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## Fisher guilty of murdering wife <br> By Diane Gale staff writer


#### Abstract

After a jury Friday found Charles Fisher guilty of first-degree murder Fisher guilty of first-degree murder turned to the victim's parents and said: "Honest I didn't do it." Evelyn Mercado, the victim's mother, sobbed while the verdict was read. She whispered "thank you" to the jurors, who took two hours to reach a decision. "He has no remorse and that's why he thinks he's innocent." said the victim's father, Manuel Merca- do, in the court tallway "Theres do, in the court hallway. "There's so many lies there's no reason to many lies there's no reason. to be- lieve he's telling the truth. I think justice has beend justice has been done. "I hope it prevails. But it will not bring our daughter back," he said. "We feel "We feel great pity for Mr. Fisher. wish time would o back five years 1 wish ime would go back five years and everything was all right and my daughter would be alive. I hope in




Students gather in a hallway lounge called the pit at noon Friday after meeting with administrators. Student leaders(left) tell others to go back to class.



School quiet after brawls

By M.B. Dillon and Doug Funke
staff writers

Will peace return to

Will peace return to Plymouth
Canton High School this week?
That prospect appeared to brightThat prospect appeared to bright-
en considerably Friday after stu-
dents involved in a territorial disdents involved in a territorial dis-
pute met with administrators to
hash over differ hash over differences that ignited
two brawls last week. two brawis last week.
"The realistic issue right now is to
restore order and have a normal restore order and have a normal
day," said Thomas Tattan, principal
at Canton. at Canton.
Students representing "burnouts"
and "jocks" announced to the student and "Jocks" announced to the student
body over the PA system that problems wouldn't be solved by force.
Burnouts were variously deBurnouts were variously de-
scribed by students as those who
"smoke, wear leather jackets and "smoke, wear leather jackets
chains and have a bad attitude."
Jocks were described as athletic Jocks were described as athletic
types who wear letter jackets.
Later, students from both factions Leater, students from both factions areas in dispute - a lounge near
counseling offices - to send a message to their peers.
"CHANCES ARE everything is back to normal," said Dave Boljesic,
Canton police spokesman. "(Friday) was really uneventulul - no pushing,
no shoving, no problems. It appears

A total of 16 students were sus pended for their involvement in skirmishes on Wednesday and Thurs-
day. One student was arrested by police for disorderly conduct. No injuries or damage were reAs many as 150 participants and several hundred observers were involved each day. (Earlier estimates
by police and students of 2,000 were by police and
erroneous.)

## School administrators described

 the scuffles as mostly pushing andshoving. Some students said they shoving. Some students said they were more intense.
Upwards of 70 Upwards of 70 police officers
from several departments were on
the scene Wednerd the scene Wednesday, half that many
Thursday and Friday David Antley, president of the
Plymouth-Canton school board, said Plymouth-Canton school board, said
he didn't believe the trouble at the Centennial Educational Park would
hurt the chances of a tax increase nurt the chances of a tax increase
proposal in a special election tomorrow. YOU TAKE students and staff Artley said. "You show me a small city that doesn't have a communications problem occasionally,"
Students at CEP had lots to say Students at CEP
about the incidents.

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## 10-percent turnout expected for tax vote

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer
Voters in the Ply Community school Plymouth-Canton cide Tuesday whether to approve an -yar, 2 -mill tax increase.
About 10 percent of the district's approximately 55,000 registered voters are expected to go to the polls,
said district community relations director Richard Egli. The property tax rate increase ( $\$ 2$
per $\$ 1,000$ of state equalized valua

## Local leaders lend support toSenate's school aid plan

"Surprise" and "It's about time" were the general responses given by ers conceraning a long-debated propossal to reform tem in Michigan. "I was surprised they did pass it," Computer Services. She was discussi<br>She was discussing last week's ap- proval in the state Senate of a mea- sure that would<br>sure that would cut residential prop- erty taxes by 50 percent, reduce business property taxes<br>business property tares by 30 per- cent and increase the sales tax from

four to six cents.
This action was taken in an at-
tempt to equalize spending in Michi-
gan cchool districts.
The Michigan House and Gov.
James Blanchard have yet to ap-
prove the proposal and residents of
the state also will have to give their
OK before the sales tax hilke takes
effect.
But many in the business commu-
nity favor any plan that cuts proper-
ty taxes.
"I wAS glad they added a so-per-
tion) would be used to maintain
school programs at current levels. School officials say the increase is
needed because of declining state needed because of declining state
aid. The district's unallocated fund aid. The district's unallocated fund
balance of $\$ 4.3$ million is projected balance or $\$ 4.3$ drop to about $\$ 3.8$ million by June
30, said Ray Hoedel, associate super30, said Ray Hoedel, as
intendent for business.
"I THINK voters expect excellent programs from the school district,
and additional money is needed to and additional money is needed to
continue those programs," said Dale

Goby, millage campaign coordinator
and the schools' transportation director.
Polls will beols transportation diTuesday. Absentee voters may cast their balots at the board office at 454 S . through 4 pm downown Plymouth Polling places are at most schools Polling places ations may call electipns clerk Bernice Nichols, 451 3135.
Judy and John Lore, along with

Goby, are spearheading a campaign to pass the millage.
The Citizens Election Committee, organized by the school district, has ing a yes vote. Citizens for Better Education, a community group opposed to the classroom use of R-rated films and
materials on Satanism and the materials on Satanism and the oc-
cult, is against the tax incease. CBE volunteers are calling voters and distributing newsletters pressing for

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mills, Hoedel projected That would result from a reduction in the debt retirement rate plus a reduction in the operating rate beAPPROVAL MEANS the owner of Please turn to Page 2

cent relief for business," Glaister said. Some earlier proposals did not
include tax relief for the business property owner, she said.
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Schwartz Greenhouse.
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Based on statistics reported by
school districts，the federal govern school districts，the federal govern－ ment has estimated that more than
10,000 Michigan students are pad dled each year．However，those num bers don＇t differentiate between a lap with a hand and a swat with
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tendent Dennis O＇Neill is keeping
poral punishment．It＇s longstanding．State law enables the Department ＇rve been here 25 years，and we＇ve Carli，superintendent of Livonia ＂Restraining a student who might be putting a teacher or other stu－
dents in physical danger is a differ－ ent matter．＂ In Clarenceville Public Schools， the only time an adult can use force against a student＂is to protect
themselves or another person．＂ac－ cording to superintendent Michael
＂WE USE counseling，in－or out－of－
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expectations for expectations for our students and
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complaints of excessive complaints of excessive corporal punishment．But the agency doesn＇t
differentiate those allegations from other child－abuse complaints． ＂Basically（corporal punishment） said Mark but seldom if ever used，＂
satman，director of stu－ dent services for Garden City
dits Schools．＂It＇s considered to be the
last of the choices．＂ Past of the choices．＂
Parents of elementary school stu dents must give their permission if corporal punishment can be used as a deterrent，Gutman said．
＂In junior or senior In junior or senior high school，
suspension would be appropriate （punishment），＂he said．＂In elemen tary，appropriate action would be af
ter－school detention，followed by
alk with the principal．It＇s progres The Associated Press ceribut
abreast of the situation in Lansing． ＂We adopted an official polic ear，＂said O＇Neill．＂When I say hough going on in Lansing． The federal government has esti－ mated that public school children year．Statistics compiled by the U．S
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## Bread ties in with tradition

By Larry Janes
staff writer
oreads and a story about Easter how they came about. ohn Liogas, proprietor of the Hel lenic Bakery and Grocery in Livonia, troit area's Kitchen Glamor shops, are two seemingly ordinary people whanding of their religion and heritage. They expound the virtues of not
Just their religious beliefs, but also Just their religious beliefs, but also thousands of years and are still

## The bread is braided and then baked with red colored eggs.

handed down today The Greek Orthodox rite cele-
brates Easter the brates Easter the week following the
traditional date. This religion looks at Easter as the most important of all holidays. As with the traditonal begin the Easter season 40 days be The fireat holiday. The first Sunday of the Great Lent
is Orthodox Sunday, commemora
ing the victory of Orthodoxy. It ing the victory of Orthodoxy.
cially begins the Great Fast. On Catheri Theftera, or Clean Monday, a church service is offered
one of the first of many during the one of the fir
This meaningful service is followed by a typical lenten luncheon consisting of fish eggs (tarma),
unleavened bread (lagana) and a sweet made of sesame and honey tea or coffee end the meal. This begins the fasting every Wednesday
and Friday when the faithful should abstain from all meat products.

EACH SUNDAY during the lenten period signifies historical periods of the Orthodox religion. The final
week, Holy Week, features accentuated prayer and dedicated fasting. By the time Holy Week comes By the time Holy Week comes
along, the thought of roast lamb, spinach and cheese pie and sweet ing that the final week of fasting and reflections of the soul are at hand.
Greek services are held every
morning and evening, with ever morning and evening, with every own ritual.

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At Hellenic Bakery in Livonia, John Liogas makes Easter bread for the Greek Orthodox celebration of the religious holiday.

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## Regional champ new title for Borgess

By Dan O＇Meara staff writer

Two things were expected to happen Fr
day night in the Class B regional basketbal day night in the Class B regional basketba
final at Eastern Michigan University． The most important of the two did occur， and that was Bishop Borgess defeating
Carleton Airport $77-60$ to win its first re gional championship in school history．
The Spartans，boasting a $22-3$ record，a vance to the quarterfinal stage of the stat lournament and will play Oak Park at 7：30 But while Borgess won by a comfortable margin and led all the way，the blowout that
most people expected to see never fully materialized．
The outsized Jets gave a good account of
hemselves against a superior ball club and like so many teams facing unfavorable odd
didn＇t retreat into a shell．

THE SPARTANS had a strong start，using
he full court to their advantage，and were
n control from the opening tip，but Airport， the fult court to their anvan tage，
in control from the openirport，
surprisingly，played an aggressive offensive game also and managed to stay in the game ＂Two of their kids surprised me，＂said Borgess coach Mike Fusco of Airport guards derestimated their quickness a little bit． ＂We went in with the philosophy of over
playing them and making them get the ball They were quicker to the ball than we were breaks．＂
Though the Jets，who finish with an 18－7
record，played well，the Spartans did record，played well，the Spartans did even
better，and 6 －foot－ 7 Parish Hickman was the take－charge guy，having game－high totals of 25 points and 13 rebounds． In the process，Hickman surpassed former
Borgess and EMU star Lewis Scott and

## basketball

moved into the No． 2 spot on the school＇s all－
time scoring list with 1,015 points in his time scoring list with 1,015 points in his
three－year varsity career．Joe Gregory，who
plays for Bowling Green，remains No． 1 with plays for
1,215
＂I think（Hickman）has a mission，＂Fusco today he went out and did his job．＂
HICKMAN HAD 10 of his points in the first quarter，as the Spartans raced to a $20-9$
lead，and 16 by halftime．Hickman＇s 8 －of－13 shooting and Shawn Respert＇s 5 －of－6 contri－
bution were the major reasons Borgess shot
2 percent in the first half．


Anthony Arrington drives past Cooley＇s Daniel Lyton for two of CC＇s points in Friday＇s regional

## Chiefs place 9th in state

By Bill Parke staff writer



## Marian star headed east



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## TRAVEL






## At the top

What do horseback riding and the Chrysler-Maserati convertible have in common? Plenty, according to Alan Teitel, who has a list of what's hot in retail on Page 5D


Holly Hunter and William Hurt were nominated for best actress actor in "Broadcast News," which netted seven nominations in and actor respectively and Albert Brooks as best supporting all, including best picture.


Although Nicolas Cage didn't get the nod, Cher did for best
actress in "Moonstruck," which walked off with nominations in actress in "Moonstruck," which walked off with nominations in
three of the four acting categories as well as best picture.


Michael Douglas garnered his best actor nomination for his performance in "Wall Street," while his co-star in "Fatal Atraction," Glen Close, is in the running for best actress for her
performance in that movie. performance in that movie.

For the rules and entry form, turn to Page 4D.

## Greenberg's favorite: He's 'Moonstruck'


#### Abstract

By Dan Greenber special writer special write More good movies premiered in 1987 than in many a year. The reason? It's simple, according to this lame expert, Hollywood is making more movies than ever before. Last year 550 films were produced in the United States, one of the larg. in the United States, one of the larg. est totals on record. So, 1 reason, if 5 percent of the films in any given percent of the year are great, 5 percent of a bigger number means more good films. All this prognostication is sup- posed to help you dear readers with posed to help you dear readers with the Observer \& Eccentric/AMC Os. car contest and win a trip to Holly- Those of you who have followed my picks in past years know that my help may not be the best in town. Maybe you should look elsewhere for assistance. But a bad track record never stopped me from giving counsel, so here goes. Keep in mind as you pick the winners that polites is the name o the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences vote for Oscar winners. The often-heard rumor that Spiel The often-heard rumor that Spiel- berg never wins best director beberg never wins best director be cause he's come along too fast and hasn't paid his dues may be more than rumor. It's possible that some Academy members feel he's had too much success too quickly, so they won't give him an Oscar. That's foolish, considering his That's foolish, considering his films are tops. But, then, whis know? Another political slant: This year's Oscar nominations have a definite foreign flavor - and not just in the best foreign film category Fourteen of the 33 picks received by the five best picture selections went to two British productions, "The Last Emperor" and "Hope and Glory." ADDING TO that foreign flavor for the first time in Oscar history, Americans were nominated for best director. From the top, then, for best picture, the choices are "Broadcast News," "Fatal Attraction," "Hope and Glory," "The Last Emperor" and "Moonstruck." and "Moonstruck with nine nominations, giving a big hint as to the Academy's regard. Besides best picture, "Emperor" got the nod for its director, Bernardo Bertolucci who, along with Mark Peloe, also was chosen for screen- play adaptation. In addition, the film was tapped for best cinematography, film editfor best cinematography, film edit- ing, original score, art direction, cosing, original score, art d. tume design and sound. All those nominations indicate Academy members Acaderny members have a very posi- tive feel for the film. On the other hand, from nomination to victory is a rocky road. "Citizen Kane" received nine nominations but only received nine nominations but only won one Oscar. "Hope and Glory" also competes Hor best director - John Boorman plus cinematograpl "Fatal Attraction," has five to it redit - in addition to best picture Adrian Lyne for director, Glen Close as best actress, Anne Archer for sup porting actress, screenplay adapta "ion and film editing: "Broadcast News", received seven nominations - best picture, Williaf Hurt as best actor, Holly Hunter as best actress, Albert Brooks as sup porting actor, original screenplay cinematography and film editing. FINALLY, MY favorite and $m y$ choice for best picture, "Moonstruck," which received six nodsbest picture, Norman Jewison for best director, Cher for best actress Vincent Gardenia for supporting actor, Olympia Dukakis for supporting actress and for best original screen Play. Personally, I enjoyed "Moonstruck" more than the other four nominees with "Hope and Glory" very close second. very close second. One looks for re One looks for reasons to back up sentimental, personal choices. Im betting that "Emperor"" will miss in this category, but pick up a numbe of its remaining eight nominations its remaining eight nominations. As far as "Fatal Attraction" goes it's not wise to sell short on a $\$ 150$ million box office gross. Hollywe million box office gross. Hollywood loves success and dollars are the measure. Of course, "Three Men and measure. of course, "Three Men and but didn't get a nod from the AcadeWhile so much money may sway "Fatal Attraction") go for a film ympathy Atraction that creates gards his marital vows the misute his wife leaves town - and does so with total disregard for AIDS and Besides, I thought the ending phony and very unrealistic. Gle Close was strangled and drowned clearly dead, the film's goal - sym tack, Michael Douglas and his family - requires that the wife, Anne Arch $r$, also has to have revenge. ffice indicates audiences big box matter how contrived, this old-fast"BROADCAS no. News" will gathe lots of support but not enough, in $m$ book, to overcome the high regar for Cher and struck's" cast. "Moonstruck" with nomina joined three of the four "people" categor les, acting - Hollywood and the Academy are intensely personal ble supporting roles and its nota Most should help. Most important of all "Moos- struck" is a celebration of life. T struck is a celebration of life. me that count more than anything: Besides, it was a great movie!




## Swallows are returning to Capistrano

## By Iris Sanderson Jones

e. Every March the disc jockeys play the same songs -
When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and something about the swal e. Every March the disc Jockeys play the same songs
"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and something about the swal-
lows coming back to Capistrano. I know about St. Patrick's day, lows coming back to Capistrano. I know about St. Patrick's day,
but what's with the swallows? Can we visit Caplstrano?

A: It's a wonderful story that starts with the birds and cli-
maxes with a song called "When the Swallows Come Back to Travelers from all over the world have been swarming to San Juan Capistrano for years because all the ingredients are there. and a a little Irish blarney.
ans The birds came first. They have been flying for thousands of
years from their winter home in Argentina to their nesting site years from their winter home in Argentina to their nesting sites
on the high seaside cliffs of what is now southwestern Califoron the high seaside cliffs of what is now southwestern Cailior
nia. They were swarming north when Coliumbus discovered America and when the Spanish sent reluctant padres and convicted soldiers to build 21 Franciscan missions along the Pacific coast. That was the cheapest way to
bring Christianity to the coastal Indians.
 Mission San Juan Capistrano is a

'D.O.A.'
has too much syndrome

'Portraits’ showcases South's tradition of storytelling


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## Creative Living

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## ? designing ways Eve Garvin <br> Cabinet artistry

AFELL-PLANNED kitchen that is not only pleasing to the eye but functions well is availabie and affirdable.
There are any number of cabinet companies with staff designers who can give you the most for your money.
Sre planning a new home, it is a good idea to have that kitchen If you are planning a new home, it is a good idea to have that kitchen
planner work with your architect or home designer. That way every inch of space can be used to the best advantage. For instance, you may have
the need for space to either display or store a favorite collection. Any number of doors are available.
At the Wood-Mode showroom, I saw glass mullion doors which can stained glass, wire and mesh doors would be a nice answer. Creating a peninsula will give you extra strorage and workspace and the convenence of accessibility from three sides.
I TOOK NOTE that many of the upper cabinets did not hang from a moulding at the top of the cabinet. Here are some of the special purpose features Ifound at Wood-Mode:

- Tuck your mixer away in its special cabinet and free up counter space. A removable molded cutlery tray and the divided vegetable drawer with ventilated bottom.
A custom-buit wine rack
- An the that lets you display your personal selec-
: Tray storage cabinets.
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- Hideway serving cart that rolls easily from room to room and fits
nugly under the counter where it appears to to parto of the cabinetry snugly under the counter wheres tappears to be part of the cabinetry.
ava sper rack that mouts to the back of your cabinet doors and is
I COULD GO ON forever with all the innovations that are offered to
You If you are remodeling your kitchen, don't despair. All of the conveni-
ences mentioned can be worked into your existing space. A kitchen planner will come and measure the space and together you can work out vour needs and give you the kitchen of your dreams.
And while we're on the subject of
when I talked about an ironing board that foided up behind a kitchen Cabinet door? Several readers asked where it was available. A model of
the iron-a-way center will be on display at the Builders Stow opening this weekend in Cobo Hall in Dintroit It's also Buavilable at Haw thorne
Home Appliance and St. Charles Kitchens in Birmingham and Crump Appliance in Rochester.


## S <br> organizing <br> Dorothy <br> Lehmkuhl

Gather facts first
Q. I have lots of projects and small repairs to be done but keep putting
hem off. Just a few include jewelry repair, a stain on my carpet, the them off. Just a few include jewelry repair, a stain on my carpet, the A. There are many reasons for
common, yet least recognized, is lack of information. Deeiding how to
make a repair or make a repair or go about doing something is often half the battle. Once
you know how to proceed the rest is easy. Many times the way to get something sleeves and working, but by first gathering the facts needed to do the job
right. One man put off getting a physical exam becuse right. One man put off getting a physical exam because he didn't know What the doctor was going to do. Another didn't fix a water spot on the
ceiling because he didn't know what was causing it nor how to fix it. A celling because he didn't know what was causing it nor how to fix it. A
woman couldn't clear out her basement because she didn't know if all that old stuff was valuable or not. In each case, data needed to be col-
lected before the project could proceed. lected before the project could proceed.
Where do you get information? Sources include:

- Friends and associates: ask how they do things or who they hire to
help; ${ }_{\text {Professionals/Professional Associations: begin gathering informa- }}^{\text {- }}$ tion by calling numbers in the yellow pages (i.e. jewelry or appliance
repair, paint or hardware stores); - Libraries: call or go to the R
ance of resources and they are there to servion - they have an abun-- For cleaning, call a professional Janitorial Supply. Ask first if they
sell retaili if so, explain your needs. A great source of free information
vice. There is a CES in every county, sponsored by the US. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the state land grant college (Michigan state Universitry). They provide specialists on home maintenance in-
cluding appliances, laundry, stain and odor removal, energy conservation, consumer issues and money management; parenting, meal planning, food preparation and preservation; agriculture and horticulture including farm, lawn, ga
sources; and much more.
Look in the White Pages under your county name. (In Wayne County, call $721-6550$; Oakland County, $858-0880$.) A CES Teletip service also
provides 350 recorded messages 24 bours a day on locel provides 350 recorded messages 24 hours a day on local or 800 numbers. If you need information, just ask! People are amazingly willing to
share what they know; in fact, most people feel complimented when you share what they know; in fact, most people feel complimented when you
solicit their advice. Don't be afraid to make inquiries to find the wealth
of information at your fingertips. Try it, you'll like itt -


## Sunspaces growing

AP - People with solariums and greenhouses can be happier and
healthier than those who don't have a steady supply of outdoor light, says a physiologist who is also a greenhouse franchisee. a physiologist who is also a greenhouse franchisee. 'Natural daylight is a very beneficial 'drug-less' therapy for condi-
tions ranging from gloomy moods an cloudy days to colds mucular tions ranging from gloomy moods on cloudy days to colds, muscular
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Bondi. He operates a Four Seasons Greenhouses center in Norwich aches and pains and even, in some coses, migraine headaches," said Ken
Bondi. He operates a Four Seasons Greenhouses center in Norwich, Conn. "Natural light also provides a healthful environment for people who ox or greenhouse addition lets you exercise 'outdoors' while staying inside your home.
Americans are spending more than $\$ 400$ million a year to install
40,000 new sunspaces on their homes, according to Lee Stanley chalr40,000 new sunspaces on their homes, according to Lee Stanley, chair man of Solar Additions Inc, of Greenwich, N.Y
to between $\$ 1$ biliion and $\$ 2$ billion in the 1990 s.

## Patching material fills the bill

FINDING A chip, gouge or
knife, or directly into voids from a
hole a piece of furniture
plastic squeeze tube. They can be does not mean it's ruined. restored with a patching material made just for wood. Most furniture will receive some damage with heavy use. Chances are or auction will have at least one chip or gouge.
Restorin Restoring furniture is simple rewarding, and saves money on pro-
fessional repair bills. The trick is ressional repair bills. The trick is knowing what mater
how to do the work
For your repair work, a premixed synthetic compound gives good results. One kind is made of latex and pulverized wood for a patch of maxi-
mum workability and woodlike texture.
For generations, cabinet-makers made their own patching materia by mixing hot animal glue or vinyl
resin with fine sawdust. Some purists still make their own wood patch, substituting woodworkers glue for
animal glue. animal glue.
SYNTHETIC LATEX compounds
are easy to use. You apply them are easy to use. You apply them
from the container with a putty
plastic squeeze tube. They can be
nailed, sawed, sanded or drilled and nailed, sawed, sanded or drilled, and
can be used for repairs both indoors and out.
Patching damaged furniture whether unfinished, painted o yourselfer. First, to remove dirt, grease, oil and loose particles from the dam aged area, rub the surface with al spirits, paint thinner, or a liquid sander.
Wait 30 minutes for the surface to Wait 30 minutes for the surface to
dry, then dampen the area to be redry, then dampen the area to be rewood from absorbing moisture in the latex wood patch. Otherwise, the
patching material cures too quickly and might shrink and crack. John Molski, technical director of
United Gilsonite Labor United Gilsonite Laboratories,
Scranton, Pa., offers these tips for using a latex wood putty: "Press the patching material tightly into the void with a putty
knife. Fill holes that are less tha knife. Fill holes that are less than
one-quarter inch deep and wide in one application. Make sure the patch is slightly higher than the surround
ing wood.

WIPE OFF THE excess material round the hole with a dampened until it's level with the surrounding surface." Holes more than one-quarter inch
deep and wide. Molski says, should be filled with several layers of patch. Let each layer dry before aplying the next. rade ing block. Failure to use a sanding block can result in ripples on the patch and surrounding wood. This is woods like pine.
Always sand with the wood grain When done, wipe the surface with tack cloth or clean rag dampened
with mineral spirits to remove dust. The drying time for wood patching
products differs. Read the label before sanding, painting or staining. Follow normal surface prepara-
tions before refinishing the damaged area.
A refinishing tip to improve color match between the latex patch and the wood, mix some finish with the patching material before repair-
ing the damage. Test the patch on an
nconspicuous part of the wood to see ifit thends with the origignal nish. IF YOU HAVE trouble matching combination of maple, mahogany and walnut stain with the patching ompound. With a little work, yo Do Do not confuse wood patching
products with paste wood fillers. The fillers are designed for filling the pen grains in certain hardwood
like oak, mahogany and walnut prior of finishing.
Hiding minor scratches does not require the use of a wood patch. For a simple fix, rub a wet tea bag or
shoe polish on the scratch designed wax sticks can also becused
They are available in different col ors. If you're looking for the country broken legs or rotted wood, but leave scratches alone. These random
markings pive markings give the piece its chara

> AP - When the tip of a screwdriver needs
squaring, clamp in a vise. File so that the tool squaring, clamp it in a vise. File so that the tool
does not rock. otherwise you will not get a
straight blade tip. Always file away from yourstraight blade tip. Always file away from your-
self. - If it becomes necessary to loosen a win-
dow that won't budge, don't use a screwdriver blade between the window and the frame. In-
stead, hold a putty knife as flat as you can get it stead, hold a putty knife as flat as you can get it
and tap the handle gently with a light hammer. The screwdriver may work all right, but it will leave gouges in the wood

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denatured alcohol for shellac, and turpentine or
mineral spirits for oil-based finishes. Despite this general rule, read the instructions on the
label to determine the solvent for the product label to determine the solvent for the product. kitchen fixture, put adhesive tape or something
similar on the nut to keep it from getion chewed up the nut to keep it from getting and Always buy a hand tool by picking it up and going through the motions of using it. The
'feel" of reel. of the tool is important. If it doesn't seem put into actual use.



## Builders Show exhibit

All's quiet on new hardwood floor front











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