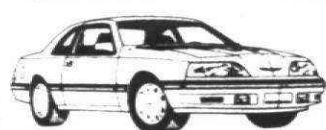
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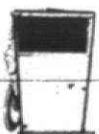


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Shorthanded SC falls in playoffs

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

The odds seemed stacked against Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team from the start.

The Lady Ocelots started last night's Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoff game at Oakland Community College short of bodies. By the time the opening half was 15 minutes old, they were short of patience. And when the final buzzer sounded, they were short of points — and out of gas.

OCC advanced to the state semi-

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nals at Glen Oaks CC with a 68-53 victory in a game that was much closer than the score. The Lady Raiders, now 24-3, play Lake Michigan CC at 8 p.m. Friday. A victory would boost them into the state finals at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Last night's game turned around

in the final five minutes of the first half. To that point, SC had dominated; Michelle Dyksinski's three-point play with 5:02 left gave the Lady Ocelots a 20-10 lead.

"WE WERE too tense," said coach Larry Hojna. "We were too jacked up for this game. They beat us here before, so we were really ready this time."

Maybe too ready. Playing without starting center Regina Woodard (from Bloomfield Hills Lahser), who is out for the year with a knee injury, the Lady Raiders missed their first eight shots and fell behind 9-0.

But Michelle Taubee got them going, scoring six points in a two-minute span to put OCC's offense on track.

From that point on, the Lady Raiders dominated. They outscored SC 17-4 in the final 4:20 of the half to take a 29-26 lead into the break. The Lady Ocelots pulled close in the second half, getting to within a basket on several occasions, but they never tied it.

"This was very disappointing," said SC coach Jack Grenan. "You've got to play smart. We didn't."

TURNOVERS AND poor judgment plagued SC throughout. It didn't help that there were only seven players for Grenan to summon. Point guard Debbie Georgevich severely sprained an ankle in Monday's win over Henry Ford CC and was out of action.

Sharon Miller was also still hurting with a bad ankle; the 6-1 center didn't start, but did provide SC with its only consistent offense in the second half. She finished with 12 points.

Problem was, SC guards Tammy Adkins and Darlene Bazner too often tried to force the play inside. The end result, usually, was a turnover — 28 in the game.

Taubee, who had 11 first-half points, finished with 17. Kristi Lyons scored 15 and Shelley Duncan had 13. Denise Kokowicz paced SC with 16 points. Michelle Dyksinski and Adkins pitched in nine apiece.

SC men's team out

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team made a quick exit from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association state tournament, losing at Macomb CC 80-65 Monday.

The loss dropped the Ocelots to 8-21; they host the MCCA state finals this Friday and Saturday, and the NJCAA Region XII Division I tournament next week.

"I was extremely pleased with the way our kids played," said SC coach Dave Bogataj, who had just one recruited player — guard Steve Hawley — on the floor to start the game.

Still, SC kept pace with highly-regarded Macomb CC until late in the first half, when the Monarchs pulled away to a 39-28 halftime lead. "They like to run," said Bogataj, "but we got back on defense very well. To stop a running game, you have to get offensive rebounds. We had 10 in the first half."

That, combined with a packed-in zone defense that forced Macomb CC to rely on its perimeter game, kept the Monarchs' off-balance. SC's offense was geared for Hawley's shooting; he responded with 39 points, and added nine assists.

Mike Wiktor chipped in 12 points

and 10 rebounds, and Ladion Tait came off the bench to collect nine points and 14 boards.

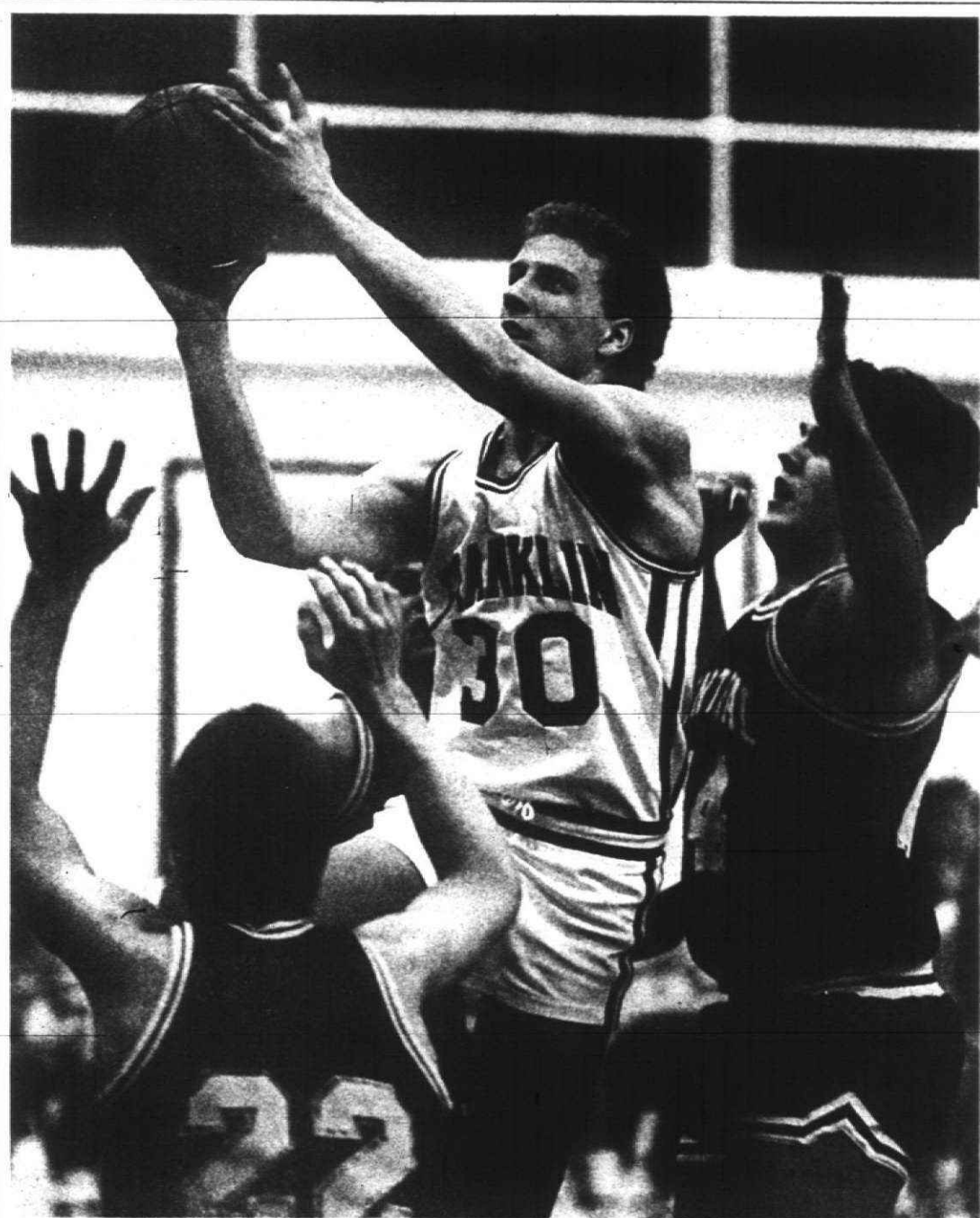
Terry Koerner led Macomb, 25-6 entering last night's game at Oakland CC, with 19 points. Brandon Neely and Eric Peplowski had 14 apiece.

THE SC WOMEN'S team got a strong contribution from its bench to beat visiting Henry Ford CC 62-49 Monday in its MCCA tourney opener.

The Lady Ocelots trailed by five (29-24) at the half, but that deficit was quickly erased, thanks to the work of Virginia Angels and Penny Piggott. Both got into the game to start the second half and made an immediate impact.

Angels, a Redford Thurston product, scored four points and made three steals in the first three minutes; Piggott, subbing for injured center Sharon Miller (sprained ankle), scored nine second-half points to spark the Lady Ocelots.

Michelle Dyksinski topped SC with 15 points and eight rebounds. Darlene Bazner and Tammy Adkins added 10 points apiece.



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Moving through traffic

Livonia Franklin's J.J. Swindall (with ball) cuts through the Walled Lake Central defense during Tuesday's Western Lakes basketball playoff.

Franklin lost a heartbreaker to the Lakes Division champs, 61-55. See cage roundup, 2D.

Stevenson ties Churchill to retain 1st- place grip

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Livonia Churchill's bid to gain a share of first place in the Suburban Prep Hockey League fell one goal short Wednesday.

The Chargers roared back for four goals in the final period, but first-place Livonia Stevenson maintained its half-game lead in the standings by holding on for a 4-4 tie in a game played at Edgar Arena.

It's unlikely the standings will change before the regular season ends.

Stevenson, 11-0-1 in league play and 14-3-3 overall, will probably retain its SPHL crown, barring an up-

set against fourth-place Bloomfield Hills Andover (6 p.m. Friday at Edgar), followed by another make-up game against lowly Bloomfield Hills Lahser (1:30 p.m. Saturday at Devon-Aire).

Churchill, 11-1-1 in the SPHL and 14-5-1 overall, winds up its league schedule today at 8 p.m. against Lahser at the Bloomfield Hills Skating Club.

THE BATTLE BETWEEN the two Livonia rivals Wednesday was a far cry from the first meeting Jan. 15 when Stevenson skated to an easy 7-0 triumph.

"We didn't play really well tonight because Churchill didn't let us play well," said the Stevenson coach Matt

Mulcahy. "They beat us to the puck in this game. We were a bit tentative, but it wasn't because everybody wasn't trying 100 percent. We were ready mentally, but we wasted a lot of energy."

Churchill coach Varvari, meaning, pulled all the stops in trying to get his team a share of the league lead.

After Joe Ahmet's goal with 2:28 left from Tim Siedlaczak tied it at 4-4, Varvari used a timeout to plot strategy down the stretch.

"The tie was going to do us no good and we had to go for the win," Varvari said. "I just wanted to calm them down and make sure we were back-checking. We also wanted to re-

inforce our fore-checking."

VARVARI PULLED HIS goalie for an extra attacker with just under 40 seconds left. The Chargers got off one decent shot that Stevenson goalie Paul Strauch saved to preserve the tie.

"Paul let in one weak goal, but they made a good play on the tying goal (Ahmet's)," Mulcahy said. "But Paul came back and played like a tiger and didn't quit."

Stevenson scored in the first minute of play on Ross Beck's floater from the blueline that was tipped in by Nick Mariani. Gordie Wilson also assisted on the goal that Varvari called a "Garro Yepremian pass."

"I don't know how it went in," said

the Churchill coach.

In the second period, Stevenson went ahead 2-0 as John Brodhun's shot from the blueline trickled through Churchill netminder Jason Devlin's pads. Greg Gulau and Wilson assisted on the goal.

But things suddenly opened up in the third period.

Churchill's Russ MacDonald scored from Bob Sommerville at 2:30 to make it 2-1, but defenseman Paul Tustian scored a minute later from Craig Aitken to give the Spartans a two-goal cushion.

CHURCHILL RESPONDED with two goals to knot the count at 3-3 — Brett Campbell from Chris Frayer

and Scott Patterson at 6:01; and Patterson from Siedlaczak, a power-play goal with Mariani in the box at 7:28.

But Wilson's one-hand pass to Lee Genovese in front the net with 3:49 left gave Stevenson a short-lived 4-3 lead, as Ahmet, redeeming himself for the five penalties he took during the game, scored at the 12:32 mark.

"The first thing I told my team (between the second and third periods) was that our season was all wrapped up in these final 15 minutes," Varvari said. "We were more aggressive on the puck this time and I thought we outskated them."

Mulcahy couldn't argue that fact. His team was outshot 45-19.

Catholic Central icers fall prey to Trenton, 5-4

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Redford Catholic Central's second line gave the Shamrocks a second chance Wednesday.

But Trenton's second goal of the third period stood up as the Trojans held on for a 5-4 win over visiting CC, knocking the Shamrocks out of first place contention for the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League West Division title. (Ann Arbor Pioneer has clinched the division.)

Paul Pirronello scored two goals in the final period and Keith Bozyk added another as the Shamrocks (14-4-3 overall, 11-2-1 league) fought back from a three-goal deficit to make it close.

But two Trenton goals, one by Rich Fischer and the other by Todd Scheffler, a minute apart earlier in the final period stood up.

Though not too happy with the loss, CC coach John Gumbleton hopes the offensive output by the No. 2 line of Jason Baldas, Pirronello and Bozyk is a sign of things to come.

It would certainly give the Shamrocks, ranked No. 2 in Class A, more

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depth entering state regional next week.

SCOTT LOCK, Jim Hubenschmidt and Larry Bsharah have been CC's top line this season.

"The second line started to perform and started to forecheck," Gumbleton said. "They have to skate hard. I've been on them lately. They haven't been producing. Maybe they're starting to listen to me."

Pirronello's goal with 1:23 left in the game made Trenton listen. Pirronello took a pass from Bozyk and slid a back-hand shot past Trenton goalie Pat Eelnurme, giving CC a ray of hope.

Bozyk, who had three points on the night, scored on a wrap-around shot five minutes earlier to make it a two-goal game.

After Pirronello's first goal three minutes into the third period, Trenton struck for two quick ones.

FISCHER SCORED first for the Trojans in front of the CC net. With no time to blink, Scheffler then netted another goal moments later.

"Neither of those two goals should have happened," Gumbleton said.

But they did, and CC paid for it. Both teams matched goals in the second period.

With the Trojans short-handed, Hubenschmidt knocked in the Shamrocks' first goal of the game. He wheeled down the right side of the ice, then fired a shot low past Eelnurme.

Bozyk and Lock assisted on the power-play tally, which came three minutes into the second period. Two minutes later, Trenton's Mark Ottenbreit scored the second of two goals on the night.

THE GOAL, like Trenton's first two of the game, was unassisted.

Trenton didn't even bother with introductions before Ottenbreit even scored on a slap shot 10 seconds into the game.

Relentless fore-checking earned the Trojans their second goal of the opening period. Brian Voss took a puck and blasted it into the net.

Shots on goal told story of the first period. Trenton outshot CC 15-1.

"How can you only get one shot on goal?" Gumbleton asked. "I was embarrassed with that first period."

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Wake Forest's Rioux honored

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Three years ago Jennifer Rioux transferred from the University of Michigan to Wake Forest, where she received a track scholarship. She's been waiting ever since to prove she was worth the investment.

Rioux, a Livonia Ladywood graduate and now a senior, has excelled athletically for the Deacons. It just hasn't been in track. An All-American at U-M as a freshman in cross country, Rioux duplicated that feat by again earning All-America honors for Wake Forest.

In cross country, that's not her sport of emphasis, supposedly, track is.

BUT SOMETHING always seemed to happen to Rioux to keep her from realizing her goals. During her first year of track competition at Wake Forest, she had trouble with a tendon in the back of her feet. In her second season, lower back pains sidelined her.

college sports

When one player draws a defense's attention, her teammates have to pick up the slack. Such was the case Wednesday when Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team played at Henry Ford CC. The Lady Ocelots' starting center, 6-foot-1 Sharon Miller, was still hobbled by an injured ankle. She

Baseball trivia for sports nuts

- Dated Evans is one of two current major leaguers who has hit 100 or more home runs with three different baseball teams. Reggie Jackson is the other.
- For what three major league teams did Mickey Lolich pitch? Tigers, Mets, Padres.
- What position did Steve Garvey play when the Los Angeles Dodgers called him to the majors?
- How many times did Willie Mays hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in one season?
- How many times did Hank Aaron hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in one season?

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would slingshot her into the Olympic Trials. Still, it was nice to win the ACC race even if her time was far off her personal best of 9:14, which she ran her first season at Wake Forest.

"I'm healthy now," she said. "And I'm going to stay healthy if it kills me."

Success hasn't come easily for Rioux. She did make All-American in cross country last fall, finishing 21st overall in the NCAA meet, but it was an uphill struggle.

"I consider it a decent season," was her opinion. "I was coming from behind again."

Poor health sidelined Rioux for part of the cross country season. She became anemic in September, with an iron level so low "I was falling asleep in class."

THE PROBLEM was quickly corrected, but it hurt her performance. Rioux finished 68th at the Kentucky Invitational in October, her first competition of the season. She re-

gained her strength fast enough and "once I got my confidence back, I was fine."

She proved that by earning her All-American status six weeks after the Kentucky Invitational.

Rioux's attention is now riveted on track, which is where she'd rather be. "I'm definitely more confident in track," she said. "It's easier for me. It's more fun, so it's easier."

First goal on Rioux's timetable is the NCAA indoor meet March 12. She must surpass the qualifying standard of 9:23.5 at the Florida meet to make it.

After that, there's the ACC Outdoor meet in April, the NCAA Outdoor meet in June and, finally, the Olympic Trials in July.

Just staying healthy enough to compete in all four major trials will be welcomed by Rioux. "If I can make it through July, I'll be so happy," she said.

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Trojans vault by Zebras in dual

Competing again without its top performer Wednesday, the Livonia Clarenceville gymnastics team still managed to defeat visiting Wayne Memorial, 116-85-108-20.

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CLARENCEVILLE claimed first, second and third place on the uneven bars, proving to be the difference in the meet. Thompson

Westland club qualifies

The Class III Sectional Meet is next for seven gymnasts from the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics of Westland. The ultimate goal is the state meet held this May at Bay Valley.

The seven gymnasts qualified for the sectional by scoring at least 27.00 in a meet held last Saturday at the Michigan Academy. They include: Adrienne Auten, Kim Clevenger, Rachel Fitch, Laura Grabowski, Michelle Rea, Julie Reeb and Shelley Underwood.

Auten garnered second place on the floor exercise and vaulted bars. She took third place all-around in the Class III Children's Division.

Underwood placed fourth all-around, and that included a third-place finish on the vault and a fifth on bars.

Fitch was sixth all-around, including third on the beam. Grabowski was ninth all-around while

Reeb finished sixth on the vault. Reeb, competing in the Class III Junior Division, earned sixth all-around and fourth on the bars.

AT A CLASS III Optional Meet Saturday at the Academy, Stacey Shattleroe took first place all-around. She was first place on bars, second on vault and third on the floor. Shannon Tarris was seventh all-around, while Stephanie Roberts placed second on the floor. Teammates Kim Ascencio and Julie Carrara took seventh and eighth place, respectively, on the bars.

The following made up the rest of the participants Sunday from the Michigan Academy: Gena Abramczyk, Jennifer Guel, Gina Genrich, Brooke Larsen, Missy Parr, Danae Padan, Lisa Perry, Kelley See, Bethany Simrak, Sara Stoyanovich, Leigh Vork and Cheryl Waronek.

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Not all commercially available cleaning agents are toxic, but determining whether a household product is hazardous can be difficult. Manufacturers are not required to list ingredients of their products and in many cases health effects of products are not fully known because they have not been adequately tested.

FEDERAL regulations state that the toxicity of a product must be indicated by one of the following words:

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Other key words that indicate a toxic substance are poison, flammable, volatile, caustic and corrosive. Many labels are misleading because rules regulating labeling are vague.

While small household sources of hazardous substances are not regulated the same way as industrial substances, the combined effect of individual household sources becomes considerable.

Many non-hazardous alternatives for these hazardous products exist and can be used safely to achieve the same results. Some of these cleaners are baking soda, white vinegar, salt and lemon juice. Try some of these solutions in your home:

BATHROOM:
A paste of baking soda and water cleans bathtubs and sinks without being abrasive.

For mildew in tile grout or on shower curtains, use white vinegar or lemon juice. Commercial brands labeled "non-chlorine" are less toxic than other brands.

DRAIN OPENERS:
Pour a handful of baking soda

down the drain followed by one-half cup of white vinegar. Cover the drain tightly for one minute, then rinse with boiling water. Or, use one-half cup salt and one-half cup baking soda, followed by lots of hot water.

OVEN CLEANERS:
Scrub with baking soda, or soak with a mixture of baking soda and water.

WINDOWS:
Use a mixture of one tablespoon vinegar in one quart water; or rub newspapers on the glass; or use denatured alcohol.

FURNITURE POLISH:
Use mineral oil, mayonnaise, or



Terry Gibb

two parts olive or vegetable oil and one part lemon juice.

FLOOR WAXES, CLEANERS:
For wood floors, use mineral oil, the active ingredient in most wood polishes and cleaners. For cleaning a mixture of half mineral and half vinegar may also be used.

For linoleum floors, use one cup white vinegar to two gallons water. Polish with club soda, and add skim milk to rinse water for shine.

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For freshening or odor removal, add one cup vinegar or baking soda instead of soap. It will remove

smells without adding their own odors.

PLANT INSECTICIDES:
Put soapy water on leaves followed by a rinse.

SILVER CLEANER:
Soak silver in one quart warm water containing a teaspoon baking soda, one teaspoon salt and a piece of aluminum foil.

The above information is from "Water Impacts," Institute of Water Research, January 1988.

ECO-TIP: For a free fact sheet outlining many other hazardous household products, the proper disposal technique and alternatives to these products, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Household Hazardous Substances Chart" at the address below. The chart is designed as a bulletin board or refrigerator hang-up for quick reference.

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The Coast Guard handles major emergencies, but generally refers non-emergency calls to private towing firms. In the past, the Coast Guard Auxiliary handled non-emergency calls.

It is one of only 13 such meetings nationwide and is the only meeting

scheduled for the Great Lakes region.

Those who cannot attend the meeting may send written comments to the Marine Safety Council (G-CMC), Room 2110, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001.

Comments should be postmarked no later than Thursday, March 31. They should also state that they involve Federal Register Notice CGD 87-083 and note they come from the Great Lakes region.

Congress considers 'dial-a-porn'

Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Feb. 19. There were no record votes in the Senate.

MILITARY MALPRACTICE — By a vote of 312 for and 61 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 1054) enabling active-duty military personnel to sue the government for up to \$300,000 in damages caused by medical or dental malpractice by service hospitals. Active-duty personnel now can turn only to the Veterans Administration for compensation in such cases, in keeping with a 1950 Supreme Court decision this bill would negate. Supporter Tony Hall, D-Ohio, complained that "even federal prisoners can sue for medical malpractice in government-operated facilities."

Opponent William Dickinson, R-Ala., said "there is no reason to impose this additional burden on the military at a time when the Department of Defense and the defense dollar (are) under attack."

Members voting yes supported the bill. Voting yes were Democrats Dennis Hertel of Harper Woods, Wil-

Roll Call Report

liam Ford of Taylor and Sander Levin of Southfield.

Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Not voting: Carl Pursell, R-Plumouth.

DIAL-A-PORN — By a vote of 200 for and 179 against, the House endorsed the less rigid of two pending legislative approaches to "dial-a-

porn," the 900 number service providing explicit sexual commentary to children and other callers.

This vote occurred as the House looked ahead to a House-Senate conference on a massive school-aid bill (HR-5).

At issue was whether to accept or reject Senate language to repeal what Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and others argue is authority in the 1934

Communications Act for dial-a-porn.

This contested vote on a parliamentary issue cleared the way for the House to unanimously instruct its conferees to bypass the Helms approach as possibly unconstitutional, and support in its place a more flexible proposal by Rep. Edward Madigan, R-Ill.

Members voting yes endorsed Madigan's motion giving House conferees on HR-5 flexibility in seeking "a solution to the dial-a-porn problem." Voting yes: Hertel and Levin. Voting no: Broomfield. Not voting: Pursell, Ford.

Singers join forces for performance

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir and University of Toledo Chorale will join voices 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, for a performance of John Rutter's "Requiem" at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

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Consulting fills in her work of art

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

Marilyn Finkel, art consultant, is doing her bit to rid the world of passive art.

Finkel's description of that is "decorative, safe, things that fade away, that you forget."

Finkel herself, a slim, pretty, dark-haired woman with positive opinions about good and bad art, certainly isn't passive or easy to forget.

She has been professor of art history at Oakland Community College since 1968 and has done a lot of art consulting over the years. The two disciplines work well together for her.

IN SEPTEMBER 1986, she opened her firm, Marilyn Finkel & Associates of Farmington Hills, and put the picture together exactly as she wanted it. Her offices on Northwestern just south of Middlebelt are a short drive from her office on the OCC Orchard Ridge campus. She has a staff of three, but she's "it" when it comes to the art, "I just better not get a cold," she said with a smile.

What she tries to do as she works with architects and interior designers, she said, "is to make the art an extension of what they've already done," or, if she comes in at the blueprint stage, of what they want to do.

For instance, when she chose the art for Crittenden Hospital, she had each area, its function and the condition of the people who would be there in mind.

SHE SAID she gets her clues on what will work from the clients, the designers and the design and function of the building. And it's not a case of her making a decision and the clients accepting it. She said she likes it best when it's a group effort. Her attractive offices are designed to handle small conferences and presentations.

"I don't represent anybody or

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— Marilyn Finkel
art consultant

any gallery. My whole allegiance is to the client," she said. She doesn't keep large inventory of art either, enough to suggest what she does and serve as provocative samples, but the larger inventory is slides of art work from artists around the world.

So once she's come up with ideas for the art for her clients, she can present her ideas, show slides and samples, open the discussion and answer questions.

"ART SHOULD be challenging, it shouldn't be boring. Art should work with who's gonna use the building and it shouldn't be passive. I guess I love art so much that I want it to be a part of people's lives — part of the wonderful quality of art that makes it special is that it changes your perception. The most successful art demands participation — almost like a dialogue."

To keep the dialogue fresh, lively and affordable, she spends a lot of time in the marketplace, going to galleries, tracking down artists and visiting their studios. She makes three or four trips to Europe each year, was in Paris last December and Rome last summer.

"THE PARIS art scene has expanded like crazy. And I found a terrific sculptor in Sicily last summer. I go directly to the artist if possible."

She also makes use of local and national sources, "New York is

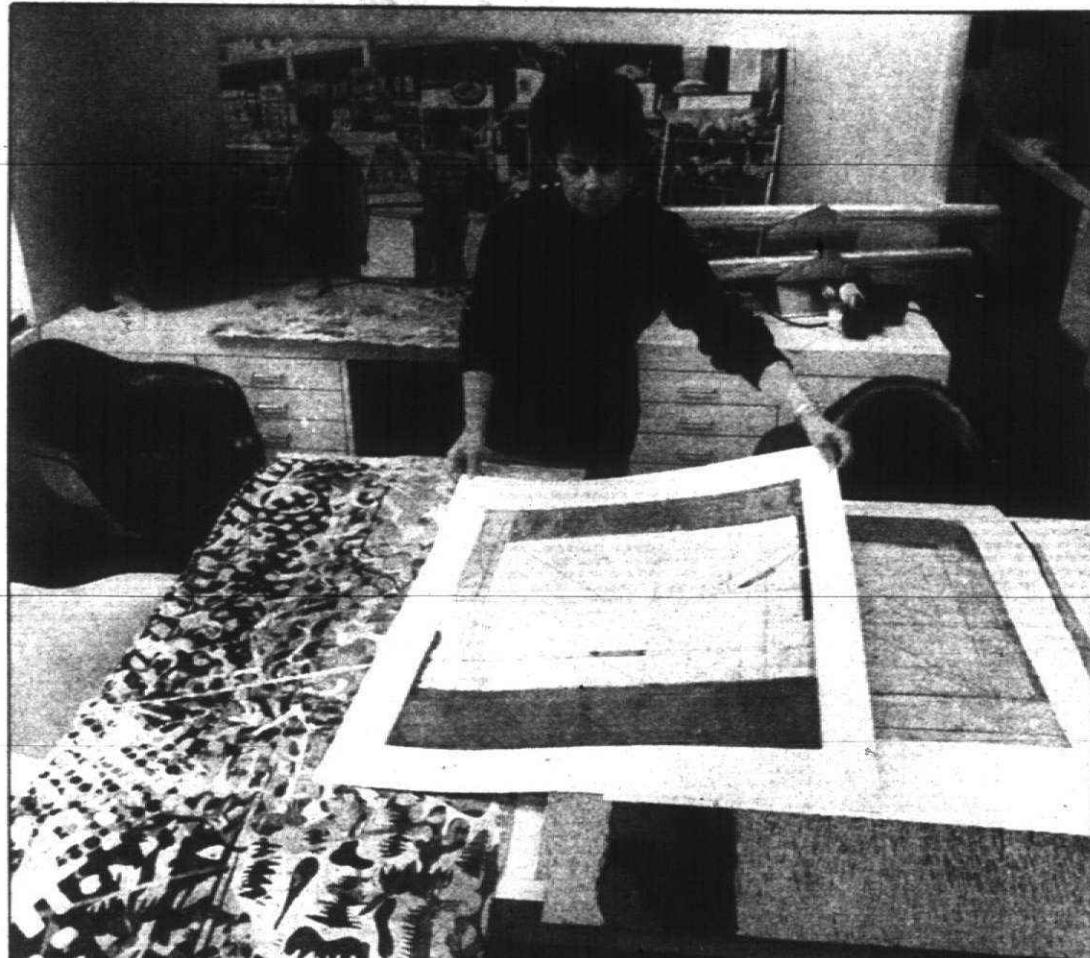
very expensive, Washington D.C. has some really good galleries. I'm attempting to find artists who are reasonably priced who have good credentials . . . young artists with good credentials with maybe museum affiliations."

She paused as if gathering her nerve then added, "I don't think there's enough places (here) where good, young art can be seen, something between the co-op galleries and the galleries in Birmingham. There are other cities where there is a huge commitment to younger artists. You've got a ripe art market here."

HER BACKGROUND in architecture has been a great help, particularly when she's called in at the very beginning of a project. Then if walls need to be strengthened to support a sculpture or skylights added, they can be drawn into the plans at the beginning when it's easy to make the changes.

She said one of the strongest selling points for her services is that she can simplify things for the architect, interior designer or builder. They may spend weeks trying to acquire the information and expertise which she has at her fingertips — that and the fact that she has an impressive track record. Right now, she is working as art consultant with Contract Interiors on all of the suites for the Palace of Auburn Hills.

AMONG HER clients are seven Hyatt Regency hotels, Liberty State Bank & Trust of Troy, Michi-



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Marilyn Finkel sorts through some of the works on the wall behind her isn't a window, it's of art she had out to show a client. The scene a painting by Beverly Neumann.

gan Bell, Paine Webber, Compuware Corp., Federal Mogul, Haworth Inc., Lakeview Mall, the Lurie Co.-Chicago, Sinai, St. Joseph and Crittenton hospitals, Tam O'Shanter Country Club and Twinbrook Office Center among many others.

Finkel said her business is going better than she anticipated, "It's

growing very quickly, and I adore it."

Just to be sure the people in the building think of the art as theirs, she takes them on a tour once everything is in place, talks about the art and the artists and sends clippings to them about "their artists" whenever she finds some. That's the teacher part of her coming to

the forefront, again, she said proudly.

"What I like and see developing is a relationship," she said. "We just installed a wonderful piece of outdoor sculpture at the Federal Mogul plant in Lancaster, Pa. I love the challenge of finding the right artist for the right space."

Group show
These artists love to experimentBy Corinne Abatt
staff writer

The strong bond of friendship between Jeanne Poulet and Mary Ellen Croci was born in the struggle to make it as artists and nurtured by the recognition which both of them are now enjoying.

Even their works of art, on display in a small section of Norgraphics, 29555 Northwestern, Southfield, seem touched by that bond of empathy, appreciation and understanding.

Poulet said, "Mary Ellen Helped me become a colorist. Before that I did only black and white."

SHE POINTED out a hand colored etching, "Three Women," as an example of her work with color. With a broad infectious smile, she said, "I do very macabre, serious stuff," adding that through Croci she has become more conscious of feminist issues.

She expanded on their scope to say that both do art which deals with the "human condition."

"We sort of have a dream that we can make things better. We try to symbolize what we see as a hurt," Poulet said.

As Croci plowed her way toward her goal to be an artist, what could have been setbacks (a fire, the theft of an etching press and the constant scramble for income) were recycled as life experiences when she and Poulet talked about them.

AND THE sensitivity to the feelings and foibles of people, which Poulet and Croci share, is one of the great strengths of the art which they produce. Another is their openness to materials, processes and issues. In her largest work in the show, "Mad Hat," Croci used gouache, watercolor and iridescent inks. The flamboyance of this is a sharp contrast to a group of smaller works done with pen and ink, India ink, Japanese ink and iridescent inks. Some are collages, others give the illusion of a mix-



Jeanne Poulet's works are often figurative, hand-painted graphics. This one contains some self-portraits.

ture of elements.

Croci said that when she was growing up, "Art was like a little private thing, a private place to go."

HER SMALLER works in the Norgraphic show (5-by-7 and 7-by-9 inches) focusing on man-woman relationships and a woman's dreams and longings are like a window into Croci's private world, yet they still have a strong appeal for the viewer. Her paintings are packed with detail, line and color.

While the store setting is far from ideal for these often-intimate works, or for any art as far as that's concerned, this is still worth the trip.

Poulet, who works as a consultant for Norgraphics, arranges about six shows a year. The other



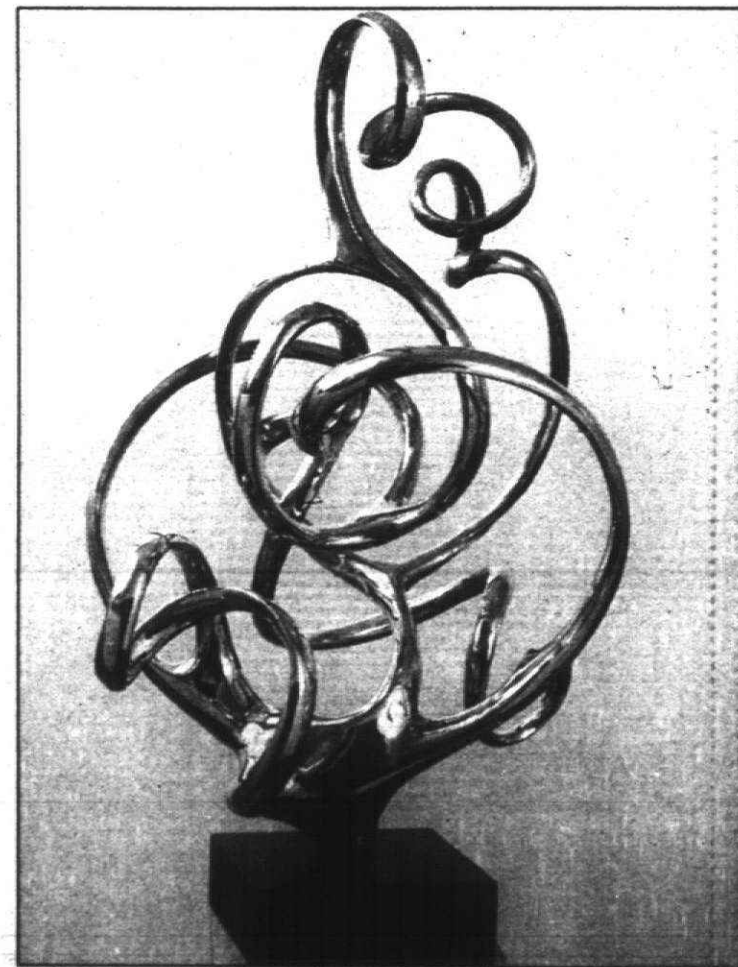
This painting, "Mad Hat," by Mary Ellen Croci is done in brilliant colors in gouache, watercolor and iridescent inks.

'We sort of have a dream that we can make things better. We try to symbolize in art what we see as a hurt.'

— Jeanne Poulet

artists in this current show are Lin Baum, Graig Billings, Gary Book, Judy Buresh, Kathryn Korach and Mayumi Tevens. A display of computer art by Frederic Voisin, "Electro-Fun," is also on display. It is the best of its kind that I've seen so far. All of the works almost suffocate from lack of breathing space.

Staff photos by Jerry Zolynsky



Polished bronze sculpture by Kieff, 36 inches high, will be in the art exposition at the Jewish Center. It is from an edition of six.

Jewish Center hosts
1st Art Expo and sale

The First International Jewish Art Expo and Sale will be held at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, opens from Saturday and continues through March 9.

Seventeen artists will be coming from around the world to the Center prior to their showing at Artexpo at Israel, Mexico, Canada and the United States. They will be exhibiting and selling sculpture, ceramics, oils, litho's, watercolors and wood.

This is the first time that a collection of this calibre will be exhibited in this area. The artists participating

are: Israel — Yacov Agam, Itzik Ben-Shalom, Leon Bronstein, Amram Ebgi, Victor Halvati, Isaac Kahn, Yosef Sasoon, Calman Shemi, Gila Stein; Mexico — Sara Mekler, Susana Schwever, De Karchner, Mily Si-duay; Canada — Kieff and Esther Wertheimer; United States — Bertha Cohen, Ann Froman, Yankel Ginzburg, Michel, Roberta Shefrin, Jerry Sobie and Zamy Steimovitz.

A reception for the artists will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, open to the public, free of charge.

Poetry contests: rhyme and reason

A FEW weeks back I asked my poet-readers to tell me which of the hundreds of advertised poetry contests are legitimate and which are not. Dorothy Aust, editor and co-publisher of *Alura Quarterly*, a poetry magazine published in Livonia, called and sent along some worthwhile information.

Aust says some are excellent and any poet could take pride in winning, but some stay just within the law in order to make enough money to line their pockets and to keep on sponsoring contests.

LET'S LOOK at how one of them works, according to Aust.

The World of Poetry is usually announced by Eddie-Lou Cole. It offers a prize of \$1,000 and charges a small fee per poem. If you "win," (and it appears that everybody does), for an extra \$50 you can have your picture included with your poem(s). You also have a chance to purchase the anthology in which your poems appear — for a mere \$80. Your poem could appear in an enormous hardbound book entitled, "Great Contemporary Poems" or even "Great Poems of the Western World."

Aust cautions poets to read the fine print. "Some contests," she says, "require that you purchase the book. Others will say you've won it, but will cost you \$50 to have your poem published. If you don't buy the books, sometimes they'll send you a stapled booklet that includes your poem."

Livonia poet Linda Ann Rourke sent me this reply — in verse.

Last fall I entered a contest, to win some folding green.

It was the first news of this contest that I had ever seen.

So I picked the best of my efforts (of 20 lines or less).

And sent it along to Mr. Frost, hoping, of course, for success.

The thrill of a national contest! Competition would surely be great, but I sent him my poem eagerly, and sat back to patiently wait.

In December, the notification immediately increased my tension —

Good grief, can it be —

My gosh, I've won Honorable Mention!

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and the nagging and growing unrest that gives me the feeling that I have been had, that my ego's been put to the test.

So what did I do? Did I send him my poem? A book with my poem would be nice. But you'd better believe that the answer is NO!

and from now on, I'll always think twice.

IN AN attached note, Rourke says, "I think these poetry volumes are like 'Who's Who Among American College and University Students' — an ego massage for those included, and an almost instant source of cash for the publisher."

"Who, after all, can resist seeing his name in print, no matter what the price?" I also refuse to pay the \$5 per poem fee that Frost's editor was requesting to enter yet another

poetry contest. Enough is enough, already!"

There are, of course, legitimate poetry competitions — even among those that charge a fee. If the organization is non-profit, the fee is sometimes necessary for publicity and processing expenses.

There are so many poetry contests sponsored by poetry societies and literary magazines where quality is stressed and the poems are actually judged. Passages North, for instance, offers prizes from \$200 to \$20 for their poetry competition in progress now. Editor Elinor Benedict says the contest deadline has been extended to March 15 and the \$2 "fee" gives you an annual subscription to the magazine. Submit 1-3 unpublished poems with titles and author's name and address on a separate 3-by-5 card, no poem pages. Send with SASE to Passages North, William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Escanaba, MI 49829.

Next time, I'll tell you about poetry societies and other groups sponsoring poetry contests from the information I received from Aust and others, and we'll talk to a \$1,000 poetry contest winner.

Nature walk uncovers early signs of spring

For skeptics who need convincing that spring is really on its way, the U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens is offering a nature walk March 6 at 2 p.m. The walk is entitled, "Early Signs of Spring." Participants of this docent-led walk will look for clues that nature is preparing in many ways for the coming thaw.

Visitors will see the snow covered ground peppered with pieces of fallen buds and scales from shrubs. This is due to more water entering the roots from the warmer weather and swelling the buds which crack and flake off the protective coating.

If you think all plants under the snow are still dormant, you'll have to see the wild ginger whose leaves are pushing through the snow.

Visitors will also discover the skunk cabbage which actually generates heat to melt snow away so it

can expose itself to the sunlight, and attract flies for its pollination.

Squirrels also are scurrying around padding their nests to prepare for their new arrivals later this month.

Also, beginning in April, the docents will take visitors on four consecutive wildflower walks. Participants will follow the emergence of the flowers as they reach their full beauty. The schedule is: April 10 — "Hunt for the Skunk Cabbage"; April 17 — "Identifying Blood Root and Hepatica"; April 24 — "Look for Trillium and Spring Beauty"; May 1 — "Search for Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Wild Geranium."

Docents will meet participants of these free 1½ hour nature walks on the front steps of the conservatory. The Matthaei Botanical Gardens are at 1800 North Dixboro Road.

briefly speaking

PURDUE GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The world-class Purdue University Varsity Glee Club will be presented in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 in Novi High School, Tait Road at 10 Mile. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students through the 12th grade. Tickets and/or more information is available by calling 347-0400.

P.D.Q. BACH

The incomparable Professor Peter Schickels will join the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra for "P.D.Q. Bach — An Evening of Musical Madness" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 in the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$20, \$14 and \$10 with senior and student discounts available. To order, call the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra office, 996-0066 between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

ANTIQUES EXPOSITION

A diverse selection of fine American, European and Oriental antiques, and fine art will be featured at the three-day Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition this weekend in the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10½ Mile Road. Antique dealers from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will be exhibiting and selling their antiques collections. Food and free parking are available. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. There is an admission charge.

CALL FOR EXHIBITS

The Michigan Water Color Society is accepting entries for its 42nd annual exhibition at Wayne State University Community Arts Gallery May 11 through June 3. Slide entries are due no later than March 4. Juror this year will be Jan van der Marck, curator of 20th century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts. For entry forms or more information, call 352-3973.

EXPERIENCING ARCHITECTURE

For the fifth year, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association will sponsor a four-part seminar, "Experiencing Architecture," offering the opportunity to meet with four different architects. After a lecture/slide presentation, there will be an on-site

visit to a particular project.

The series will meet at 10 a.m. at the BBAA, starting Thursday, March 10 and meet weekly through March 31. Class size is limited to 30. For more information, call the BBAA, 644-0866.

BOTANY OF ANTIQUE POSTCARDS

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will host a few lectures, "Botany of Antique Postcards," from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 in the gardens classroom 125.

Speaker will be Michael G. Price, a botanist and an avid postcard collector. Matthaei Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, one mile south of the Plymouth Road intersection.

ART WORK SOUGHT

Henry Ford Community College alumni are being invited to submit art work for exhibit in HFCC's 50th anniversary alumni exhibition scheduled April 11-29 at the college's Sisson Art Gallery.

The exhibition will represent all aspects of the visual arts. The exhibition is open to anyone who attended HFCC. Deadline for submission is Friday, Feb. 26. Call 845-9634 for further information.

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

The Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club Inc. and Huron Valley Railroad Historical Society will host its 17th annual Winter Spectacular from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Pioneer High School Sunday, March 6, in Ann Arbor. Proceeds will be used to preserve and restore the Dexter depot. For more information, contact James O. Williams, 663-7817, evenings.

BALLET PLANNED

The Children's Ballet Theatre of Detroit will present "Peter and the Wolf" and "Soures Musicales" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, in Garden City High School.

In addition, the Detroit Chamber Ballet, a newly formed company made up of CBT alumnae and other dancers up to 17 years of age, will be making its premiere performance with "Chopin Variations."

Tickets are \$3 for children 12 and younger and \$4 for adults and will be available at the door. For more information, call 274-4178.

PEWABIC EXHIBIT

"The Figure and Clay," highlights of recent work by a group of artists who use the figure as one means of expression, will be on display at Pewabic Pottery Feb. 19 through March 19.

Also at this time, altered wheel thrown work by Joseph Bennion, Spring City, Utah, will be featured in the Stratton Gallery. An opening reception will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19. The public is invited.

Featured are works by Rudy Autio, Joe Bova, Edward Eberle, Viola Frey, Paul Mathieu, Judy Moonelis, Mario Pettrina, Patrick Siler, Akio Takamori and Stan Welsh.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. The gallery is at 10125 E. Jefferson. For more information, call 822-0954.

ANNUAL SLIDE REVIEW

Detroit Focus is accepting slides for its annual slide review from area artists working in all media. These slides will be reviewed to select a limited number of artists for participation in exhibitions scheduled for May 26 to June 25 and Sept. 10 to Oct. 8. Deadline for submission is Saturday, Feb. 20. The exhibitions

will be small in size and allow each artist to show a body of work. Guidelines are available at the gallery hours: 962-9025, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

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Large-scale sculpture and related drawings by Richard Dennis, Pieter Faver and Gary Zych will be on view at the Henry Ford Community College, through Friday, Feb. 26.

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culpture exhibition

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realistic to abstract in stone, fired clay, wood, glass metal and concrete. Members of the guild have sculptures in galleries and exhibitions throughout the U.S. and abroad as well as in a number of private collections. Many of the members also teach art as does Hurd.

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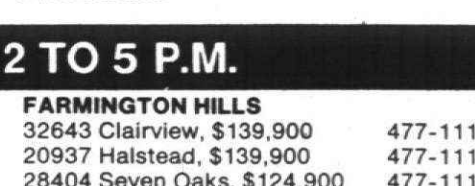
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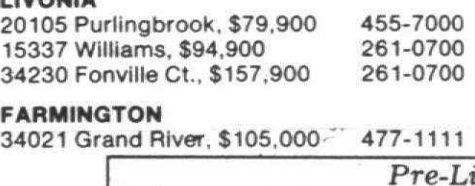
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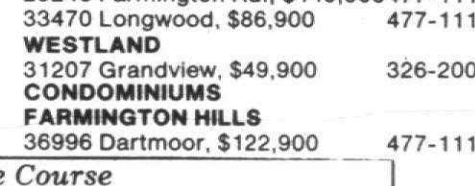
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Credit unions: service alternative

By Steve Lueders
special writer

For many folks, credit unions are the only way to go. For others, they're a well-kept secret.

Here's the basic idea of a credit union: Credit Unions are self-supporting financial cooperatives. People who join for the services are called members, and they own the credit union. The credit union operates for the sole benefit of its members. There are no other outside owners.

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pool of savings that are loaned to other members in good standing. Most of a credit union's income is generated from member loans. After expenses are paid, a dividend is declared on the savings pool. The more members borrow, the better the dividend on savings. A credit union with good, active members usually has better rates for savings and loans than other financial institutions.

Years ago, credit unions offered little more than regular savings and personal loans. Payroll deduction, a service where your employer sends part or all of your paycheck to your credit union, has always been a staple credit union service.

Most credit unions these days have added checking accounts, money orders, traveler's checks, notary services and insurance. Many have credit cards and automated teller machine services. Individual retirement accounts and certificates of deposit are common. Full-service credit unions have adopted mortgage-lending programs, especially the popular home-equity loan.

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Taxing times

Strategies for surviving the new tax laws

IF YOU'RE like most adult Americans, you dread paying income tax. And with the new tax law, you're not sure where you stand.

You know you've lost some privileges and gained others. You wonder if tax shelters still exist. And if you've always flown solo on tax preparation, now you're thinking about consulting an expert.

Cheer up. Remember what Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "Taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society." And many experts are saying that, overall, the new tax law is a positive step.

Bill Pomeroy, a certified financial planner with Shobe 7 Associates in Baton Rouge, La., believes one of the real pluses of the new law is the increase in personal exemptions and standard deductions.

Prior to 1987, you could deduct \$1,080 from your income just for existing. The new law allows you to deduct \$1,950 in 1988 and \$2,000 in 1989. For 1987, the personal exemption is \$1,900, which means a family of five can reduce its taxable income by \$9,500.

For married people, this deduction

will be \$3,760 in 1987, but it jumps to \$5,000 in 1988. As a result many low-income families will be taken off the tax rolls completely, or their tax liabilities will be reduced tremendously.

THE STANDARD deduction has increased, too, which means you may no longer need to itemize. According to the IRS 1986 Tax Reform Act ClipSheet, Number 1, "Taxpayers may itemize only if the total of their deductions exceeds the standard deduction to which they are entitled."

If you're single or a head of household, your 1987 standard deduction is \$2,540; if you're married filing jointly, it's \$3,760.

Of course, not all is rosy with the new tax law. Income averaging has been repealed. If you've received Unemployment Compensation since 1986, it's taxable.

You can no longer deduct the interest you pay on car loans and credit cards. Your business can deduct only 80 percent of business-related meals and entertainment, compared with the old law's 100 percent.

Tax shelters have been hard hit. Paper losses from investments in real es-

tate, farm livestock, windmill farms and the like generally will no longer be allowed against income from other sources.

THERE IS A RAY of hope, however, for small investors. Ask your accountant or financial consultant about the tax advantages of raw land, agricultural property and life insurance.

And according to Mark Mokhtarian, a CPA with Roth, Brookstein & Zaslow in Los Angeles, investing in limited partnership tax shelters is OK.

"But only if they are expected to have profits. The answer is no if they are expected to have losses."

Sound confusing? It is. "The phrase 'tax simplification' is still an oxymoron, like jumbo shrimp and postal service," says investment guru William E. Donoghue. His book, "Lifetime Financial Planner" sheds light on how to plan investment strategies in the shadow of the new tax law.

Books that clarify the murky and uncharted waters of new-style taxation are in high demand. Before you head for your local bookstore, see what your accounting firm offers. Laventhol & Horwath has an excellent booklet

entitled "Winning Tax Strategies."

Another accounting firm, Pannell Kerr Forster, offers an easy-to-read "Special Edition Tax Planner."

AND DESPITE ITS reputation for gobbledygook, the IRS itself may be the source of all the help you need. According to the IRS, every taxpayer should have its Publication 910, a "Guide to Free Tax Services."

This revised booklet is a consumer's road map to free tax help. It includes a list of the most popular IRS publications and an order blank. And it provides the telephone numbers for IRS toll-free information lines and "Tele-Tax."

Tele-Tax is a source of recorded tax information. Through the mysterious powers of automation, it can also tell you the status of your tax refund. If you want to talk to a human, the IRS has a toll-free information lines. IRS employees will answer the questions you have about your return, IRS procedures, and technical tax-related matters.

What about your IRA? Has it sur-

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Questions and answers help to explain tax law changes

Taxpayers who itemize will find many changes due to the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The Internal Revenue Service has compiled the following questions and answers about itemized deductions.

Q. Will I still be able to take a deduction for medical and dental expenses?

A. Yes, but only deduct the unreimbursed part that is more than 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Q. What interest deductions am I allowed to take on my home?

A. Generally, if you itemize deductions on Schedule A, Form 1040, you can deduct all mortgage interest on your principal residence and a second residence for all mortgages secured on or before August 16, 1986. On mortgages secured after that date, you will generally be limited to deducting interest only to the extent that the loans are not more than the purchase price plus the cost of improvements.

Q. Can I deduct loan interest on a mortgage secured after Aug. 16, 1986, that is in excess of the purchase price plus the cost of improvements?

A. Yes, if the mortgage interest results from borrowing money for qualified medical or qualified educational purposes.

Q. Will I still be able to deduct the interest on my car loan and credit cards?

A. The deduction for personal interest will be phased out. The deduction will be limited to: 65 percent in 1987, 40 percent in 1988, 20 percent in 1989, 10 percent in 1990 and 0 percent thereafter. For this purpose, any interest that you cannot deduct because of the home mortgage limitation, discussed in the preceding two questions, will be considered personal interest.

Q. Can I still deduct sales taxes?

A. No, taxpayers can no longer deduct state and local taxes.

Q. Are there limitations on deducting employee business expenses?

A. Yes. Except for reimbursed expenses and moving expenses, employee business expenses will generally be deductible as a miscellaneous itemized deduction and only to the extent that they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Q. Can I take a deduction for tax return preparation?

A. Yes. However, miscellaneous deductions such as tax planning expenses, union dues and subscriptions to trade magazines are only deductible to the extent that they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Q. Are there taxpayers who must itemize deductions?

A. Yes. Some taxpayers must itemize deductions. For example, when married taxpayers file separate returns and one spouse itemizes deductions, then the other spouse must also itemize.

Q. Can I continue to take a charitable deduction without itemizing?

A. No. A charitable contribution is only deductible for taxpayers who itemize.

Q. How are moving expenses deducted?

A. Moving expenses of an employee of self-employed individual are now allowed only as an itemized deduction.

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Figuring your personal credit limit

Here's a simple formula to help you to establish your personal credit limit based on salary, expenses and savings plan.

Example:	
Monthly take-home pay:	\$1,500
minus Fixed living expenses: (food, rent, transportation, etc.)	-700
minus Regular bills: (utilities, phone, installment loans)	-200
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equals Amount available for monthly repayment:	\$150
times 12 months	
equals Your personal credit limit for the year	\$1,800

SOURCE: Consumer Credit Institute, Self magazine

Copley News Service/Ken Marshall

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- Add line 1 and line 2. This is your adjusted gross income. 3 17,499.00
- Can you be claimed as a dependent on another person's return?
☐ Yes. Do worksheet on back; enter amount from line E here.
☐ No. Enter 2,540 as your standard deduction. 4 2,540.00
- Subtract line 4 from line 3. 5 14,959.00
- If you checked the "Yes" box on line 4, enter 0.
If you checked the "No" box on line 4, enter 1,900.
This is your personal exemption. 6 1,900.00
- Subtract line 6 from line 5. If line 6 is larger than line 5, enter 0 on line 7. This is your taxable income. 7 13,059.00

Figure your tax:

- Enter your Federal income tax withheld. This should be shown in Box 9 of your W-2 form(s). 8 1,963.00
- Use the single column in the tax table on pages 32-37 of the Form 1040A instruction booklet to find the tax on the amount shown on line 7 above. Enter the amount of tax. 9 1,889.00

Refund or amount you owe:

- If line 8 is larger than line 9, subtract line 9 from line 8. Enter the amount of your refund. 10 74.00
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Sign your return: I have read this return. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the return is true, correct, and complete.
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LEAVE ANY LINE WITHOUT AN AMOUNT BLANK. DO NOT ENTER "0."

Retirees should review tax withholding on pensions

Retirees receiving a pension or annuity must decide whether to permit or decline tax withholding, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Under the tax law, federal income tax generally will be withheld from pension and annuity payments. However, this withholding is not compulsory; any person can apply for exemption. The payer of the pension or annuity payments will tell the retirees how to file for the exemption.

However, the exemption is not available for pension or annuity payments made after Dec. 31, 1986, to certain U.S. citizens residing overseas.

To determine whether withholding is necessary, taxpayers should review the tax treatment of pensions and annuities. A pension to which an employee did not contribute during his or her employment, for example, is fully taxable in much the same way salaries and wages are during working years.

The full amount must be reported as income on line 16b (designated for fully taxable pensions and annuities) on Form 1040. The 1040A and 1040EZ forms cannot be used to report pension income, the IRS noted.

ON THE OTHER hand, a pension to which both the employer and employee contributed is only partially taxable. Part of each payment received is taxable, and part is tax-free.

A special three-year rule applies only if the annuity starting date for the retiree is before July 2, 1986, and the retiree will recover his or her contributions to the plan within 36 months after the first payment is received.

In that case, the payments are not taxed until the retiree's contributions are recovered tax free; all payments received are fully taxable.

If the three-year rule does not apply, retirees exclude from their income a certain amount of each payment. The issuer of the pension may compute the exclusion percentage, which is used to determine how much of each payment is taxable and how much is tax-free.

In general, the tax-free part of each payment, once computed, does not change, the IRS added. If the issuer of the pension does not compute this exclusion percentage, the taxpayer can compute it using instructions found in the free IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income.

The IRS will figure the taxable amount if the taxpayer requests a ruling. Publication 575 explains how to request a ruling.

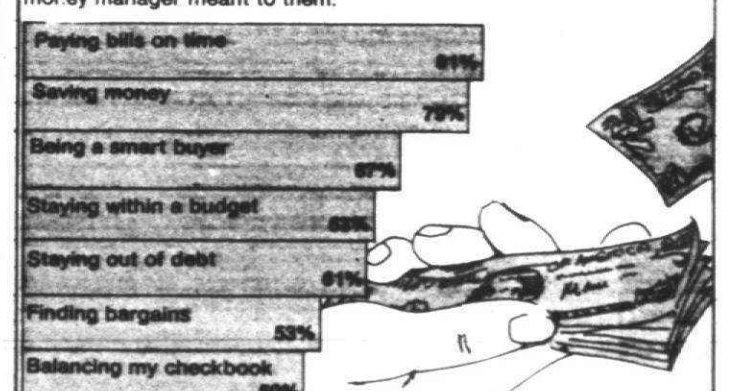
Publication 575 will have the answers to most questions on the tax treatment of pensions and annuities. It can be ordered by using the order form found in each tax package or by calling toll-free 1-800-424-3676.

In addition, for people age 60 or older, free tax counseling is available through local IRS-coordinated Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

Through these programs, specially trained volunteers provide tax credit for the elderly and the disabled, special treatment of the gain on the sale of a home by those age 55 and over, the proper method of reporting certain pension income and paying tax on it when necessary, and other subjects of special interest and concern to older persons. The volunteers also help fill out tax returns, the IRS said.

What makes a good money manager?

How American consumers responded when asked what being a good money manager meant to them.



SOURCE: Money Magazine survey

Uh-Oh — you're being audited

If the three most feared letters in the alphabet are I-R-S, the three most dreaded words must be: "You're being audited."

Here are tips from tax preparers:

- Don't panic. Gather all relevant paperwork — canceled checks, receipts, credit card bills — for the year in question. Put your papers in order and assess how good your bookkeeping was. If you claim a deduction for automobile travel, for instance, and you do not have a log book of miles traveled, you have the right to re-create such a log,

based on information from your employer as well as auto records.

- If your return was prepared by someone else, meet the preparer to review all relevant documents. If you did your own return, hire a skilled accountant or tax preparer for advice before the audit.

- Do not represent yourself during the audit. Few people are skilled enough — and most are too intimidated — to understand the complexity of questions from an auditor. If you prepared your own taxes, hire a certi-

fied public accountant or professional tax preparer to attend the audit without you.

- If you want to be present at the audit — although most professionals do not recommend this — consider going only with your tax preparer. Be congenial with an agent in the event that you do attend, but defer all questions to your tax representative.

- If an IRS agent calls you on the phone, refer all inquiries to your representative. Never volunteer information.

Last-minute tax tips as April 15 draws near

AP — Some last-minute tips about your tax return:

— The filing deadline is midnight April 15. If you can't complete your return by then, estimate how much you owe (if anything) and send in your check with a Form 4868, which automatically gives you a 120-day filing extension.

— Find a mistake after mailing your return? File an amended return on Form 1040X.

— If you file the long Form 1040, you may subtract (on Page 1) from income subject to taxation any penalties you paid for early withdrawal of savings deposits.

— If you want to protest what's going on in Washington, write your congressman — don't make your case by altering your tax return. At best, it could delay any refund. If you alter the oath above your signature or refuse to sign, for example, it could cost you an additional \$500 penalty for filing a frivolous return.

— There's a new benefit for the self-employed — a deduction for 25 percent of medical-insurance premiums paid for themselves and their families. The deduction may not exceed self-employment net earnings; there are other limitations.

— Those tax-exempt bonds you own are still exempt, but now you must list the interest on Line 7b of 1040A or Line 9 of 1040.

— You may round off to the nearest whole dollar figures you enter on your return, so long as you are consistent. But this year the IRS has added a new twist: you have to use exact amounts when making preliminary calculations. For example, be exact when adding up your state and local taxes but you may round off the total.

— Keep a copy of your return and records to back it up, at least for three years. Other records should be kept forever, including paper relating to your home. Because of new restrictions, records relating to your Individual Retirement Account are essential.

— Want to do your share for the federal deficit? Save a stamp and mail your check, made out to "Bureau of the Public Debt," with your tax return. But write a separate check to the IRS if you owe any tax.

— If you are the surviving spouse or personal representative of someone who died in 1987 and who would have been required to file a return, you must file on behalf of that person. See Page 30 of the Form 1040A instructions or Page 21 of 1040 instructions.

— There's a whole new set of rules affecting investors in tax shelters that generate losses. In general terms, a loss from a passive activity (a trade or business in which you do not materially participate) may not be used to avoid taxes on non-passive income, such as wages. You will have to file

Form 8582 if you are affected. See IRS Publication 925.

— If you take a deduction for alimony you paid, your return must list the Social Security number of the recipient. The recipient's return must show the payer's number. There's a \$50 penalty for failure in either case.

— Those little numbers under "1987" in the upper right corner of your tax forms have a purpose. They tell you in what sequence the supplemental forms and schedules should be attached to your 1040 or 1040A.

— The IRS urges you to use the preprinted mailing label on your return, after correcting any errors. If you are filing a joint return, make sure the names and Social Security numbers are listed in the same order on the label and the return. (The IRS rejects as an old wives' tale the oft-repeated rumor that the label makes it easier to audit your return.)

— Sign your return. Don't forget to stamp the envelope; even a letter to the IRS won't get by the Postal Service's no-stamp, no-delivery regulations.

Since IRS fouled up, we won't be penalized

AP — The Internal Revenue Service, admitting it made a mistake in originally making its new W-4 tax withholding forms too complex, says no taxpayer will be penalized for having too little in taxes withheld from their paychecks this year.

IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs cited the confusion over the W-4 forms and a desire to make this year's tax filing go smoothly as key reasons for the decision, which he said would cost the government an estimated \$86

million in penalty payments it otherwise would have collected.

The IRS had been under attack over its new W-4 withholding forms, which were required by Congress to implement the new tax law. The new forms were supposed to permit taxpayers to more accurately balance their withholdings with their tax liability.

The initial furor over the W-4 form forced the IRS to issue a shorter, less-complicated W-4A form.

Plenty of printed words to help with tax laws

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vived tax reform? The answer is yes. A Dean Witter study estimates that 81 percent of all households with IRAs will continue to get a full or partial deduction for their contributions.

Yet many people are so confused as a result of the new law that they have reduced or eliminated contributions to their IRAs. Here's where to go for help: call a toll-free information line, 1-800-IRA-INFO. A professional investment counselor will answer your questions.

There's also a paperback that every

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tax on capital gains. (To order the "Homeowner's File," send \$4.95 to Charles-Howard & Company, 7012 Brookville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46239. Indiana residents add 5 percent sales tax.)

If you're single and it seems like the IRS is out to get you, you'll be consoled by Mary Jean Parson's book, "Saving Strategies for the Single Taxpayer." Look for it in bookstores at \$19.95 hardcover, and \$11.95 paperback.

Those of you who are suffering from "tax shock syndrome" can ease into the new tax law via video. "Tax At-

tack '87" is an entertaining and informative explanation of tax strategies for those who earn from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per year.

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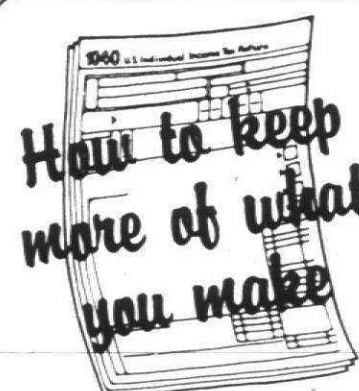
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Time to bone up on 'alternative minimum tax'

AP — You might not think of yourself as wealthy but you may find yourself subject for the first time to what used to be thought of as a rich man's tax — the "alternative minimum tax."

The tax, which has gone through various changes since it was enacted in 1969, is aimed at ensuring that higher-income people pay some federal income tax regardless of how many deductions and credits they legitimately claim. In its latest version, the tax has been tightened considerably and applied to more individuals than ever before.

You pay the alternative minimum tax, which is at a flat rate of 21 percent, only if it is larger than what you would owe by calculating your taxes the usual way.

You may be required to make the minimum-tax calculation if, in filling out your regular tax return, you use any of 14 tax preferences. These include accelerated depreciation on real estate or other assets, incentive stock options, depletion or intangible drilling costs from oil and gas ventures, losses from investments in which you play only a passive role, or losses from tax-shelter investments in farming.

YOU SHOULD MAKE the mini-

mum-tax computation if any of those preferences you claim and your adjusted gross income together add to more than \$40,000 if you are married and filing a joint return, \$30,000 if you are single, or \$20,000 if you are married and filing a separate return.

Those figures are the exemption amounts for minimum-tax purposes and they decline gradually as income rises. There is no exemption once income exceeds \$310,000 for couples, \$232,500 for singles and \$155,000 for married people who file separately.

The normal standard deduction is not allowed in calculating minimum tax, nor are itemized deductions for state and local taxes, certain interest and most miscellaneous expenses.

The minimum-tax liability is computed by adding adjusted gross income, the selected tax preferences, the standard deduction and the forbidden itemized deductions, subtracting the minimum-tax exemption and multiplying what's left by 21 percent.

The only credit allowed is the foreign tax credit, and it can wipe out no more than 90 percent of minimum-tax liability.

IRS Publication 909 provides details about the tax.

Mortgage points may not be deductible

AP — You can't blame this on the 1986 tax overhaul, but those points you paid on your mortgage last year may not be fully deductible on the tax return you are about to file.

The IRS, interpreting a 1975 law, ruled in 1986 that loan-origination fees and other points charged solely for the use of money and not paid out of the proceeds of the loan must be deducted over the life of the mortgage.

There is a big exception to the general rule. The IRS will allow the deduction of points in the year they were paid if the loan backed by a mortgage on your principal home was used to buy or improve the home and if the points were in line with what is generally charged in your area.

But that exception will not help homeowners who refinanced their mortgages last year just to get a lower interest rate.

Two examples of how it works:

— Last year you borrowed \$100,000

for 30 years to pay off the existing mortgage on your home and were charged 3.6 points, or \$3,600. The lender did not subtract the points from the proceeds of the loan, but you paid them out of savings. Because the proceeds were used solely to pay off the old mortgage, the points must be deducted over the life of the loan — \$120 a year.

— You borrowed \$100,000 under the same terms but used \$80,000 of the money to pay off your old mortgage and the other \$20,000 for home improvements. You may deduct 20 percent of the points — \$720 on your 1987 return and write off the remainder over the life of the loan at a rate of \$8 per month.

The IRS interpretation is not the last word on this issue because it is subject to challenge in court. If you claim a points deduction that runs contrary to the rule, you eventually might have to back down or go to court to argue your case.


Travel deductions are more controlled

AP — Travel is still broadening, but less deductible than before.

The new law denies a tax deduction for travel as an education expense when the education is supposed to be the travel itself. For example, according to the IRS, "a professor of Spanish touring Spain to maintain general fa-

miliarity with the Spanish language and culture cannot deduct such expenses."

Another tax-overhaul provision disallows deduction of travel and other expenses for attending a convention or seminar unless the session has a direct relation to the taxpayer's business or trade.



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