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Hearing to zero in on airport zoning changes

By Diane Gale
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While a Plymouth Township-led effort to keep Mettetal Airport open has taken flight, some Canton officials have proposed action to keep it from ever expanding.

Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila, who supports the creation of a governing board to run the Canton airport, said there is no interest in expanding Mettetal.

"As far as I'm concerned, there's not any wish or need to expand it,"

Bila said. "The present use is sufficient."

Still, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who has said he resents Plymouth commissioners and Plymouth Township trustees concerning themselves with the Canton airport, said, "We would not want to see the airport enlarged in any way."

A public hearing on airport zoning changes will be held by the Canton Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Monday at the Canton administration building, Canton Center Road south of Proctor Road, Mettetal Airport on Lilley and Joy roads is zoned light industrial.

Planning commissioners hadn't received copies of the proposed changes earlier this week.

However, Canton planning commissioner Richard Kirchgatter said the intent of the zoning ordinance change would permit airports only on general industrial land.

The request for a zoning change is politically motivated, Kirchgatter said, referring to the verbal battles between Yack and Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen. Breen has lead the battle for public ownership of Mettetal, which is across the street from Plymouth Township. Canton trustees voted

against buying Mettetal last summer.

KIRCHGATTER SAID: "I don't think political motivation is the way the township should be planned."

If light aircraft is only allowed in general industrial areas, Mettetal Airport would become non-conforming.

"It would be difficult to make improvements and to make changes to increase size or longevity," Kirchgatter said. "The township could say that they won't grant building permits. I would see this as strangulation of a business. It literally ties your hands."

Kirchgatter said he would wait until after public comments before deciding how to vote on the proposed zoning change.

Canton planning commissioner and board of trustee member Robert Shefferly said: "I can't see where Mettetal Airport for the future, would be in the best interest of Canton, or the best interest of our area or the community."

"I can't see any harm to leaving it like it is."

However, Shefferly said, the township received about \$27,000 in prop-

erty taxes last year and if the land had general or light industrial businesses the businesses would generate about \$859,000 in taxes.

"I would think the best advantage for the community and the Plymouth-Canton school district would be to have the light industrial usage," Shefferly said.

Unless someone comes up with "good reasons" during the public hearing, "I would rather have Mettetal non-conforming than to have it as it is now."

"I am opposed to any type of ex-

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Tax hike is work for store owners

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The federal tax increase on alcoholic beverages that went into effect Wednesday is a hassle, say party store owners in Plymouth and Canton.

Their customers don't like it, and the increase in the federal excise tax has meant more work for party store owners and their employees, say local store owners.

"We don't like it," said Chuck Salah, owner of the Hines Park Party Store on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township. "My whole family has to come in and change the prices on New Year's Day."

"In Washington, they don't care — we have to work," Salah said.

The tax has increased on nearly every kind of alcoholic drink. The price has risen by 16 cents for a fifth of 80-proof liquor and 16 cents on a six-pack of beer, and by 18 cents on a 750-milliliter bottle of wine.

Add to that increases by major brewers, distillers and wineries on their products.

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John Shandilis, owner of the Mayflower Party Store on Main Street in Plymouth, spent much of New Year's Eve changing posted prices on liquor displayed behind the store counter.

"It's New Year's Eve and I've got to change this, I'm going nuts," he said.

Customers, he said, know of the price increases. Will it affect business? "I don't think it's going to make much difference, but I have no idea," he said.

Up until Jan. 2, "We've been say-

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Pair charged with robbery in Kroger's

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Two brothers were arraigned on robbery charges after a woman was struck and her purse stolen from inside the Canton Kroger Sunday night.

Kenneth R. Ball, 23, and his brother, Daniel R. Ball, 18, both Ypsilanti residents, were arraigned in Out Wayne County Court Monday before 17th District Court Judge Richard Manning.

BOTH MEN were charged with one count of unarmed robbery. Pleas of not guilty were entered.

Manning set bond at \$10,000 cash for Kenneth Ball, who was on parole for receiving and concealing stolen property in Washtenaw County. Bond for Daniel Ball was \$5,000 or 10 percent. Both men remained in jail earlier this week.

A preliminary examination to determine if there is enough evidence to hold a trial is Jan. 11 in 35th District Court, Plymouth.

The robbery incident began at 8:35

p.m. Sunday after a 38-year-old Canton woman walked into the grocery store on Sheldon and Ford roads, said police information officer Pat Nemecek.

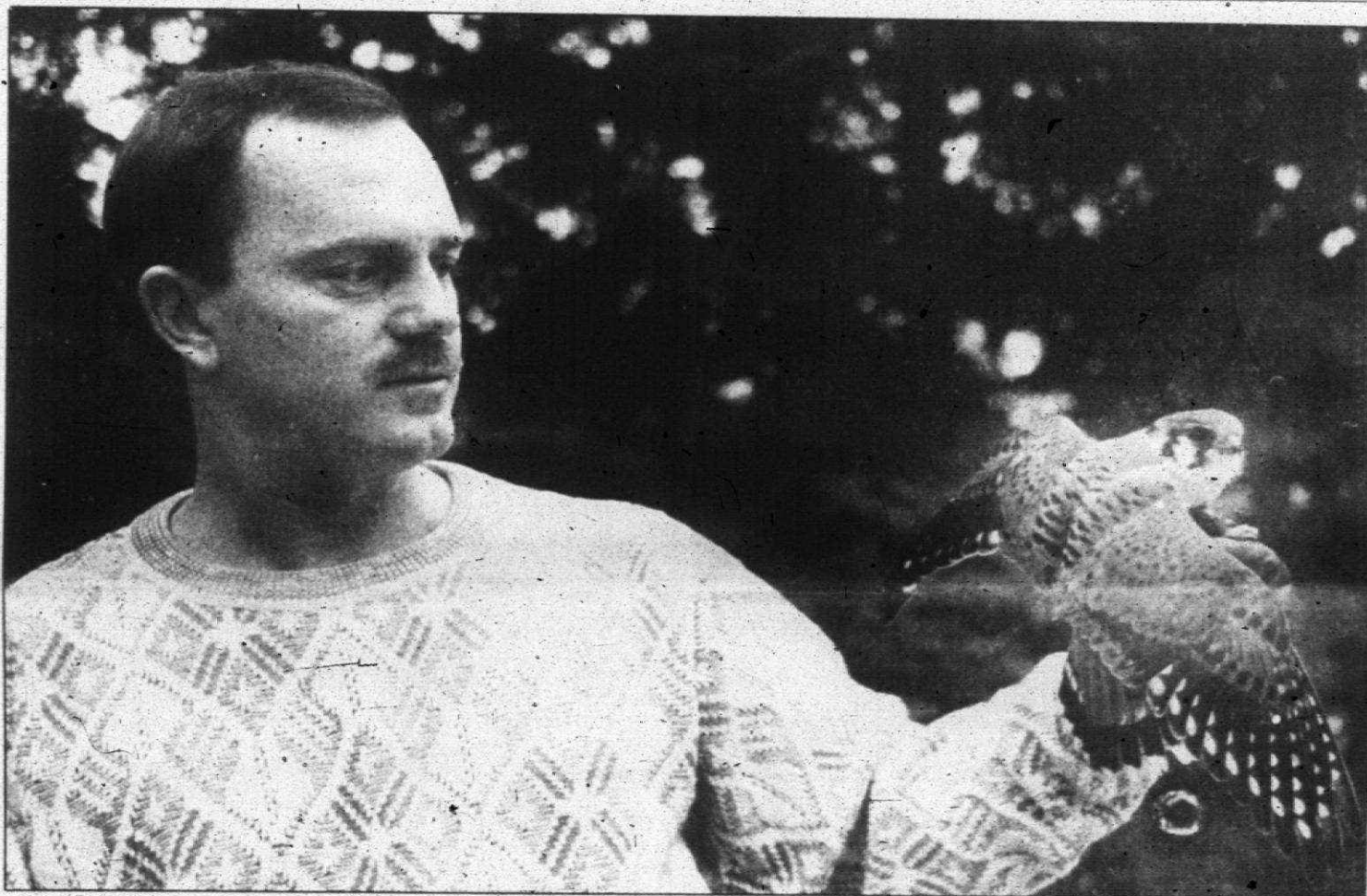
He said a man walked into the store in front of the woman, turned around quickly and struck her in the side of her head with his forearm and grabbed her purse. He said the man fled and ran into the automatic door and broke the glass.

The woman was not seriously injured and chased the man out of the store.

ANOTHER MAN was waiting in a pickup truck; the thief jumped onto the truck bed and the men sped down Sheldon toward Joy Road. Meanwhile, the thief slid into the passenger seat of the truck.

Police stopped the truck on Sheldon south of Joy and arrested Daniel Ball. However, just as the truck was stopped, Kenneth Ball fled. Canton and Plymouth township police followed footprints, and Kenneth Ball was eventually captured.

The purse was recovered with \$40 inside, Nemecek said.



White raccoons, bats and squirrels are among the most common critters Kevin Clark is hired to remove from houses, he said.

Not a recent call to remove a kestrel falcon from a local chimney.

Feeding birds not a featherweight task

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

It started with Critter Control, a business Kevin Clark started for removing animals that stray into houses.

Now, Clark, 35, of Plymouth Township, employs 75 people who work for his three wildlife-management related firms.

"We're expanding into what we call related wildlife businesses," Clark said. One related firm is Wildlife Management Services, which advises cities and townships on the wildlife likely to inhabit various habitats — depending on factors ranging from the size of a wooded area to plants and other growth needed to attract wildlife.

In 1989, he founded Critter Country, four stores including one in Old

Village selling outdoor bird feeders and related items.

Putting out seed for wild birds is popular in rural Plymouth and Canton, Clark said. That could be because backyard bird-watching can be more rewarding in this more rural part of Wayne County, as more varieties are spotted here than near Detroit.

AROUND THE country, "Bird-feeding is the second most popular passive recreation activity next to gardening," Clark began, adding, "See, there's a goldfinch there."

Just outside a window off the family room, the bird perches near one of four feeders in the backyard of the Clark family's North Tazewell Road home.

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photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A black-capped chickadee makes a brief visit at one of Kevin Clark's backyard bird feeders.

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PEACE
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New Year,

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Lights on a dry Christmas tree were the most likely cause of the Dec. 22 fire that killed seven members of the Dell'Orco family, according to Canton Fire Marshal Art Winkel.

However, Winkel said, fire investigators couldn't be certain what actually ignited the tree.

The only source in the tree area were the lights and that's all we can come up with," Winkel said after a fire investigation report was released Wednesday.

INITIALLY, Debbie Dell'Orco, the mother, told firefighters the Christmas tree was overturned and started

on fire. However, a few days later, she said the tree was standing.

Whether it was lying down or standing, "once you get a tree going it's going to be a very intense fire," Winkel said.

The opening for an overhead fan, which was turned off that night, allowed the flames to spread to the attic, the report said.

"All indications are that all the doors were in the open position, which would cause the fire to spread quite rapidly."

"One of the children was trying to get under the bed with the dog and another child was just off the bed and had collapsed," the fire investigation showed.

MARTIN Dell'Orco, 38, died after

going back into the house in an attempt to rescue his children from the fire on Proctor. Six of the nine Dell'Orco children also died in the blaze. The Wayne County Medical Examiner said the cause of the deaths was smoke inhalation.

Debbie Dell'Orco, Martin's wife, survived, along with three of the couple's children — Jimmy, 16, Kelly, 14 and Adam, 6.

Although police arrived within two minutes after the fire was reported, the seven victims had already died, said John Santomauro, Canton public safety director.

Larry Bittenger, a Dell'Orco neighbor, tried rescuing family members.

"I was there when the fire truck got there and I want to tell you the

fire people were atrociously slow," Bittenger said.

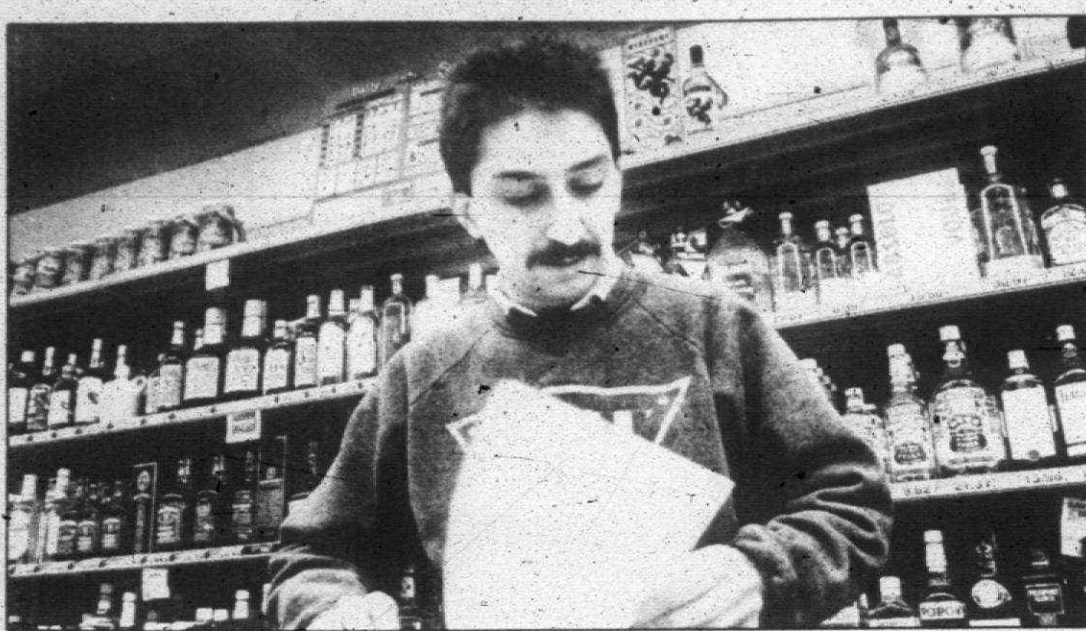
"There was a long period of time before they had water on the house and a longer period of time before any firefighters went into the house. I'm not a firefighter and I've never been involved with a fire before, but all I saw when I got there was a bunch of firefighters standing by the house."

"I'm saying this, because maybe the next time it will save someone," said Bittenger.

THE HOUSE was in flames when firefighters arrived.

"They were driven back by the flames," said fire Chief Mel Paulen.

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Nick Jarbon, manager of the Cracker Barrel Party Store in Canton, said business could drop a bit after the federal tax increase on alcoholic beverages takes effect Wednesday, but should return to normal.



Mayflower Party Store owner John Shandilis changes prices on liquor, as a federal tax increase on alcoholic beverages took effect Wednesday.

Raising prices taxes party store owners

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"Get it while the gettin's good," he said.

Nick Jarbon, manager of the Cracker Barrel Party Store on Ford Road in Canton, said the tax increase could affect business at first by "a little bit, not much."

He compared the effect of the tax increase with a recent tax hike on cigarettes — customers won't stop buying beer wine and alcohol.

While customers are aware of it, "they seem to be accepting it," said Dimitri Ayoub, owner of Dimitri's Party Pantry on Main Street in Plymouth.

Ayoub said that due to the tax increase, customers "might buy more of the discount beer."

"We have to change a lot of prices — there's a lot to be done," he said.

Nick Hanna, owner of the Sunlight Market on Canton Center Road in Canton, said customers "are very scared of what the economy looks like, they're going into the cheaper brands."

Were customers taking advantage of cheaper prices before Jan. 2? "Not really," he said. "They're not buying more than usual."

"It's going to be real bad because we have to change everything in one day (Jan. 1) — this is going to be tough."

"It's going to cause us not to have a good night New Year's Eve, we want to celebrate too," said Hanna.

Tree lights blamed in fire

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"They made an attempt to get in but it didn't work."

Canton firefighter Tom Battistone received first-degree burns on his face after he tried to get into the house.

Another Dell'Orco neighbor, Mary Grasela, said police and firefighters did everything they could.

The ambulance got to the scene first, Grasela said.

"I hopped up and saw lots and lots of smoke. I could see flames shooting from the back of the house."

"I think they (officers and firefighters) did the best they could and you could tell they were very frustrated that they couldn't do more," Grasela said.

"It was one of those helpless situations where no one could do enough, but everyone, I think, did their best. They wanted those people out, but they couldn't get them."

DEBBIE Dell'Orco and her surviving children were taken to Grasela's home that night.

"When people are trapped in a house that is burning and people are outside waiting for the fire department, it's reasonable people will have a difficult time judging how much time has elapsed, Santomauro said.

"In a tragedy like this all of us go through questioning ourselves, 'Could this have been avoided? Could we have done more?' And it's even more difficult for police and fire."

Donations for the Dell'Orco family keep pouring in to the township police department. Earlier this week a total of more than \$210,000 was donated.

Also, Bittenger is planning a Radio Control Car Race benefit for the Dell'Orco family Saturday, Jan. 12, at Riders Super Speedway, 42040 Koppernick. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Sponsors are Riders Super Speedway and the Canton Radio Control Club. For more information, call 981-8700 or 451-5599.

MEANWHILE, POLICE officers and firefighters are shaken by the tragedy that began when Debbie Dell'Orco frantically called 911 from inside the burning house. Her words could barely be understood. She said: "Hello, EMS I need the fire department. Please help me, babies are burning."

The dispatcher thought she said her babies weren't breathing. A squad car was sent to the house and two minutes later fire equipment arrived.

Mary Webb, who has worked more than four years as a police service officer, declined to talk about the dispatcher who took the Dell'Orco call, but she did relate some of the emotions linked to the job.

Dispatchers are responsible for police and fire dispatch, as well as prisoner care, she said.

"There are many people here (in the police and fire departments) who are taking it (the Dell'Orco deaths) pretty hard. A lot of people are experiencing this for the very first time."

Johnson said she hadn't decided how to vote on the zoning changes.

A majority of Plymouth city commissioners have said they likely will vote to join with Plymouth Township in forming a governing board to run the airport.

General industrial land is far removed from residential areas and light industrial areas are closer to

DISPATCH is the nerve center activating police, fire and ambulance personnel, contacting police chaplains and notifying family members. Every call the dispatchers receive could be a matter of life and death.

"You can usually tell immediately if you've got a serious call," Webb said. "You become all business. You have to put emotions aside and act. It's a lot of responsibility and for a new person it can be overwhelming, but once you've been here a while you can pretty much handle what comes in."

It's most rewarding, Webb said, when a dispatcher instructs a caller on cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures, and if the person starts breathing "it's probably the biggest high."

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Police officers and firefighters investigate a plane crash that killed three men in a Plymouth Township field last summer.



Gordon Jaeger, a longtime Battle Creek city manager, took over May 1 as Plymouth city manager.

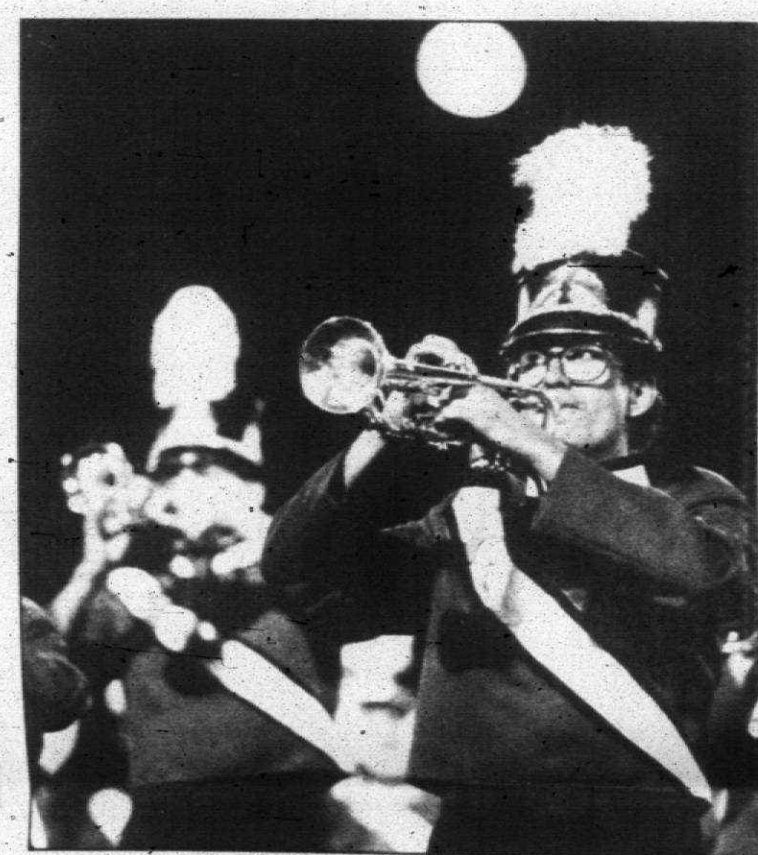


When GOP gubernatorial candidate John Engler spoke at a Canton Economic Club luncheon in March, many were convinced he would lose to incumbent Gov. James Blanchard come

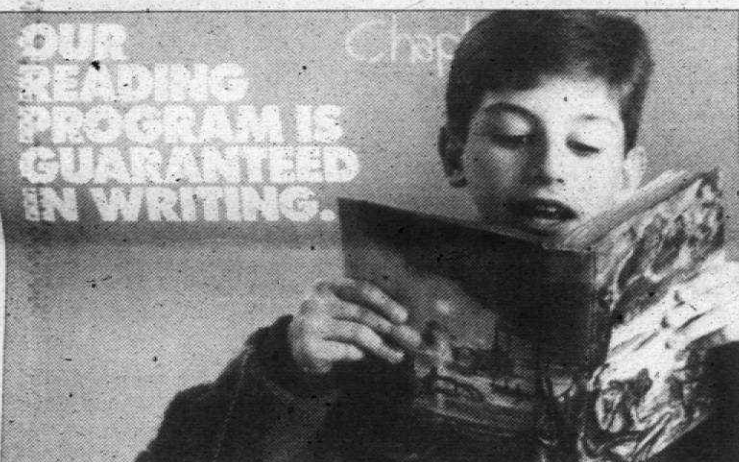
Election Day. It was not to be and Engler, the club's first speaker, emerged the victor in November and took office Tuesday.



Investigators try to determine the extent of a chemical spill at the Centennial Educational Park last summer.



Victory didn't elude members of the Centennial Educational Park Marching Band, who were named tops in the nation during the 1990 season. They earned grand championship honors at the Marching Bands of America Grand National Championship competition, held in November at the Hoosierdome in Indianapolis, Ind.



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Last year, will be remembered for its highs and lows, controversies and accolades, controversies and beginnings in Plymouth and Canton.

The Centennial Educational Park band captured grand championship honors during the Marching Bands of America Grand National Championship competitions last November.

A plane crashed in a Plymouth Township field July 23 killing three men.

Meanwhile, a controversy was launched about whether Mettetal Airport, in Canton, will be purchased by Plymouth Township and Plymouth.

Canton boasted the birth of the Canton Economic Club, patterned after the Detroit Economic Club. The forum hosted an impressive roster of guest speakers including Gov. John Engler during his campaign that ultimately led to his unexpected win.

The story about seven members of the Dell'Orco family dying in a house

fire captured the hearts and generosity of people around the country and in Canada. More than \$200,000, as well as goods, were donated.

Gordon Jaeger took over as Plymouth city manager May 1.

A chemical spill was reported Aug. 22 at the CEP high schools raising concerns about public safety in Canton.

Motorists driving Ford Road in Canton were reminded daily of the death of 14-year-old Canton resident Melissa Chisholm after her friends maintained a memorial of flowers on the pole near the Ford and Lilley road intersection where she died.

Ashley Heimbaugh, Mettetal fixed based operator, and John Vergona, Canton pilot, lead the fight for public ownership of the airport in Canton.

Melissa Chisholm, 14, of Canton was killed by a hit-and-run driver in a May 14 accident at Ford and Lilley roads. The driver's identity remains unknown, and family members are offering a reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

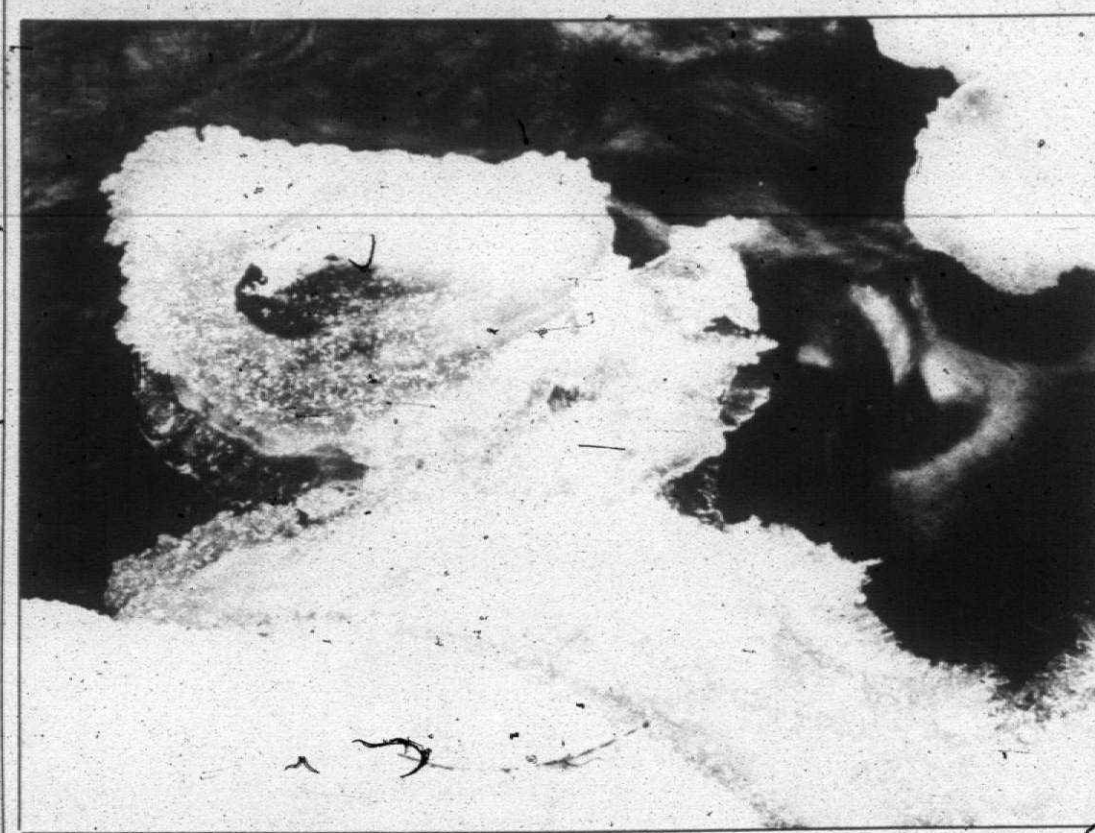
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Cold spell

Signs of winter are easy to spot these days in Hines Park and elsewhere in western Wayne County. The Rouge River wasn't quite frozen over, but the cold snap made for some icy conditions.

Firm caters to bird-watchers



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Kevin Clark of Plymouth Township shows some tube bird feeders sold at his Critter Country store, one of three wildlife management-related businesses he owns.

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Folks who have thought about getting into backyard bird-watching should know that there's more involved than just pouring a bag of seeds into a birdfeeder.

That's because certain seeds attract certain birds. Of birds who remain in the area during winter, "Bluejays like peanut bits," Clark said, adding cardinals go for sunflower and safflower seeds.

A black-capped chickadee edges from the inside of a bush to an outer branch, then flies to the edge of a bird feeder, takes a seed, and flits back to another bush. "They get one sunflower seed and go back to a bush and crack it," he explained.

Other types of birds one can spot in the area during winter are nut hatches, juncos, downy woodpeckers, mourning doves, purple finches and tufted titmice.

At his Critter Country store, Clark also sells squirrel-proof bird

feeders and books which detail the types of vegetation a homeowner can plant to attract various species. "Of other feed to put out, 'Millett' is a standard," Clark said. "Wheat is virtually useless," he said. "Corn is OK for geese and swans, and squirrels."

To illustrate the growth of the hobby, Clark said industry figures show that \$2.2 billion is spent each year in this country on wild bird seed, while annual sales of bird feeders in the United States is "over \$50 million."

Backyard bird-feeding enthusiasts should know that providing water is important. While Clark has a heated bird bath in his backyard, he said putting out a pan of warm water is just as good.

Putting out feed in winter "is supplemental feeding," said Clark, adding that the winter mortality rate of birds drops from about 30 percent to 5 percent, when feed is put out.

Wife says goodbye to husband, 6 kids

Editor's note: This story is a reprint from our edition of Monday, Dec. 31. Due to an error, the entire story did not appear on that date.

By Diane Gale
staff writer

One by one seven coffins carrying Martin Dell'Orco and the six children he tried to save from the fire that gutted their Canton home were placed in seven hearses outside St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church Saturday morning.

Inside Martin Dell'Orco's wife, Debbie, and the couple's three surviving children, Jimmy, 16, Kelly, 14 and Adam, 6, said good-bye during the funeral services.

MARTIN DELL'ORCO died with six of his children after going back into the house in an attempt to rescue them from the Dec. 22 fire that started when an old fashioned bulb ignited a dry Christmas tree.

"Marty was totally devoted to me and all the children," the Rev. Ernest Porcari read from a note written by Debbie Dell'Orco. "He has proven that there was nothing he wouldn't do for us."

"Sometimes he would say to me: 'The only problem is I love you too much and sometimes it makes me sad.' When each child was born he was so proud."

Debbie Dell'Orco referred to her husband as a perfectionist who poured his love into his work, children and wife. "There wasn't a day he didn't sing with the children and dance with the little ones."

"Porcari said he watched a video of the Dell'Orco's — father and mother were surrounded by their children as they made cookies."

"They so loved those kids," Porcari said. "He would take the children and dance around the table."

The crowning achievement of the family, Porcari said, was their love and devotion to each other.

Porcari read snippets Debbie Dell'Orco wrote about her dead children.

Bonnie, 11: "Bonnie means sweet and fair one," her mother wrote. "She was both of these."

Sara, 9: "She was the little mother. Whenever the opportunity came she would take charge of the children and sometimes Marty and me."

'Marty was totally devoted to me and all the children. He has proven that there was nothing he wouldn't do for us.'

— Debbie Dell'Orco

Katie, 8: "She was joyful and appreciated the details in life. She was happy, sweet and giggly."

Meagan, 5: "She was the first twin born. She was delicate and tiny. But she was strong and fiery and had a wonderful sense of humor."

Michael, 5: "He was sweet, quiet and gentle. He rough housed with his friends and brought home a menagerie of animals from frogs to kittens."

Robert, 4: "He was the sweetest thing you ever saw. His face was like an angel. We were so much alike. We seemed to have the same thoughts. He loved the outdoors."

Martin Dell'Orco's casket was at the center of the altar, with three small caskets extending on both sides. Debbie Dell'Orco was flanked by her three surviving children and other family members, a few feet away. At times during the mass Debbie Dell'Orco hugged Adam, 6, who escaped the blaze.

Before the services began, the church echoed with the country music Martin Dell'Orco loved. Among the songs on the tape, Hank Williams, Jr. sang "Family Tradition."

Between 400 and 500 people packed the Lilley Road church still decorated with wreaths.

Porcari drew tears and even sobs as he recounted the story of a soldier who asked his commanding officer if he could return to the battlefield. The officer said he didn't want the soldier to risk his life for a soldier who was surely dead.

The soldier went anyway. And he returned, mortally wounded, with the other soldier-dead in his arms.

The commanding officer was angry and said: "Was it worth going out there?" The soldier replied: "Oh, yes it was," and explained that the soldier he brought back said before he died: "I knew you would come."

Porcari linked Martin Dell'Orco's ultimate sacrifice to the soldier's bravery and loyalty.

Martin Dell'Orco's brother, John Dell'Orco, said he spoke to Tom Keilman, Canton police chaplain, who announced that \$160,000 had been donated to the family.

"He said normally in a tragedy like this people donate between \$20,000 and \$40,000," John Dell'Orco said.

"I WAS COMFORTED when I realized this tragedy has made our community understand the importance of love and charity," John Dell'Orco said. "Martin Dell'Orco performed the most charitable act."

"Martin's spirit lives on through us" and all the charity of the community, he added. "I'm proud to be your brother."

Debbie Dell'Orco's brother, Glen Anderson, referred to Martin Dell'Orco as his brother-in-law, his boss and his good friend. "All them (children) were great kids and we'll miss them all each and every one of them."

Outside the rain fell as a reminder of the tears shed by the people, mostly strangers, around the country and Canada.

Porcari applauded the generosity of people sending gifts and money. He praised Canton police officers and firefighters who coordinated the fund and helped with the funeral. Costs for the funeral services were donated by Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial plots at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia were donated by Church of Christ of Plymouth.

Wayne Byrum, Canton police chaplain said: "Before the mass I gave her (Debbie) coffee and I said: 'You know there are literally thousands of people who are praying for you,' and she said: 'I can feel it.'"

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The male population continues to increase about 3-4 percent each year at Madonna. Some of the men who selected the college based on size, location and curriculum include (from left) John Taillard of Livonia,

Eric Klisz of Livonia, Tim Naden of Farmington, Mike Stowell of Plymouth, Charlie Curtis of Plymouth and John Burdick of Livonia.

Male students receive warm welcome at Madonna College

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

When H. Charley Curtis, 18, enrolled in business classes at Madonna College in Livonia, he never considered becoming a statistician.

But Curtis, a graduate of Garden City High School who now works for grandfather Don Massey of Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, is a statistician.

During this semester's registration, he was the one-thousandth male to enroll for classes, the first time that one thousand or more men have ever enrolled during a single semester since Madonna was founded by Felician Sisters in 1947.

Although the college began admitting men in 1972, female students have continued to outnumber males by four to one. Of 4,393 students now enrolled, 1,020 are men.

Unmindful of numbers, Curtis selected Madonna because of its size and location. He prefers a smaller, more intimate school and the college is conveniently located to job and home in Plymouth.

Mike Stowell, 28, a full-time city employee for Northville participating in an employment educational program, selected Madonna for the same reasons. A Plymouth resident, he has been taking night classes since 1987.

"I HOPE to graduate sometime this century," he said with a laugh, figuring on another seven years of night school before earning a degree in public administration.

John Taillard, a 33-year-old father of two, also attends Madonna part time in a program sponsored by his employer, Bant Ink. The

firm pays part of Taillard's tuition fees of \$122 per credit hour (120 are normally needed for graduation).

"It's more intimate here," he said. Eric Klisz, 18, a graduate of Livonia's Churchill High who has not yet declared a major at Madonna, agrees.

"The student-teacher ratio here is much lower. My friend attends the University of Michigan and he's having (academic) trouble. There's 250 students in a lecture hall there. I don't think anyone can benefit from a situation like that."

Stowell cites a course he recently completed, a mandatory class offered on Saturday morning, the only time he could attend. "Including myself, there were three students. But the class wasn't canceled and the instructor, who was the greatest, adjusted to so few students." That, he said, would never be the case in a public institution.

Tim Naden, 26, of Farmington, believes Madonna offers a superior education. A product of Catholic primary and secondary schools, Naden is Catholic, as are 70 percent of all students attending Madonna.

"I'M AN EDUCATION major. The most interesting thing about Madonna is that teaching in the classroom is offered each semester. It completely prepares you for going into the classroom, that necessary one-on-one experience."

Naden knows current employment opportunity is scarce. To increase his chances for a job after graduation next year, he has changed his minor from English to math. He is willing to relocate and

"I'm a man. They like male teachers that help."

John Burdick, a 20-year-old from Redford Township who is majoring in criminal justice, is more concerned at the moment with maintaining passing grades. A sophomore, he nearly "played too much baseball" last school year. Still, he completed the year with a 2.6 grade point average.

A product of Catholic elementary and public high schools, Burdick chose Madonna because of its Catholic discipline. At the time of registration, he was unaware of student body composition.

"I had no idea it was mostly women," he said, adding the odds don't interest him because he already has a girlfriend.

Naden, who transferred to Madonna after completing two years at Oakland Community College, was "surprised when I found out they take men here."

As to the clear majority of female students? "It's a terrible burden," he quipped.

SISTER NANCY MARIE JAMROZ, vice president for student life at Madonna, said the college continually attempts to bolster male enrollment.

"Our on-going programs in business are attractive to the male population. Initiatives taken by various companies like Michigan Bell, to assist in continuing education by acting as third-party payers, encourages men."

"We've gone slowly, increasing (male enrollment) by 3 to 4 percent a year. Now we've reached over 25 percent. And we will continue to strive to balance enrollment even more," she concluded.

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Fire tragedy
Dell'Orco set good example

DEBBIE DELL'ORCO IS A good example for us all. Faced with the fire deaths of her husband and six children, she wants to keep a dream alive.

Before the tragic fire at the couple's Canton house, she and her husband, Martin, had dreamed of building a new house in Canton for themselves and their nine children.

We hope that dream comes true. And if there's any solace to be taken from the tragedy, it's that people can continue to dream and that people respond to the tragedy of others.

MORE THAN \$160,000 in cash and a warehouse of goods have been donated to the family by the public. No, that's never going to ease the feeling of loss felt by Debbie Dell'Orco. But it tells us that people reach out to help others.

These are probably the same people who would scream if the government came along to raise taxes. But when it comes to helping another human, things are different.

As the new year comes we could be gloomy. A war is looming in the Middle East and the economy seems headed toward a recession. But the dream of Debbie Dell'Orco and the public's giving to the family give us hope that things will be OK.

If Debbie Dell'Orco can dream about a new home, then we can dream about peace in the Middle East. And if people can make financial contributions to the family, we can hope that we can make the financial sacrifices needed to weather a recession.

Thanks, Debbie. You've given us hope.

The future
Suggestions and predictions

Predictions. They always come up at this time of year. What's the new year going to bring? Here's our list of suggestions and predictions for the Plymouth-Canton area in 1991:

• **METTETAL AIRPORT:** We would hope that somehow it stays an airport, but that Plymouth Township doesn't alienate Canton Township in the process. The airport is in Canton, and Supervisor Tom Yack is likening Plymouth Township's drive to buy it to an invasion by a foreign army. We don't buy Yack's argument. We suggest that Canton and Plymouth get together on this one. However, our prediction is for a border war between Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

• **OMNICOM CABLE:** Subscribers to cable television in Canton and Plymouth started paying an additional \$1.45 per month for basic service on Tuesday. Also, Omnicom has started

charging 75 cents for its cable guide. We would hope that the Canton Township Cable Commission takes a tough look at cable service. However, our prediction is that it will blow over.

• **PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS:** The schools are predicting there will be a classroom shortage by 1992. That means more students will be jamming into Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem high schools. We hope the schools take a look at adding a new high school. However, our prediction is that they will just expand the high schools.

• **DEVELOPMENT:** In Plymouth the Farmer Jack store on Main Street remains closed, the post office on Penniman is going to move out, and in Canton there's a high vacancy rate in the strip malls. We'd suggest that planning commissions in both communities take a look at these situations. Our prediction is that things will just go along as they have been.

State agenda

These issues need attention now

DEAR GOV. ENGLER,

Now that the inaugural hoopla has quieted just a bit and the essentials have been unpacked in your new home, we thought we'd drop you a line and help welcome you to your new neighborhood.

Wow! What a party, huh? An upset election victory and then getting married all in the space of two months; you're probably feeling pretty special right about now, like you could handle just about anything.

That's good. Because you're about to step into the most demanding challenge you've ever faced.

By most accounts, the previous occupant of the governor's mansion didn't do too bad a job during his eight-year residency. But right off you're going to inherit some of the problems Gov. James Blanchard failed to address adequately. And the current \$1 billion-plus deficit means you're going to be dealing with a new dose of economic uncertainty from your first day on the job.

FRANKLY, MICHIGAN'S future could depend a whole lot on the priorities you set in the next few months and how well you accomplish them. Scary, huh?

But remember, you're not alone in all this. To help guide the way, you have your appointees, informal advisers, the state Legislature (this could be a mixed blessing) and your usually friendly, always concerned neighbors here on the editorial page.

With that in mind, this is what we feel should be of immediate concern:

• **PAY RAISES** — We applaud your blasting of a recommendation by the State Officers Compensation Commission to raise the salary for the governor, state legislators and top judges by an average of 16 percent, while the rest of state government faces the budget-cutting ax. And we commend you for saying that your own raise would be donated to charity. But you can — and should — do more. Use your influence (as new top guy and former state senator) over the Legislature and urge them to rescind the raises before the Feb. 1 deadline. We realize that while getting two-thirds of your former colleagues in the Republican-controlled Senate to reject the raises is workable, accomplishing that in the Democratic House will be more difficult. We can only hope for miracles.

• **ABORTION** — We realize we can't change your views on this topic. But before signing into law any bill that would severely restrict or eliminate abortion as an option, we urge you to at least discuss it with your pro-choice wife, Michelle.

• **SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM** — Boy, oh boy. Here we go again. Maybe, since you were one of them, state lawmakers will be more coop-

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erative. As the inequities between rich and poor school districts continue to widen, the way we finance public schools in Michigan needs serious attention. It's time for the governor and legislators to work together and come up with a comprehensive plan to reshape public education. With a team approach to this problem, we might avoid the heavily politicized "solutions" of the past.

• **METRO DETROIT** — Being an outstater, we know you don't have a lot of experience in this area. Let us help you. Meeting the concerns of metropolitan Detroiters is tantamount to making Michigan work, not to mention gaining a second, four-year lease on the governor's residence, if that's your desire. (Just ask the previous occupant.) Coalition building with the Big Four — the Detroit mayor and the executives of Wayne and Oakland counties and the chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners — is important. The tri-county population of more than four million is nearly half your constituency and they require a sympathetic ear in the governor's office in order to remain happy and healthy. Which leads us to:

• **ROADS** — Since you spent the fall fooling around the campaign trail in your trusty Oldsmobile — and since you promised to be the governor who makes the automobile, not the jet copter, your preferred transportation — you probably realize many of the roads out here in suburbia are in need of a complete overhaul. More money for improved roads in western Wayne and Oakland counties must be found within the state's budget.

• **MENTALLY ILL** — The state's current system for dealing with mental illness is severely out of whack. Funds are continually misallocated. More money is spent on unworkable programs where the aim is prevention and not enough is spent on treatment programs. The state is nearly ignoring the needs of people affected by mental illnesses — patients and their families.

Happy New Year Governor. We'll be charting your progress.



Specter of war casts dark cloud on holiday festivities

FOR SUBURBANITES the 1990 holiday season will be remembered for the shadow of war cast over the usually festive days of celebration.

Like Marley's ghost, it lurked at the edges of parties, haunting revelers with its foreboding messages from the past, present and future.

At a party in Farmington Hills, clusters of revelers gathered to wonder what the president would do, when he would do it and who was the latest person to be called up to serve time in the Persian Gulf.

In Redford Township, the specter of war loomed even closer. Recently home from the Saudi Peninsula, a young Marine mingled with friends and relatives. Flanked by two children and a young wife, he vowed to return in hopes of destroying what he perceived as the threat of Saddam Hussein.

For me the unforgettable conversation with my 16-year-old daughter carried a sad and ominous refrain. As we sped along the expressway, the ordinarily cheerful teenager was quiet and sullen.

Finally, "Dad, what is happening in the Persian Gulf just doesn't make any sense."

Silence.

"If we were there to really help those people out, we would be all over the world helping out other people. But we aren't."

More silence.

"You know, it really makes a difference when you know people who are over there. It scares me."

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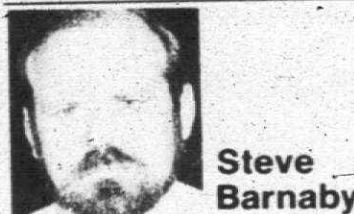
Quiet tears in the darkness — hers and mine.

Anger and mourning swept over me as I silently recalled those who had died in a futile war, two decades ago and a president on a quest, the logic of which he was at a loss to coherently explain to the American public.

SOME AMERICANS have a difficult time learning from the past.

In 1952 D.W. Brogan, an observer of the American scene, wrote about the illusion of omnipotence, "the illusion that the world must go the American way if the Americans want it strongly enough, and give firm orders to their agents to see that it is done."

Many Americans have rid themselves of this malady, realizing as



Steve Barnaby

Brogan told us, that "a great many things happen in the world regardless of whether the American people wish them or not."

President Bush has yet to take the cure.

Rather he is most willing to levy what French Marshal Gouvion Saint-Cyr called the "blood tax," the lives of the young for a cause which will destroy many and only narrowly benefit those with wealth and power.

In 1947 Henry Stimson, former U.S. secretary of war, wrote about war as the face of death.

"War in the 20th century has grown steadily more barbarous, more destructive, more debased in all its aspects. The release of the atomic energy (has) made it wholly clear that we must never have another war. This is the lesson men and leaders everywhere must learn, and I believe that when they learn it they will find a way to lasting peace. There is no other choice."

Please, Mr. President, find a way. It's a matter of life or death.

Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the 13 Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

from our readers

Kettle drive a success

To the editor:

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, and Canton Township, had a very successful kettle campaign this year as a result of the help of the many volunteers from the following organizations:

Canton — Kiwanis, Rotary, seniors, Boy Scout Troop No. 898, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Newcomers Club, and St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Plymouth — Rotary, Civitans, Rock Lodge No. 47, First Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis Clubs, Fire Department, Police Department, City Administration, K of C, Business and Professional Women, Lions, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Optimists, and Chamber of Commerce.

Plymouth Township — First Baptist Church, fire department, and police department.

Northville — First Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church, Our Lady of Victory Church, fire department, and city manager's office.

Northville Township — police department.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Teachers Educational Association, Marching Band, and National Honor Society.

Vietnam Veterans, PEO Chapter, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Community Crier Newspaper, West-

land Rotary, Livonia Civitans, Salvation Army Advisory Board, and Salvation Army Corps.

Thank you all for your dedicated effort that produced so much help for the people in need.

Robert Jones

Coordinator, Kettle Campaign

Child abuse not stopped by abortion

To the editor:

In response to reader "R. Smith" of Plymouth, who recently wrote explaining his/her position on abortion and animal rights:

It's evident that reader Smith experienced a very difficult childhood. One can only feel compassion for an adult who carries the scars of such abuse as is mentioned in Smith's letter. As a society and as individuals we must work to prevent child abuse and to heal its scars.

However, abortion does not prevent child abuse. Abortion prevents children. In fact, aborting human fetuses carries one step further the shameful sort of cruelty with which some people treat animals: inflicting pain, suffering and death on living beings incapable of speech or self-defense.

Opposing abortion and seeking to improve the welfare of other animal

species are not incompatible goals. In fact, both positions can quite easily flow from the Judeo-Christian ethic of reverence for God's creation. However, within this tradition of reverence for created life, an ordering of priorities must be preserved. The pro-abortion movement and elements of the animal rights movement have distorted these priorities into actions and attitudes that are anti-human.

Are the readers of this newspaper aware that there are over 2 million prospective parents on adoption waiting lists throughout the United States? Yet, each year, abortion destroys 1.5 million unborn children. They could have been happy, growing, toddlers or teenagers by now, but they will never have the chance to live. Even given the tragic abuse and lack of love experienced by Smith, I wonder if he or she truly would prefer to not be alive today?

Lastly, abortion must be completely rejected as a solution to overpopulation. The United States has already achieved zero population growth. Most of the western world is not even replacing itself. Greed, faulty distribution, and political difficulties have much more to do with why people starve than do the simple numbers of humans on earth.

Let us each live out our reverence for life and seek ways to help those who most need our protection.

Kathryn M. Nelson, Plymouth

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points of view

Archer too much like Coleman?

"A BREATH of fresh air," said a Detroit columnist, referring to Dennis Archer's decision to leave the state Supreme Court and presumably get into Detroit politics.

He had it wrong. Archer may not be as foul-mouthed as Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, and he may be a slicker orator, but otherwise Archer may represent little change.

I've already written several times about how Archer and Justice Michael Cavanaugh constitute a two-man, extremely left wing on the Michigan Supreme Court, going hard on business in civil cases and easy on defendants in criminal cases.

But let's look at Archer's marked resemblance to Young on another issue.

IN DECEMBER of 1984, Archer was president of the State Bar Association and filled a page in the Michigan Bar Journal magazine. He wrote about the elation which 52,000 people inside the stadium and 10,000 people outside felt at the Detroit Tigers' World Series victory.

"(Out of all these, 35 to 75 individuals, mostly from the suburbs, helped to destroy the image of Detroit," he wrote.



Tim Richard

"Newspapers across the country and national television and radio networks concentrated their coverage of that final World Series victory on burning police cars and isolated acts of assaultive behavior."

"But was it really necessary for the news media to focus nearly all their attention on the actions of these few and virtually ignore the yearlong efforts of the Detroit Tigers, the support and enthusiasm of the fans and the demonstrated pride of the city of Detroit?"

"Then, as if to add insult to injury, was the city of Detroit the only city in the United States to experience 'Devil's Night' on Oct. 30? When fire department crews from other cities were called to help fight a few fires in Detroit, national networks resurrected the 1967 riots."



Jack Gladden

the authority to lease downtown Plymouth. Moving it to a site in the Ford Road/Sheldon area will prove to be a bit of a problem, however.

IN FARMINGTON HILLS, officials will decide that the police department's continuing undercover sting operations are getting too expensive and will offer a solution by passing a prohibition ordinance making it illegal to sell alcoholic beverages to onramps.

Pizza king Tom Monaghan, in one of his boldest moves yet, will solve a number of problems by buying the former St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township and Duns Scotus in Southfield.

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Students are top school priority

Q. What are some new year's resolutions you would like to see those in education and those impacted by education make for 1991?

A. Following are some resolutions I would like to see those in education or those impacted by education make for 1991.

• As a superintendent of schools, I promise to say, "I'm getting out of this job" on 30 times in 1991.

• As a board of education member, I will daily remind myself that I am to be an advocate for children not some singular special interest group.

• As a building principal, I will remind myself that I am to be a facilitator for learning, not just a building manager who is more concerned about the daily lunch menu than the education of children.

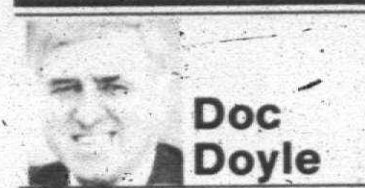
• As a parent, I will attend all teacher-parent conferences and volunteer to be an educational partner even if it means I might miss a symphony, a Piston game, a golf match or a night on the bowling lanes.

• As a teacher, I will remind myself that the most difficult child in my class still is some parent's most precious possession. That I'll work to reach the child tomorrow and tomorrow.

• As a central office curriculum leader, I will remind myself that every time a new program is added some other programs should be compacted or reduced so that teachers don't collapse under a "curriculum overload."

• As an assistant superintendent for instruction, I vow to not jump on the "band wagon" for every new program that makes the scene because of some supposedly new "theory" that probably has been around for years but just given a new title.

James "Doc" Doyle is a former Troy Schools administrator. His column on educational issues appears regularly.



Doc Doyle

• As a parent of a high school student who is getting Cs and Ds, I promise I will check with my teachers when he/she says my teacher doesn't give homework.

• As a union leader, I promise to consider my professional obligation to children, parents and education as much as I recognize my commitment to improving the working condition of my members.

• All educators — agree to count the number of positive newspaper column-inches given to the programs and experiences that occur in their school district over a given year. That we note those positive column inches far exceed, in most if not all cases, the number of column inches given to critical "letters to the editor" or in addressing a controversial issue of timely concern.

• As an educational columnist, I, Doc Doyle, vow not to assume I have all the answers but hope to continue writing from a balanced view.

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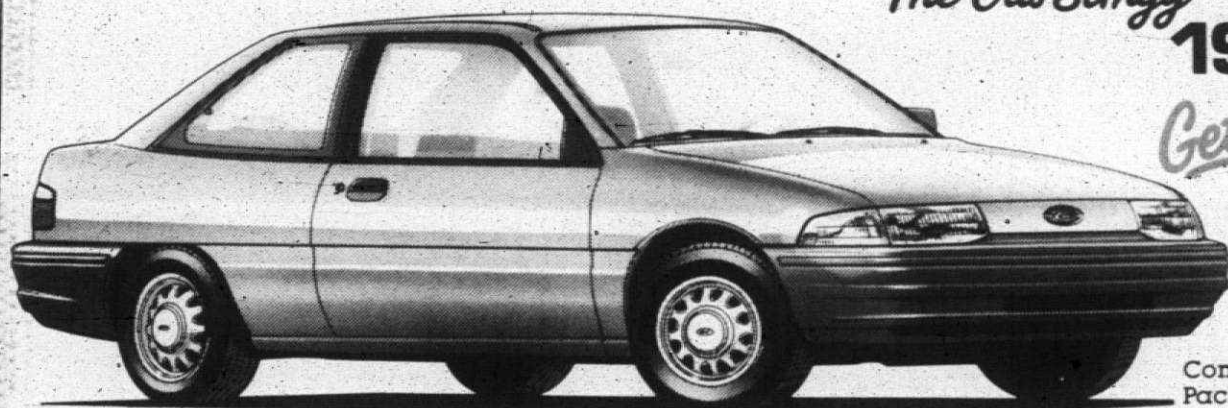
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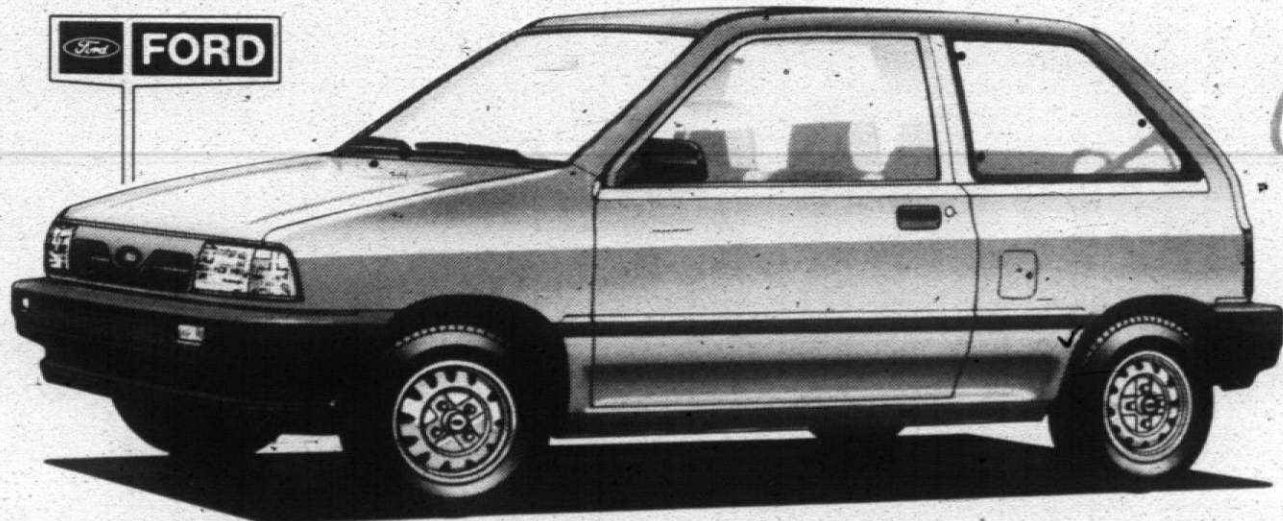
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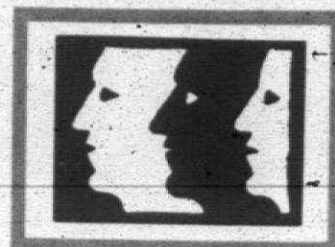
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The rink at the Plymouth Cultural Center's a popular spot for family outings.

Smooth sailing Skaters: Indoor arena fits the bill

By Julie Brown
staff writer

ICE SKATERS don't have to put up with the discomforts of life in the great outdoors. Indoor rinks allow them to glide right along without worrying about the wind — or lumps and bumps on the ice.

Skaters at the Plymouth Cultural Center can attest to that. Many take advantage of the open skating hours offered by Plymouth Parks and Recreation during the winter and the rest of the year. The rink area's not quite as warm as a sauna, but it's far more comfortable than the outdoors during a typical Michigan winter.

Chris Lamos of Northville decided to go skating last week. She and her daughters, Jennifer, 5, and Elizabeth, 9, came to the Plymouth Cultural Center the day after Christmas.

"The kids think it's great fun," said Lamos, who also brought along her brother-in-law and his two sons. "It's just a nice outing for the family."

HER FAMILY skates at the Cultural Center at other times during the winter. They've found it's better than being outside on cold days.

"A lot better," she said. "We used to do it outdoors. It's a lot easier on the kids."

The rink was a bit crowded last week, as many families made good

use of time off from school or work. Some got new skates for Christmas and were eager to try them out.

Greg Lemanski of Canton was among those skaters the day after Christmas at the rink. Lemanski, who works in maintenance at the Plymouth Cultural Center, was pleased with his new skates.

"Awesome. They're really nice," Lemanski's job at the Cultural Center gives him a chance to skate during his free time and he's found it enjoyable.

"It's not work, it's play," he said. "You concentrate on having fun."

Some people like Lemanski have been skating for years and aren't hesitant when the time comes to take to the ice. Others, children and adults alike, don't have much skating

experience and are more comfortable moving along slowly near the rink's perimeter.

EXTRA OPEN skating hours are offered each year throughout the holiday break, said Tom Willette, assistant director of the city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

"We always try to offer a little more because the kids are out of school. It's usually real popular during the Christmas break."

Many people prefer skating indoors on a smooth surface, he said. Indoor skaters don't have to wait for below-freezing temperatures each year the way their outdoor counterparts do.

"There are all ages and all levels. We have quite a few adults that come."

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—Tom Willette
Plymouth Parks and Recreation

Open skating's offered throughout the year, and is discontinued only from mid-May to mid-June when the rink area is closed for repairs and maintenance. More skaters use the rink during the winter, Willette said, but the summer's fairly busy as well.

Members of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club who are competitive skaters continue to practice during the summer. Members of other area skating clubs also come to the Plymouth Cultural Center, due to the fact that rinks in many neighboring communities close in the summer.

Those who didn't get new skates this Christmas don't have to pass on the wintertime fun. Rental skates, in sizes for children and adults, are available at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Hockey skates aren't available, Willette said, but skaters can rent figure skates for \$1.

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The open skating hours are particularly popular during the holidays when students are out of school.



Keith Osborne helps his son, Joshua, learn to skate.

Staff photos
by Bill Bresler



Images of St. Nicholas haven't disappeared yet

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Christmas has come and gone, but images of Santa Claus can still be seen close to home even though the real St. Nick has returned to the North Pole.

An exhibit on Santa Claus will continue through Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The exhibit features more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures from the collection of Dr. Weldon Petz.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

This Santa Claus figure from the collection of Weldon Petz is included in the exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The exhibit will continue through late January.

"We've been really busy, which has been great," said Beth Stewart, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum. "We've had quite a few families. The reaction has been really nice."

As of late last week, nearly 2,000 visitors, including some from school groups, had come to the museum at 155 S. Main since the exhibit opened just before Thanksgiving.

Christmas break gave many schoolchildren and their families an opportunity to visit the museum, which is operated by the Plymouth Historical Society.

SOME RESIDENTS who had friends and relatives visiting for the holidays brought their guests to the museum. Some visitors came from as far away as California, Stewart said.

Petz, a retired educator who

lives in West Bloomfield, has been to the museum several times since the exhibit opened. He came in with relatives from northern Michigan, and visited the museum in downtown Plymouth with a friend of his, Charlie Gehringer, who played second base for the Detroit Tigers from 1924 to 1942.

Many museum visitors are intrigued with the idea of seeing more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures, said Stewart, a Plymouth Township resident. Visitors are impressed to learn the collection belongs to one person, and like to see how Santa's image has changed over time.

Petz is also an authority on Abraham Lincoln, and his collection of Lincoln memorabilia includes even more items than the Santa collection, she said.

Mildred and Gerald Palm of

Dearborn were among visitors at the museum last week. They'd come to an early December holiday open house at the Plymouth Historical Museum and heard Petz speak.

Gerald Palm and Weldon Petz were classmates at Detroit Mackenzie High School and have worked together on school reunion committees.

"Mr. Petz is an unusual man," Palm said. "He is remarkable really in that he has had five careers."

PETZ WORKED for many years as a teacher and administrator in the Detroit Public Schools and the Farmington Public Schools. His background also includes time spent as a big band musician and later as an author.

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clubs in action

SENIOR TOUR CLUB

The Western Wayne County Chapter of Senior Tour Clubs of America will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The evening will include socializing, songs, slides, refreshments and door prizes. There will be a review of upcoming one-day trips, overnight trips, cruises and vacation packages.

Club members have planned a Thursday, Jan. 24, "Day in Detroit." They will visit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle for a flower show. Lunch at Trapper's Alley and an afternoon visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts will be included. For more information, call Len Block, 459-5598.

ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 3277 W. 12 Mile. Admission is free. The public may attend. Registration will start 7 p.m. and the meeting will include a "rap session." For more information, call 464-8233.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 201 Church. A program on wok cooking will be presented by Ronnie Cambra of "The Kitchen Witch in Northville."

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a budget bar. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a budget bar. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Airport Hilton Inn, 1-94 and Merriman, Romulus. The dance/party is for singles over age 21. Admission price is \$2 for women. For more information, call the hot line, 942-7422.

TRAIL WALK

A trail walk will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Docents, volunteer guides at the gardens, will focus on winter tree identification. They will also search for signs of color in the woods.

Warm clothing and sturdy, waterproof footwear should be worn. Weather permitting, the walk will be along the Blue Trail and will last about two hours. The walk will be shorter and closer to the conservatory if temperatures drop. Participants should meet in the lobby of the conservatory. For more information, call 998-7061.

NOVI PLAYERS

The Novi Players will offer auditions for the comedy/drama "Daughters." There are five roles for women. Auditions will be on 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call 455-3084 (evenings).

CLUB LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will begin the new year with a "Physical Fitness Luncheon" Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Plymouth Fitness Studio, in the Kroger shopping center at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads. Hospitality time will be 11:30 a.m. followed by an aerobic stretching/toning class at noon. A catered buffet luncheon will be served 1 p.m. Price is \$11 for the luncheon and fitness class.

The Newcomers Club is for residents of Plymouth or Plymouth Township who have lived in the community two years or less. Deadline to make reservations is Monday, Jan. 7. For reservations or more information, call 459-8046 or 459-7943.

VIETNAM VETERANS

The Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528, Vietnam Veterans of America, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Mayflower-LA Gamble Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Area Vietnam-era veterans may attend the general membership meeting. For more information, call Greg Huddas, president, 455-5020, or Joe Agius, membership director, 453-8180, or Mike Schlott, 455-9381.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics athletes from Wayne County will compete in area winter games Friday, Jan. 11, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. Downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, figure skating, speed skating and other events will be included. Opening ceremonies are set for 9 a.m. The Special Olympics program is for mentally impaired athletes ages 8 and older. Volunteers are needed for the winter games. For more information, call 730-0119.

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan will have auditions 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Bentley Center in Livonia. There are three levels of orchestras: Junior and Advanced String Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Sewell, and the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Atilla Farkas. The organization is open to Detroit-area students ages 8-22 and orchestra placement is based on an audition.

There are openings for violin, viola, cello, bass, french horn, bassoon and trumpet. For an audition appointment or more information, call 453-8887. Rehearsals are 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Bentley.

GENEALOGY GROUP

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Plaza, near Farmington and Five Mile roads. Speakers, Gil Francis will discuss research done in New York state and some notes on Wales. For more information on the monthly meeting, call 427-5809. The society provides support and educational programs to encourage the recording of family history.

NEWCOMERS COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will have a membership coffee 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17. The coffee is for prospective members. Those who have lived in Plymouth or Plymouth Township for less than two years may attend. Information will be given on monthly club luncheons at area restaurants and on interest groups such as Moms and Tots, Book Beat, Food and Friends, Bowling and others. For more information, call 451-0124.

YOUNG CAREERIST

The Canton Business and Profes-

sional Women organization is looking for candidates for its Young Careerist program. Candidates must be ages 21-35 as of July 31. They must be or have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of full-time work experience. Achievement in scholastic work, community service and/or church work will be considered. Candidates must live, work, train or attend school in the area they represent.

Applications are available at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, and at Schoolcraft College, 455-8943. Friday, Jan. 25, is the cutoff date for applications. Young Careerist candidates must support the goals and objectives of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 981-2411 or 981-7259.

MORNING PLAY GROUPS

The Canton Newcomers Club sponsors morning play groups. Groups meet 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 981-9177.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

A group for advanced Dungeons and Dragons players meets Friday nights in Plymouth. The group is for adult players. For more information, call 454-6134.

JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees meet 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The non-profit organization is dedicated to community service and individual development. For more information, call Cam Miller, 453-1915, or Ronita Kreiling, 455-8676.

TOASTMASTERS

A Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Denny's, on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, Plymouth. Township participants improve their communication skills and make new friends. For more information, call 451-1241 or 455-1910.

BOWLING LEAGUE

The Mixed Singles Bowling League is a group for singles age 30 and older. Substitutes and regulars are needed. League members bowl 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merri-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call 451-1350.

LAMAZE EDUCATION

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia offers a variety of classes. Participants learn about pregnancy, labor, delivery and other topics. There are six-week classes for new parents, two- and four-week refresher classes, and a monthly breast-feeding class. Weekly classes are 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday classes 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, call the registrar, 937-0665.



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MUSEUM FUN

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. An exhibit featuring more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures will continue through late January. The exhibit, from the collection of Weldon Petz, shows how Santa Claus has changed through the years. Museum admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17, free for children under 5. Family rate is \$4. For more information, call 455-8940.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7-8 p.m. Mondays at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Meetings are open to those grieving as a result of a death or divorce. Free admission. For more information, call 453-7630.

BRIDGE GROUP

The "Party Bridge Group" meets 1-4 p.m. every Thursday at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 981-2411 or 981-7259.

SYMPHONY COOKBOOK

Prelude members of the Plymouth Symphony League have issued a cookbook. The cookbook, priced at \$5, includes complete menus for brunch, lunch, dinner and special holiday meals. The professionally typeset cookbook makes an ideal hostess gift, shower gift or favor. Books are available at a number of Plymouth-area stores, including Parade, Sacks of Forest Avenue, Cheese and Wine Barn, Country Cupboard, Beltner Jewelry, Petite Shop, Frame Works and Corner Curtain Shop. For more information, call 453-7537 or 459-7016 before 5 p.m.

CHURCH COOKBOOK

A cookbook has been compiled by members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth. Cookbook price is \$5; plus \$1 for handling. The cookbook includes recipes, cooking information, pictures and more. For more information, call 326-6255 or 561-4502.

TINNITUS SUPPORT

A Tinnitus Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. Those who would like to attend should ask for the Single Place group at the Big Boy.

BRUNCH FOR SINGLES

Single Place members meet for brunch 12:30 p.m. each Sunday at the Elias Brothers Big Boy, northeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty, Novi. The group is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Those who would like to attend should ask for the Single Place group at the Big Boy.

BEAUTIFIERS

The Canton Beautification Com-

ENCORE GROUP

ENCORE is a post-mastectomy discussion, exercise and support program for women. The group, sponsored by the YWCA, meets 9-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Forum Health Club, Westland. For more information, call Julia Harsha at the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 561-4110.

STARLITERS

The Starliters 40 and Up Club has dances 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays at the Northwest YWCA, 25940 W. Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford. Price is \$3.75, including a live band and refreshments. For more information, call 397-2434.

AMATEUR RADIO

The Su Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings of the non-profit amateur radio club are in the council chambers, on the second floor of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. Those who are interested in amateur radio or in communications in general may attend.

ART GALLERY

An extensive selection of original art work is available for rent at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's art rental gallery. The gallery operates 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday upstairs at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Rental price is \$5 per picture per month. For more information, call the gallery, 459-0110 on Wednesdays, or 459-6896 other days. Proceeds support such PCAC programs as grants and scholarships, and are also used to buy new paintings for the gallery.

EMBROIDERY GUILD

The Livonia chapter of Embroiders' Guild of America meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on Hubbard between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call 452-5986.

BRIDGE FUND

A singles-bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Lessons are available. For more information, call 349-9104 (evenings).

TOPS GROUP

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 238 of Canton meets 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Come Little Children Center, 4550 Warren, Canton. For more information, call 459-4337.

MALA WISLA

The Mala Wisla children's dance ensemble is accepting students for the dance program. Children ages 2 1/2 to 18 will learn Polish-American and Polish ethnic dances. They will also learn to sing Polish folk songs. Classes will be weekly in the Plymouth area. For more information, call 459-5696 or 427-7237.

mittee meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building, on Canton Center Road south of Proctor. For more information, call Cathy Johnson, 981-5225, or Betty Pearson, 459-9346.

PIONEERS CLUB

The Pioneers Senior Club of Canton meets 12:30 p.m. Fridays at the Canton Recreation Center, 42237 Michigan Ave. at Sheldon. New members may attend. For more information, call 397-2434.

NEEDLEPOINT GUILD

The Livonia chapter, American Needlepoint Guild, meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are at the Livonia Senior Citizen Activity Center, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Needlepointers at all skill levels may attend. For more information, call 864-2814.

EMBROIDERERS

The Mill Race chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are at the Fratern Order of Eagles' second floor banquet room, 113 Center, Northville. Stitchers at all levels may attend. For more information, call 437-4478.

CANTON TOPS

The Canton chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. For more information, call 453-6543 or 344-8999 (evenings).

OVEREATERS

Overeaters Anonymous meetings are 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Growth Works Inc., 271 S. Main, Plymouth.

KIWANIS

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth. Club members are involved in a variety of community activities and national programs. The public may attend the Plymouth Kiwanis Club's weekly meetings.

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Santa's still making his presence known

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ty on Abraham Lincoln's life and times.

The Palms have heard, Petz give lectures on Lincoln and on other subjects. Petz is a man of considerable talents and accomplishments, yet he's unassuming, Palm said.

The Palms, who are retired, were "recovering from the holidays" last week, she said. They came to the museum in Plymouth a couple days after Christmas and liked what they saw.

This has been very, very interesting," she said of the Santa exhibit. "You can't see it all at once. Each one needs to be studied a bit."

They enjoyed seeing the Alter car, manufactured in Plymouth in the early 20th century, and the Daisy Air Rifle collection. Gerald

Palm's a docent for the Fairlane Estate, the Henry Ford home in Dearborn. His work there includes conducting tours of the powerhouse.

"We think your museum is excellent," both Palm and his wife were impressed with the authenticity of museum exhibits.

THE NEXT major exhibit at the museum will include items used for high tea. Caddies, tea sets, children's tea sets, silver and linen will be featured, Stewart said.

A high tea is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. That afternoon, members of the Westland Quilters will present a historic fashion show.

Stewart's been pleased with the response to the Santa Claus exhibit. She was also pleased that

Local arts classes offer a mixture of learning, fun

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer art classes for students of all ages. Wintertime classes for young people will begin the week of Jan. 21.

Those classes are:

• "Exploring Clay" for students ages 7-10. Sessions will be held 4:15-5:45 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 21 through March 18. No class will be held Feb. 18. Price is \$45 and materials (including up to 25 pounds of clay) will be provided. Sessions will be at Plymouth Salem High School, on Joy west of Canton Center in Canton.

• "Art Exploration" for children ages 5-7. Sessions will be held 4:15-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 22 through March 19. No class will be held Feb. 19. Price is \$42 and materials will be provided. Sessions will be at the Plymouth Community Arts Council office, 332 S. Main, north of Ann Ar

bor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

• "Watercolor: Still Life and Abstract" for beginning/intermediate artists ages 12-22. Sessions will be held 4:15-5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24 through March 21. Price is \$42, including materials. Sessions will be at the PCAC office in Plymouth.

• "Drawing With Color" for students ages 7-10. Sessions will be held 9:30-11 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 26 through March 23. No class will be held Feb. 23. Price is \$45, including materials. Sessions will be at the PCAC office in Plymouth.

Registration will take place through the PCAC office in person or by phone. Phone registrations (455-5260) will be held for two days on a waiting list until payment is received. There is a 10 percent discount for PCAC members. For more information, call 455-5260.

Registration for Center for Creative Studies classes will be offered for high school students and adults. Those classes will also begin the week of Jan. 21 and will be held at the PCAC office in Plymouth.

Classes to be offered during the winter term are: "Figure Sculpture" (6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24 through March 14); "Watercolor" (7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 23 through March 13); and "Oil Painting" (6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 22 through March 12).

Registration for Center for Creative Studies classes may be completed by phone (872-3118) using a MasterCard or Visa. Those who register by phone should ask for the phone-in registration line. Applications with payment may also be sent to the Center for Creative Studies, Registration Office, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit 48202.

Byron and Nancy Main of Fairfield, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Ann Phillips of Plymouth, to Ned Samuel Suddendorf of Canton. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jack and Sandy Suddendorf of Canton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

A February wedding is planned, followed by a reception at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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Skaters find ice is nice

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Parks and recreation staffers in Plymouth are happy to offer open skating hours, but not all of them choose to go skating in their spare time.

"I'm not much of a winter sports person," said Willette, who's partial to golf and softball.

For information on open skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center, call 455-6620. Admission price is \$1.75 for adults, \$1 for children.

Jerry Cook helps his son, Colin Cook, and Ben An-leitner lace up their skates.

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- FITNESS CLASSES**
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- MENS RACQUETBALL**
Begin Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a 16-week league for men of all ability levels. League meets at Rose Shores of Canton on Wednesdays, court times at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Price is \$100 per person. Call 397-5110.
- TRAVELOGUE**
Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m. — The Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth will present a travelogue on the Austro-Hungarian Empire. ("Shadow and Splendor") at the Salem High School Auditorium on Joy Road. Price is \$4. For transportation information, call Jim Vermeulen at 459-2276.
- SENIOR TRIPS**
Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Windsor Raceway, \$38.
Wednesday, Jan. 16 — Detroit Auto Show, including dinner and transportation, \$9.50.
- TRIPS**
The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the following trips:
Thursday, Jan. 10 — Campbell Soup Co. tour, \$27.
Monday, Feb. 4, two days — Mystery Tour, overnight at Sportscenter, \$99.
Friday, Feb. 8, three days — Snow Train Trip, two nights in Sault Ste. Marie, \$245.
Monday, March 11 — Frankenhelm, \$42.
Tuesday, March 19, six nights — Palm Springs, \$949.
Thursday-Friday, April 25 to May 10 — Australia, \$2,299.
Monday, May 20, four days — Duquesne Casino Belle Riverboat, \$379.
Sunday-Saturday, Aug. 4-17 — Scandinavia Trip, \$2,499.
Call the Recreation Department, 455-6620, for details.
- Youth**
- SPRING SOCCER**
Register Wednesday-Thursday.

January — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will have registration for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18. League play begins in April. Price is \$34. New participants must bring a birth certificate. Evening registration will be until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, regular registration, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 455-6620 for further information.

● TEEN SKI TRIP
Friday, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. — Canton Parks and Recreation is offering the first of its teen ski trips to Alpine Valley Ski Area. Price is \$14; \$20, if equipment is rented. Call 397-5110.

● FLOOR HOCKEY
Begin week of Jan. 21 — Canton Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring hockey skills clinics and Saturday league for boys and girls, grades 1-6, 3:40-4:45 p.m. and 4:50-5:45 p.m. at the following elementary schools: Mondays at Erikson; Tuesdays, Hulsing; Wednesdays, Miller; Saturday league games, Miller. Price is \$20 per child. Call 397-5110.

● PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES
Register now — Classes offered for youths are: Driver's Education, Rhythm and Games, First Aid for Little People. Call 453-2904.

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● ALZHEIMER'S GROUP
Monday, Jan. 7 — The Plymouth Family Support Groups of the Alzheimer's Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Arbor Health Center, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail. Call 477-8617.

Groups meet the first Monday and first Wednesday of each month.

● SKI LESSONS
Monday, Jan. 7 — The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with River-View Highlands, will offer ski lessons for anyone over 8 years old. Three two-week sessions will begin Jan. 7, 21 and Feb. 4. Price is \$46. Call 455-6620.

Monday, Jan. 7 — Canton Parks and Recreation is also offering three sessions. Call 397-5110.

● ICE SKATING
Register Thursday, Jan. 17 — Register for eight-week skating lessons, 6-8 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Price is \$23 for Plymouth-Canton School District residents; \$25, Northville and Novi residents; \$27, non-residents. Minimum age is 4 years old. Classes begin the week of Jan. 21. Call 455-6620.

● HEALTH VOLUNTEERS
Adults and teens — Volunteers are needed at the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth and McAuley Health Building in Canton. Volunteers can work directly with patients or in non-patient contact positions, including answering phones and various clerical duties. Complete orientation and training are provided. Call 572-4159.

● POLISH DANCING
Adults and teens — The Mala Wisla Dance Ensemble is accepting registration for the 1990-91 season. Instruction is in Polish dancing and singing for ages 3-18. Call Chris Gniwiew, 459-5696.

● POLISH CENTENNIAL DANCERS
Register now — Students ages 3 to adult will learn Polish folk dancing and American polkas, along with a touch of jazz and variety routines. All nationalities welcome. Members may dance at community events. Call 427-2636 or 464-1263.

● TOASTMASTERS
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. — Toastmasters is an organization that will improve your communication skills. Meetings are at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road, east of Haggerty. For further information, call 451-1241 or 455-1910.

● WOMEN'S CHORUS
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. — Spirit of Detroit Chapter-Sweet Adelines Harmony International is a women's chorus devoted to the singing of four-part harmony, barbershop style. Group meets locally year-round. Visitors and new members welcome. Call 534-4468.

● FREE CLASSES
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● WEIGHT WATCHERS
Monday-Thursday and Saturday — Meetings are at the F&M Canton Shopping Center, 42043 Ford Road at Lilley Road. Call 1-800-462-7466.

● THERAPY FOR WOMEN
Sundays, 7-9 p.m. — Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families Therapy group for women is now forming at Growth Works in Plymouth. For information, call Growth Works at 455-4902.

● ADULT STUTTERING
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. — A therapy group is being formed by the Department of Speech Pathology at the Oakwood Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road in Canton. Call Janice Pagno, 459-7030.

● FAMILIES ANONYMOUS
Thursdays, 8 p.m. — A self-help program for those concerned about drug abuse and behavioral problems of a relative or friend is at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren in Canton. Call 453-2811.

● TOUGH LOVE
Mondays, 7 p.m. — A parent support group dealing with teenage behavior meets at Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road in Canton. Call 981-5967.

● FREE LEISURE CLASSES
Wayne County Community College sponsors these classes at the Canton Recreation Center: painting, ceramics and woodcarving, crafts, genealogy and machine quilting. For information, call 397-5446.

Alzheimer's victims need understanding

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT four million Americans currently suffer from Alzheimer's disease. And predictions are that by the year 2040, there will be 14 million victims.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disorder, attacking the brain and affecting memory, thinking and behavior.

But it does more than impair physical behavior. It affects a person's self-respect and dignity and puts an unbearable emotional and financial strain on most families.

But, according to Dr. Milford Maloney, president of the American Society of Internal Medicine, "understanding the disease can help ease some of the burden." Alzheimer's starts gradually and takes an average of six to eight years to show its full effects on the patient.

Forgetting recent events and having problems performing familiar tasks are early symptoms of the disease.

As it progresses, the patient may have delusions, become out of touch, act listless and dependent, behave childishly or mean-spirited and sometimes get agitated easily. Other indications of the disease are wandering, incontinence, eating difficulties, insomnia, nervousness and restlessness, with symptoms worsening in the evening.

At greatest risk from the severe effects of the flu are adults and children with chronic cardiovascular or pulmonary disorders, including children with asthma, residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities and otherwise healthy individuals 65 years of age and older.

Each year, between 10,000-20,000 people die from influenza and its complications. With that in mind, the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan, the Christmas Seal People, wants people to be cautious about the flu, especially if they are at a high risk group.

The lung association recommends that persons in those categories contact their physician about getting a flu shot.

Although there is no one test to diagnose Alzheimer's, a complete physical, psychiatric and neurologic evaluation should be performed when symptoms are first noticed. A physician also will perform a number of tests and compile a detailed medical history to make sure the disease is not caused by a treatable illness.

ALTHOUGH THE diagnosis can be up to 90 percent correct once the tests have been performed, the only guaranteed diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is when brain tissues of the patient are examined under the microscope, Maloney said.

At present, there is no known cause or treatment for Alzheimer's. Researchers have looked into the possibility that the disease is hereditary and the idea that environmental poisons may leave people more prone to the disease. Yet, despite numerous studies, no absolute answers have been found.

Even though there is no cure, medications can be taken to control depression, insomnia and emotional outbursts, Maloney said. People can live with Alzheimer's for as long as 20 years, but most patients struggle with the disease for six to eight years. Eventually, the patient will not be able to care for him- or herself and full-time care is necessary.

Truly one of the most physically and emotionally exhausting disorders, Alzheimer's requires the unlimited attention of the family and caregiver. But once an individual has been diagnosed as having the disorder, many things can be done to make life easier for all involved.

USUALLY, PATIENTS with mild, to moderate Alzheimer's are able to do most of the things they've done before its onset. It's crucial to realize the importance of giving the individual as much independence as possible, Maloney said.

While providing support and protection, it's essential to maintain a level of dignity and respect due any adult and understand that losing control and memory often can cause depression, sadness and sometimes suspiciousness, he said.

"Continue to reassure the patient calmly," Maloney added. "Always talk directly to a person with Alzheimer's disease and never act as if he or she is not in the room — keep sentences short and talk about concrete subjects."

He also recommends placing clocks, calendars, family pictures and known objects throughout the house and use Velcro on clothes in place of buttons. Keep the patient busy. Hobbies that he or she previously enjoyed can still be appreciated, if modified, but give simple step-by-step instructions.

Affection is one of the most important ingredients in everyday care — a hug or kiss makes all lives more pleasant, he said.

Unfortunately, it's common for caregivers to become ill, to feel grief, guilt, loneliness and isolation. That's why it's crucial to recognize these feelings and deal with them.

"FAMILY MEMBERS and caregivers should live one day at a time, but prepare for the future," Maloney said. "While it is OK to remember better times, understand what the patient needs today."

Friends and support groups are excellent ways family and caregivers can air their feelings and frustrations. Adult day care services and home health aides should be considered to free up some of the caregiver's time for needed rest and personal time, he added.

"Alzheimer's affects the patient and caregiver in many ways, and physical, emotional and financial difficulties often overwhelm families when the disease strikes," Maloney said. "However, it's important to recognize and rely on the many programs that are available to help the patient and caregiver."

Flu shots are must for high risk group

This winter, thousands of metropolitan Detroit area residents will get the flu. For most, it won't be the first time and it won't be the last. But for certain individuals in high risk groups, the flu can be deadly.

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The American Lung Association is dedicated to the conquest of lung disease and the promotion of lung health. It provides more than 35 free community services to people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, funded in part by donations to Christmas Seals.

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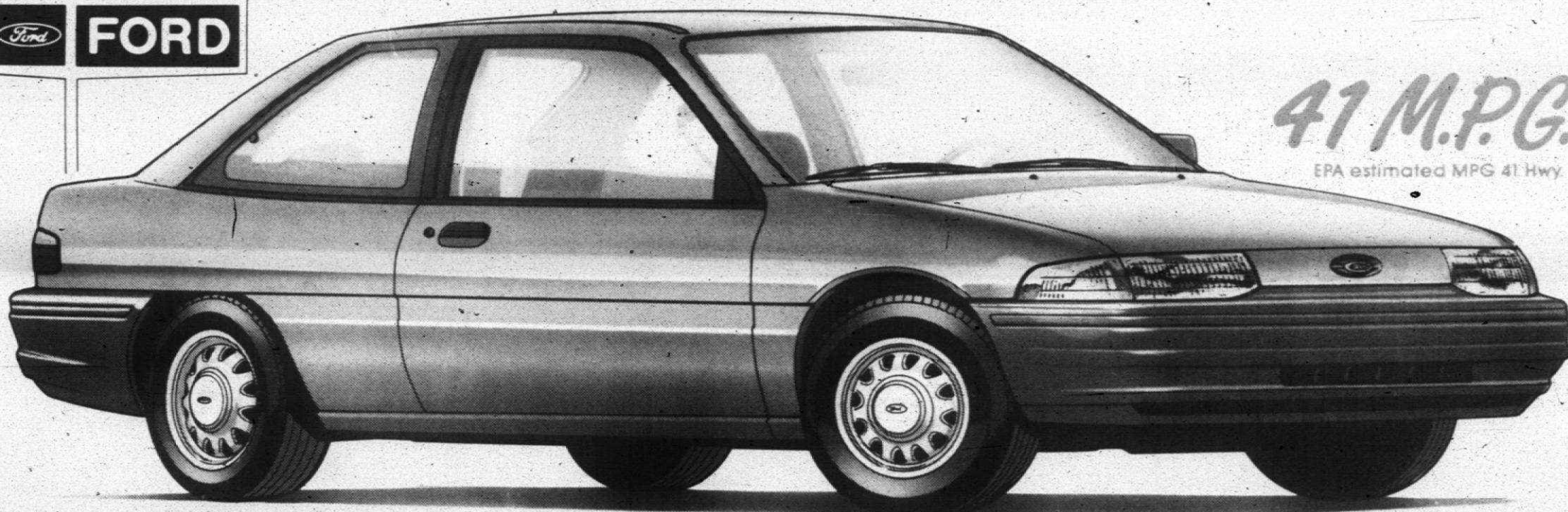
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Fledgling firm examines bills

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

In a medium-sized company, keeping track of every bill and invoice is a daunting task that may often end in duplicate payments, discounts not taken, erroneously charged sales taxes, credits missed and numerous other types of overpayments — some of which may never be discovered.

Which begs the question: Did you ever get the feeling that somehow, somewhere, there was a billing mistake that you paid?

Overpayment Recovery Co., a new Southfield company, is looking to answer that question.

Milton Handelman, president of Overpayment Recovery Co., is betting his company can find enough errors to make finding them and collecting them profitable.

Overpayment Recovery Co., Handelman said, is intended to

serve the medium-sized company with revenues in the \$20 million to \$200 million range. In smaller companies, bills are generally paid by one person and there is less of a chance of mistakes.

In larger companies, on-staff auditors constantly monitor the bills received for errors.

BUT IN THE medium-sized company, where several people handle billing responsibilities, small lapses and overlooked errors can add up to big money — or so the argument goes, he said.

Handelman said he, first conceived of Overpayment Recovery Co. years ago, but his work in accounting, financing and consulting kept him too busy to pursue the idea seriously.

After being retired for several years, Handelman said he decided retirement wasn't for him, so he and partner Kay Carney formed Overpayment Co. which opens for

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— Milton Handelman

business beginning in January.

"I've heard of similar things, and there are companies that specialize in auditing freight bills and utility bills, but to my knowledge, no one audits all bills," he said.

Handelman said his company audits all of a client's bills and if errors are discovered, Overpayment Recovery Co. notifies the vendor and supplies documentation of the error along with a request for a refund.

Overpayment Recovery Co.'s compensation for its services is half of the money it recovers or is

credited to a client, Handelman said. If Overpayment Recovery Co. finds no errors — or if nothing is recovered — there is no charge.

"It's a can't-lose situation (for the client)," he said.

BUT WHILE Overpayment Recovery Co. could prove to be a lucrative business, as in any new enterprise, there are risks, Handelman said. "There a lot of ways that we might find something and not get something back."

How long a job will take, for example, will depend largely on a client, Handelman said. "A lot of it's going to depend on a client's files — some people put everything in one place, others put bills in several places."

Overpayment Recovery Co. could spend several weeks or months looking for errors and find nothing. "In which case, we would receive nothing, (but) companies would benefit by knowing their (ac-

counting practices) work."

Another potential problem Handelman envisions is if his company finds an error, but his client — not wanting to upset a favorite supplier — decides not to pursue a refund.

"We realize that relationships with suppliers are very important and we don't want to interfere with that relationship," he said. Overpayment Recovery Co. will only contact suppliers who have made incorrect billings after consulting with its client.

Finally, Overpayment Recovery Co. could find itself in situations in which a supplier — after being notified — refuses to pay. "If that happens, the client would have to decide if it's worth going to court to recover the overpayment."

GRANTED, THERE are problems, he said. "These are some of the chances every entrepreneur takes. We're kind of playing this blind," he said, adding that it may turn out that a business — set up as he envisions Overpayment Recovery Co. — cannot survive.

"We're giving it six months, at

which point we'll review what we've done and decide if we'll go on from there," he said. Since he and his partner are doing all of the work — they intend to hire part-timers as the workload grows — their costs will be minimal so if the business fails he is optimistic the failure will not be devastating.

But Handelman isn't banking on failure. In his nearly 40 years of accounting, finance and consulting experience, Handelman said he has seen a lot of errors — many of them simple mistakes rather than fraudulent or deceitful claims — that are either too small to stand out or just plain missed.

Handelman said he doesn't want to suggest that errors are commonplace, but when a company pays literally millions in billings, it can add up.

"If we were to test 5 percent of a company's billings and it represents a certain amount (that a normal audit would call acceptable or reasonably correct), 100 percent of the billings might represent 20 times that amount," he said. "If we

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Adman takes time for many pursuits

By David F. Stein
special writer

He watched dad George create the first network television ad. A magic act helped pay for college. And he tossed about in a hot air balloon tethered over his upstate New York Ford dealership until the crew below could sell 50 cars.

A hearty portion of showmanship, coupled with a healthy dose of volun-

teerism, has marked the career of William A. Oswald, the newly appointed president and chief operating officer for BBDO-Detroit. The Southfield-based agency handles Dodge corporate and national dealer association advertising.

Oswald, 50, has seen and helped make the history of modern mass advertising, from the early days of national television to the carefully

researched and plotted media buys of today.

But the Bloomfield Hills resident has always been a busy person: fireman, EMT technician and instructor, and Red Cross chairman in New York; volunteer in metro Detroit drug and alcohol education and housing rehabilitation programs.

Other passions include flying, hunting, fishing and scuba diving. Oswald also is a licensed commercial pilot of a Cessna Turbo 210.

How does he have time for everything?

"I have a lot of energy and don't sleep a lot," Oswald joked, adding: "I'm not a one-man band; I rely on good people. They enjoy what they're doing, which makes them the number one team in the Detroit market."

"The key today is people."

OSWALD HAS THE final creative and financial responsibility for the metro area's seventh largest ad agency, with a staff of nearly 200 and estimated 1989 billings of more than \$170 million. Worldwide, BBDO has 240 offices in 122 cities in 51 countries.

He notes that advertising today is more complex. "It used to be fairly simple. Now there are so many ways of going," Oswald said. "You can't close your mind to any of the new media forms. If you don't pay attention to it, it will be there tomorrow."

For example, BBDO-Detroit developed what has become the largest circulation, non-commercial videotape as a collaboration between Sports Illustrated magazine and Chrysler dealers.

Oswald believes that the new Dodge "Welcome Home" campaign succeeds because of BBDO teamwork and an appeal not unlike the early days of live television. While leading with some slick, time-lapse photography, the spots feature unrehearsed comments drawn from more than 9,000 interviews of new Dodge owners.

"The ads are not written by copywriters — these are people's own words as they see our Dodge product," Oswald said. "They have a feeling of live television, of life happen-

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Give computer buy thought

The right computer is an investment in your company's growth and overall success. Not only can it help you run your business more efficiently, but it can also expand your financial management capabilities.

But installing the right computer isn't just a matter of going out and buying the latest model. The process of converting your existing records and processes to a computer system can be lengthy and difficult. Here's some hints about making the right selection by the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of CPAs.

Before you visit your local computer store, ask yourself these questions: Do I really need a computer? What do I hope it will accomplish? Will it be cost-effective to install a new system?

What hardware and software will

practically speaking

I need? Does the software already exist or will it have to be developed? How much will it cost to do the entire conversion and how long will that process take? How will I train my employees to operate the new system?

Whether you are converting from a manual system or upgrading your existing system, you should begin by evaluating your current operations and identifying problems. For example, late and inaccurate monthly financial statements or slow turnover

of accounts receivable may indicate that it is time for a new or better system.

NEXT, EVALUATE your current business procedures to determine what type of system will best satisfy your needs. For example, you may require a system to help reduce labor costs associated with high clerical involvement. Or you may need a system to help eliminate repetitious or numerous time-consuming tasks. Another reason to buy or upgrade a system is if your business requires mathematically complex calculations, highly accurate record keeping and timely preparation of reports.

A properly designed system can

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BBDO



photo by DAVID STEIN

William Oswald, president and chief operating officer of BBDO-Detroit, has followed the evolution of advertising.



Saturn launch

John Higgins (left) of West Bloomfield recently took delivery on one of the first Saturns in the area delivered by Saturn of Troy.

That's general sales manager Dan Amell turning over the keys.

The way we deliver always brings out a smile

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EVERYBODY'S CAR OF THE YEAR!!

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find \$5,000 in errors, that's \$2,500 for us and \$2,500 for a client — not bad for several days work."

Overpayment Recovery Co. operates differently from accounting firms that generate yearly audits. Some errors may turn up in the annual audit, but in most cases, accounting firms test only 5 or 10 percent of a company's billings to determine if they are "reasonably correct."

"THAT LEAVES 90 to 95 percent of bills that aren't looked at," he said. If an audit discovers significant errors in the test 5 percent, the auditor may do more tests, but otherwise, the 5 percent tested is regarded as representative of the company's books."

Larger accounting firms, he said, wouldn't be able to review every bill because of time restraints. "If they had to do every invoice, they would spend months because they have so many clients."

"We (on the other hand) can look at 100 percent of the bills," he said.

Businesses need the right computer

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help you perform many of the critical business functions of your company, such as speeding the preparation of financial statements and reducing potential for clerical and computational errors in accounting and other administrative functions.

Software is the term given to the application programs that enable you to run specific tasks, such as word processing or spreadsheets on the computer. Software comes in several varieties: general purpose, custom-written or industry-specific. Asking key questions can help you make the right choice. For instance, how easy is the software to use? Are qualified installers nearby? What is the quality of the documentation? What is the reputation of the vendor for providing good support?

HARDWARE INCLUDES the computer, storage devices, terminals and printers. The hardware you select must be fully capable of accepting data, processing it and generating output within a reasonable time.

When you are ready to select computer hardware, consider the following:

Men, if you're about to turn 18, it's time to register with Selective Service at any U.S. Post Office.

It's quick. It's easy. And it's the law.



To prevent crime in Tucson, police use sensitive, highly sophisticated surveillance equipment: Tim, Rose, Gert, Anthony, Yvonne, and Ramon.

Citizen participation is critical to police effectiveness. Do you care about your neighborhood enough to help protect it?

The Case of The Tucson Tip-off

In a particular neighborhood in Tucson, Arizona, folks were having a real problem with burglaries and break-ins.

They started talking to each other about what they could do. They got fed up. About 400 people went to the police for advice. They learned about

surveillance. They got to know their beat officers. Citizens and police became partners in crime prevention.

In just three weeks, 17 arrests were made and burglaries went down 30%. And Tucson is only one case where people successfully worked to beat crime. To find out more, write:

The McGruff Files, 1 Prevention Way, Washington, D.C. 20539-0001.

You can make a difference. You can help...



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ing now. We can tell when a person is speaking from the heart."

OSWALD'S FATHER, ad man George C. Oswald, was transferred from Kansas City, Mo., to New York City when Oswald was a year old. There George Oswald made the first network television commercial for Mobil Oil. He later owned an agency that had American Motors, Irish Airlines, Union Pacific and Hormel among its clients.

As a kid, during the infancy of network television, Oswald hung around the sets of Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" and other shows and later spent a summer as an NBC page. He remembers meeting many of TV's early stars, including Milton Berle, Sam LeVinson, Dave Garroway and Gene Rayburn.

Despite that kind of exposure, Oswald "knew I didn't want to get into show business. I knew the downside, that it wasn't all glamorous," Oswald said, adding quickly, "not that I had the talent."

He did have enough talent to turn a childhood love of magic into a source of income during his college days in the '50s and early '60s. While attending Boston University, he

worked at Holden's Magic Store, founded in the early 1900s, and performed at parties. While his magic act is now limited to family gatherings or charity events, he has been known to practice on unsuspecting employees at the office.

Another part-time job in Boston led to marriage. Working as an orderly at Massachusetts General, Oswald met his future wife and "business manager," Darrell Ann, then a nurse trainee. They married in 1963 in Champaign-Urbana, where Oswald completed his undergraduate degree in advertising at the University of Illinois.

MOVING BACK to the Big Apple, Oswald worked for Lennet and Newell and Kenyon and Eckhardt (now Bozell). Clients included Colgate, Beecham Products and Warners Women Wear.

For all of his advertising successes, Oswald does admit to some ideas gone astray. In helping to introduce Maclean's toothpaste to the U.S. market, the ad team went to Aspen, Colo., where smiling youths were to ride 16-foot toboggans built to look like tubes of Maclean's toothpaste down a mountain.

"The actors went one way. The toboggans went another and were lost in the snow," Oswald recalled. "Archaeologists in another century might find them and wonder if giants, with giant tubes of toothpaste, used to live there."

Advertising will remain an Oswald family tradition. Both daughter Lynn, 21, and son Scott, 25, have part-time jobs while looking for work in advertising. Oswald admits that it is hard to break into the ad business right now, even for his family members.

"Take jobs in related fields, even retail sales. That's what this business is all about — selling," Oswald said. "Get your foot in the door any way you can. If you're good and believe in yourself, you will be recognized."

Oswald is enthusiastic about the young people attracted to advertising today, especially their practical approach to activism.

"The time has come for people to become involved in their community. The young people here understand that, being the leaders behind our smoke-free environment and recycling areas," Oswald said. "We have to turn into community activists, giving not just money, that's important too, but of ourselves."

Locally, Oswald works with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Families in Action Committee, a drug and alcohol education group, and the Ravendale housing rehabilitation project in Detroit.

Some concept automobiles point to a dead end

By Dan McCosh, special writer

Concept cars fit neatly into the American dream of the future, when everybody will be wearing strange clothes, living in oddly shaped houses and, of course, driving weird cars.

It is a dream carried forth by a series of so-called "future cars" that mainly date back to the mid-1950s "fin-car era," when everyday cars were getting even wilder and crazier.

Today, there is more attention paid to concept cars than ever before. One reason is that auto stylists are still feeling the pulse of public interest, anticipating a change that could be as dramatic as the sudden adoption of the so-called "aero look" that altered the industry at the beginning of the last decade.

Today's concept cars are, in fact, much closer to production cars than in the past and frequently provide at least a broad-brush look at where contemporary car design is headed.

But when the post-World War II era seemed to offer stability, serenity and a touch of boredom, the automakers began to attempt to create their own vision of the future.

THE RESULT was a series of styling exercises considered so wild and crazy that they had to represent the future of automotive styling. This was a logical outcome of the mid-1950s "fin-car era," when everyday cars were getting even wilder and crazier.

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AT THIS year's North American



International Auto Show, more than 25 futuristic design exercises will be on the show floor, probably the largest collection of such futuristic fiberglass of any show in the world.

The large number of concept cars makes the auto show something of a forum for world design. All the domestic manufacturers will participate, along with Pinninfarina, Bertone, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Nissan and Toyota.

Few of these show cars even run, and most that do barely crawl around under their own power. Regardless, they are among the most expensive cars at the show, with a full-powered, high-tech exercise costing in excess of \$25 million.

while even a minor styling tweak running up a \$100,000 bill.

CONCEPT CARS have, in fact, created a minor local industry with a few highly skilled prototype shops specializing in the creation of these design exercises.

One of the largest is Special Projects, in Plymouth, founded eight years ago by auto designer Ken Yanez. Special Projects specializes in producing the on-off fiberglass bodies that clad the show cars. Some of their work is a joint effort with ASC Corp. in Southgate, another custom prototype operator that also has a joint venture with Metalcrafters, a California-based custom bodybuilder.

THE CARS start out as a design exercise on paper, or more likely on a special design computer that allows a designer to build up shapes in three dimensions.

The computer in turn guides a milling machine to reproduce the designer's vision in three-dimensional clay. Often a 3½-size model is built first, to test the design, followed by a full-size clay.

"We take molds off the clay model, then develop the fiberglass body from the molds," said Bill Clark, special projects vice president.

"Then the interior is modeled and the interior is fitted. Some of the cars use full trim, others don't. Often we have working headlamps and taillamps and an instrument cluster."

"ACTUALLY," you don't get too much out of a drivable vehicle, and you can run up a lot of cost. "One exception is the 'PPG pace' cars, which lead off major race series, developed with a special body on an existing chassis."

Construction of a concept car usually is squeezed between the end of a model year and the beginning of the show circuit in January. That puts enormous pressure on the companies producing the cars, which normally are completed just as the show is opening.

At last year's show, one major display slipped from the pedestal the night before the show opened but was repaired and reinstated before the curtain went up.

IF THE test of a future car is whether you ever see it in the future, most fail the test. Part of the reason is that there are serious problems with some favorite styling concepts.

Bubble tops, for example, are difficult to make without distorting, bring in an enormous amount of heat and always let the rain in on your head as soon as they are opened.

Regardless, bubble tops remain a styling favorite on concept cars, guaranteeing that that particular vision of the future will never come to pass.

Maybe the owners' divorce means it's time to find another job

Q. As employees of a well-known small business, we are all suffering from the effects of the owners' upcoming divorce. Aside from the fact that we never know who's going to be in from one day to the next, we are forced to witness and become involved in a lot of garbage we feel should not be brought into the office. Is there anything that we can do as a group to make things less volatile and out of control when both owners are here?

A. As employees, your ability to improve the present situation at work depends in large part on the level of influence you have with each of the owners. Generally speaking,

not much can be done as a group other than to agree on the ways in which you will respond to specific circumstances that come up. Responding as a unit is the key here because your message won't be as strong if there are different employee reactions to the same offensive behaviors.

It is also important to determine who among you is in the best position to serve as an objective spokesman on behalf of the group if and when necessary. I stress objective because all too often employees find themselves playing judge and jury without ever realizing it. When this happens, the group instantly loses its credibility.

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Mary DiPaolo

Of course, the final alternative is to begin searching for employment elsewhere. Recent statistics indicate that as the marriage dissolves, the business follows. Rather than being surprised by a company sale, bankruptcy or hostile takeover, each employee has the power to plan his or her future direction in advance of the final fallout.

Q. I'd like to start my own catering business after having had the opportunity to plan and coordinate several employee events at our company during the past year. How do I

make a smooth transition from my current position to this new career I want to pursue?

A. Keep in mind that the amount of time you were able to spend on your own company's event planning efforts during regular business hours was probably greater than what you will have to work on for non-company events. This suggests that future efforts would be limited to your free time before work, during lunch or after hours. If you find that you can successfully pursue this new part-time occupation without infringing on your present employer's time, more power to you.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Northville business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

Other than that, I question your description of this proposed venture as a catering business. From what you indicated it sounds as though you are best suited to conduct business as an event planner, with independent catering services made available to you on a sub-contract basis. This is a very important distinction because you don't want to mislead customers about what you actually do.

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Magic Line debit cards are now being accepted by Farmer Jack and A&P

Magic Touch, the on-line debit point-of-sale system from Magic Line Inc., will now be available at all Farmer Jack and A&P stores in Michigan.

Magic Touch allows holders of bank cards that display the wiggly ML to use their cards to pay for purchases. With Magic Touch, the amount of a customer's purchase is automatically deducted from his or her bank account at the time of purchase.

While the customer loses the "float" of a check (the check doesn't clear his bank immediately, a debit card does), he gains in convenience.

TO DATE, more than 500 retail locations in Michigan, including gas stations, gift stores and consumer goods retailers offer Magic Touch. The addition of Farmer Jack and A&P stores represents a significant step forward for Magic Touch, said Magic Line President James L. Outland.

"Now we can offer the convenience of an on-line debit point-of-sale service to customers where they shop for food and packaged goods, where they buy their gifts and luxury items and where they put gasoline in their cars. To us, that's progress."

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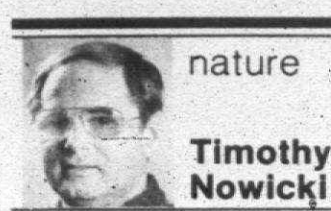
Kathy Thomas, assistant naturalist at Independence Oaks Nature Center, has developed a display that everyone who travels should see. It informs people of illegal products made from endangered animals.

The display includes products such as turtle oil cream, pills for asthma made from crocodile bile, a plaster made from natural musk and tiger bone and a toy seal made from real seal fur. All of these products are bought abroad and seized in the United States by customs officials.

Many people are unaware that these products are made from animals protected under one of several

international laws. Laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the Lacey Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the African Elephant Conservation Act. These laws were enacted to prevent exploitation of endangered animals (animals and plants whose populations are very low and are in danger of becoming extinct).

Products made from natural materials like coral, spotted cats or ivory are very attractive to tourists, but the purchase of these kinds of products has resulted in the dangerous decline of many species of animals. African elephant populations are



nature
Timothy Nowicki

only half of what they were in 1979. Ivory products made from poached elephant tusks are a major reason for the decline. Any elephant ivory product brought into the U.S. will be seized and the owner may be subject to a

\$5,000 fine. All sea turtle products such as tortoise shell jewelry, combs, leather, eggs, food products and creams and cosmetics made from turtle oil also will be seized.

Many products made from the skin of crocodiles, lizards, snakes, pangolins, spotted cats, seals and polar bears also are illegal.

No one wants to spend their hard-earned dollars on something that will be seized upon entry into the United States, so be careful when you decide to purchase something abroad.

Check to see what the product is made from. Rules and regulations may vary from country to country so it's wise to consult the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or Trade Records Analysis of Fauna and Flora in Commerce (TRAFFIC) before you go to a particular country. TRAFFIC can be reached in Washington, D.C. at (202) 293-4800. If you want to know the regulations governing particular products while in a foreign country, check with the U.S. embassy before making a purchase.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.



TIM NOWICKI/illustration
The barn owl is on the Michigan list of endangered species.

Registration on tap at SC

Mail-in registration for Schoolcraft College continuing education classes will be Jan. 5-19.

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Additional information, including a free class brochure, is available by calling 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Hagerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Auditions set for SC choir

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for experienced singers 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. The 50-voice ensemble is dedicated to performing the music of the masters.

The choir recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. The choir director is Don Stromberg.

Auditions can be scheduled by calling Shari Clason, 349-8175.

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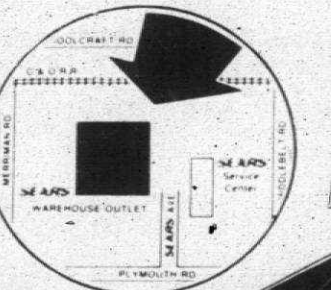


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STEPHEN A. MAURER and CATHLEEN M. ORIANS, both of Plymouth, graduated from Bowling Green State University.

ROSE MOGELNICKI is among the following Canton residents to receive a scholarship from Eastern Michigan University. Laura Uthoff and Stephanie Whitehill.

LISA AQUINO is among the following Canton residents to receive 1991 Recognition of Excellence Awards from Eastern Michigan University. Michelle Hruska, Andrea Mack, Michael J. Presley and Maria Vamp. Plymouth residents, Kristen Guska and Brez Stokanovich also received Excellence Awards.

DEBRA A. DEVLIN is among the following Canton residents to graduate from Eastern Michigan University's Honors program. Deborah R. Rogers, Helen A. Kissel and Linda S. Timberman.

KERRY P. LENAGHAN is among the following Plymouth residents to graduate from Eastern Michigan University's Honors program. Dawn M. Pawluszka and David C. Fehlig.

BRIAN RIGGS and PRESTON WOODBY of Canton have been named to the dean's list at Johnson & Wales University. Woodby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Woodby of Canton, and a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is also participating in the school's Cooperative Education Program in Florida.

ELIZABETH BARNHILL of Plymouth was also named to the dean's list.

CANDICE JONES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Jones, is a

participant in a career development program at Kalamazoo College. She is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

NICOLE CARINCI, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Carinci of Canton, was named to the High Honors list at Leelanau School.

JEFFREY PRYSIAK, a 1990 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, has entered the General Military Course of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Michigan Technological University. He was also awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship. He is the son of Stephen and Diane Pryslak of St. Clair Shores.

MICHAEL J. ZAWADZKI of Canton and JAMES T. SHUPE graduated from Michigan Technological University.

BARBARA A. SAULS of Canton, graduated from Oakland University.

MARY CHRISTIE is among the following Canton residents to be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Schoolcraft College. Deborah Hodges, Mini T. Joseph, Edina Keeling, Susan Luszczyński, Marguerite Meier, Cheryl Smith and Diana Stegeman. Plymouth residents are Diane Koskio, Matthew Pranger, Christopher Salvador and Cathie Shiek.

JOAN TOBIN ZAWLOCKI of Canton graduated from Spring Arbor College.

MATTHEW D. TUDOR, son of Carol Tudor of Canton, was named to the dean's list at Wittenberg University.

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obituaries

A LOUIS BUSSON

Services for A. Louis Busson, 80, of Canton were Saturday, Dec. 29, at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

Mr. Busson was born Feb. 11, 1910 in Toledo, Ohio. He died Wednesday, Dec. 26, in Plymouth-Court, Plymouth. He was a retired architect.

Mr. Busson is survived by his wife, Florence J. Busson of Canton; one son, Thomas Busson of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Nancy Horst of Plymouth and three grandchildren.

The Rev. Leland L. Seese Jr. of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

DARYL S. CURRIE

Services for Daryl S. Currie, 66, of Fairfax, Mo. were Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Currie was born May 5, 1922 in Fairfax, Mo. He died Thursday,

Dec. 27, in Oakland General Hospital in Madison Heights. He was retired as an electrical engineer for 36 years at Detroit Edison.

Mr. Currie is survived by his wife, Barbara J. Currie of Canton; three sons, Daryl S. Currie Jr. of Canton, Michael Currie of Westland and Brian Currie of Dearborn; one daughter, MaryAnn Currie of Walled Lake; three grandchildren and one brother, David O. Currie of Fairfax, Mo.

Dr. Frederick C. Vosburg of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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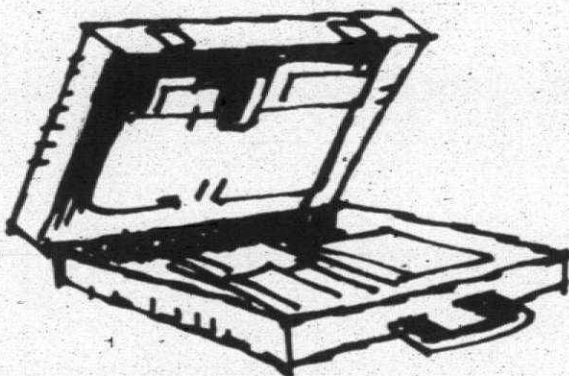
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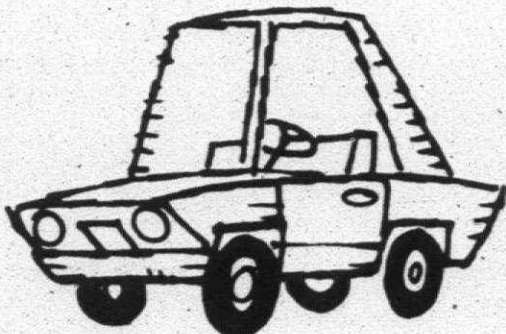
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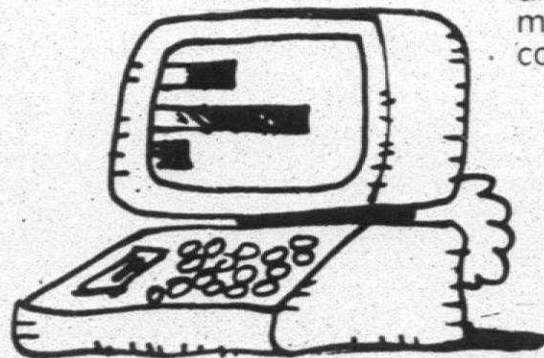
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Canton anticipates successful season

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

As soon as the last gymnastics season ended, Plymouth Canton coach John Cunningham was looking forward to the next.

Following the school's most successful state meet in March, Cunningham told his athletes: "Tomorrow, we're going to start on the road to the state championship."

Encouraged by the fact Canton finished a best-ever fifth in the state finals and returns its entire team, Cunningham and the Chiefs begin the 1991 season with lofty aspirations.

Canton's primary competition for the title could come from its Centennial Educational Park neighbor, Plymouth Salem.

The Rocks are the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion and placed third in the state. Like the Chiefs, they return most of their team, too.

"IT LOOKS like Canton versus Salem for the state championship," Cunningham said. "I look at the top five teams (from last year) and the only one that was head and shoulders above the others was Dow, and they lost seven of their top eight."

"I don't know of any other teams that are as strong, but I'm going to find out in the next few weeks."

Canton's hopes rest on the shoul-

gymnastics

ders of a group Cunningham calls his "Super Six" gymnasts. The six are seniors Heather Murphy, Johanna Anderson and Danielle Mirto; junior Dawn Clifford and sophomores Kim Rennolds and Jenny Tedesco.

All six were members of the '90 All-Observer team. The seniors and Clifford are well established in area gymnastics circles, and the sophomore duo made a definite mark in its first season.

Injuries have slowed the team's pre-season progress, however, and Cunningham is not real optimistic about the start of the season, which begins Tuesday with a dual meet at Canton against perennial power North Farmington.

Rennolds had arthroscopic surgery on a knee, Tedesco has a severely sprained ankle and Clifford has a slightly dislocated knee cap.

"I THINK this team is going to take a while to develop, and it's not going to start quickly because of the injuries," he said. "We're sorta wounded."

"For the first month of the season, we will be coming back. Our best competition is going to come at the

end. This team is going to improve as it goes along and be better than last year's team at the end. But I foresee us starting slowly."

Because of that, Cunningham is worried about his team's preparedness.

"I think we've taken a step back because of the injuries," he said. "We're going to be pretty weak, and I think North can beat us if we're not careful."

"Most events are not up to state-meet competition, but I'm reflecting back on what we looked like at the regional and state meets. I should be reflecting on what we looked like in December."

"With that in mind, we improved exceptionally, and that's what we're going to do again from beginning to end."

When the Chiefs are healthy and on, they are potentially as good as any team around.

CLIFFORD WAS sixth in the state on beam, fourth in the WLAA, and fifth in the league as an all-arounder. She broke an ankle in the 1989 state meet and her rehabilitation was slow last year, but she appears fully recovered now.

"That shouldn't be a hindrance," Cunningham said. "She still tapes and ices it, but from what she's shown this fall she's back and ready to compete."

Rennolds holds school records on floor (9.35), bars (9.15), vault (9.30) and all-around (36.15). She was ninth on vault and 22nd in the all-around at state.

Murphy's 9.45 stands as the record on beam, and she was eighth in the state in that event. Anderson is coming off her best season, finishing sixth in the WLAA all-around, and Mirto was 11th in the league among all-arounders.

Cunningham expects Tedesco, who was 9.05 on bars at the regional, to be outstanding in that event when her ankle heals.

"Rennolds has not been able to work on events (because of her knee)," Cunningham said. "Mechanically, she's ready but not physically ready."

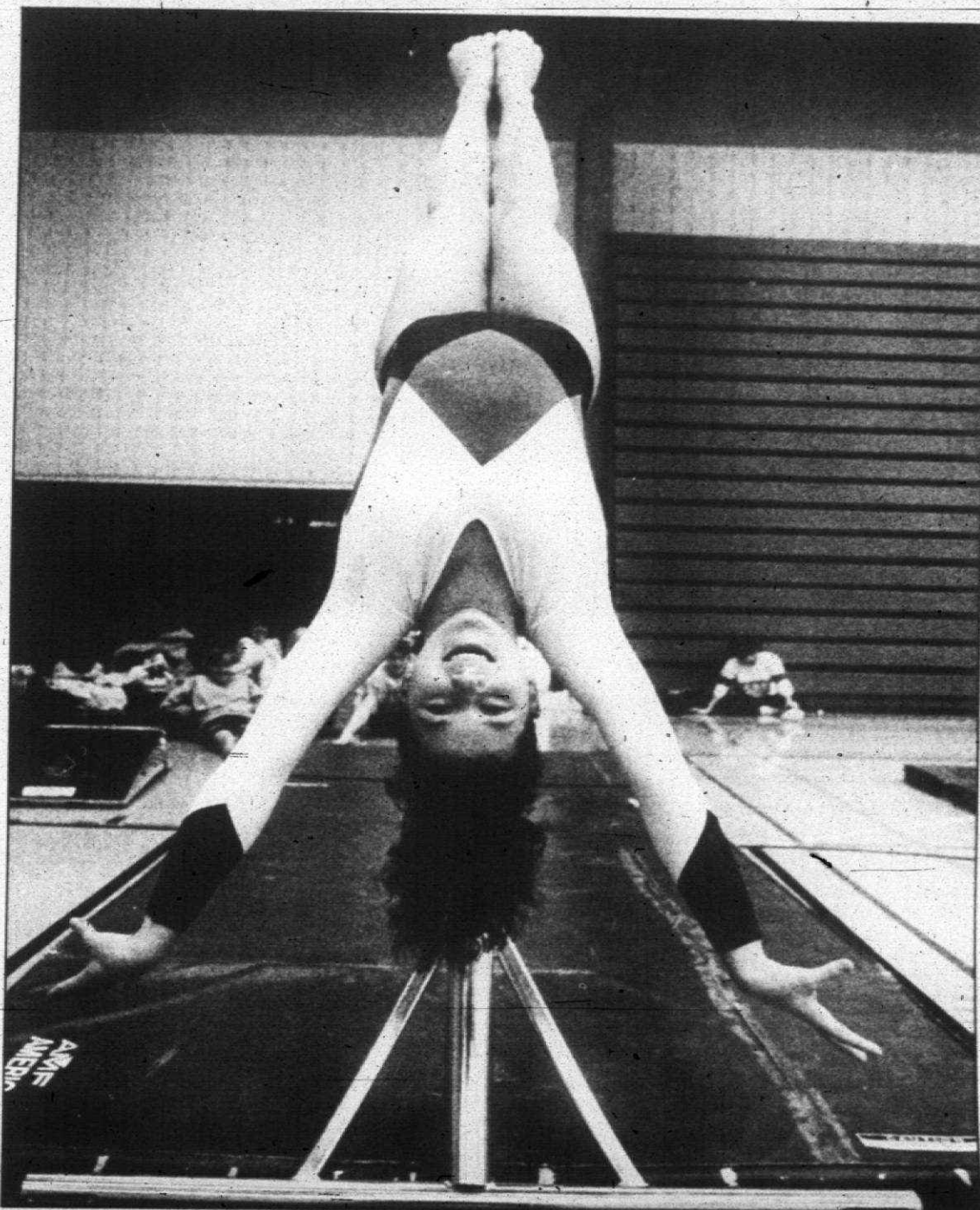
"Murphy has improved her beam, and she has a new floor routine but hasn't quite rounded it into shape. Anderson is going to be a solid performer. At this point, she's my strongest vaulter."

"RIGHT NOW it's a struggle to get back in form," he added. "The only weak event we have is bars, and it's weak now because bars is an event that takes time to come back."

The Chiefs also return juniors Laura Anderson, Jill Mikaelian, Jana Shockling and Becky Leubke and sophomore Kathy Tiffin. Cunningham expects sophomore Kim Wagenschutz and freshmen Cara Stillings, Adrienne Brenner and Jennifer Warnke to contribute, also.

"I've got depth beyond the top six," Cunningham said. "I have 3-4 new kids who are very good. I have to find a way to get them into meets."

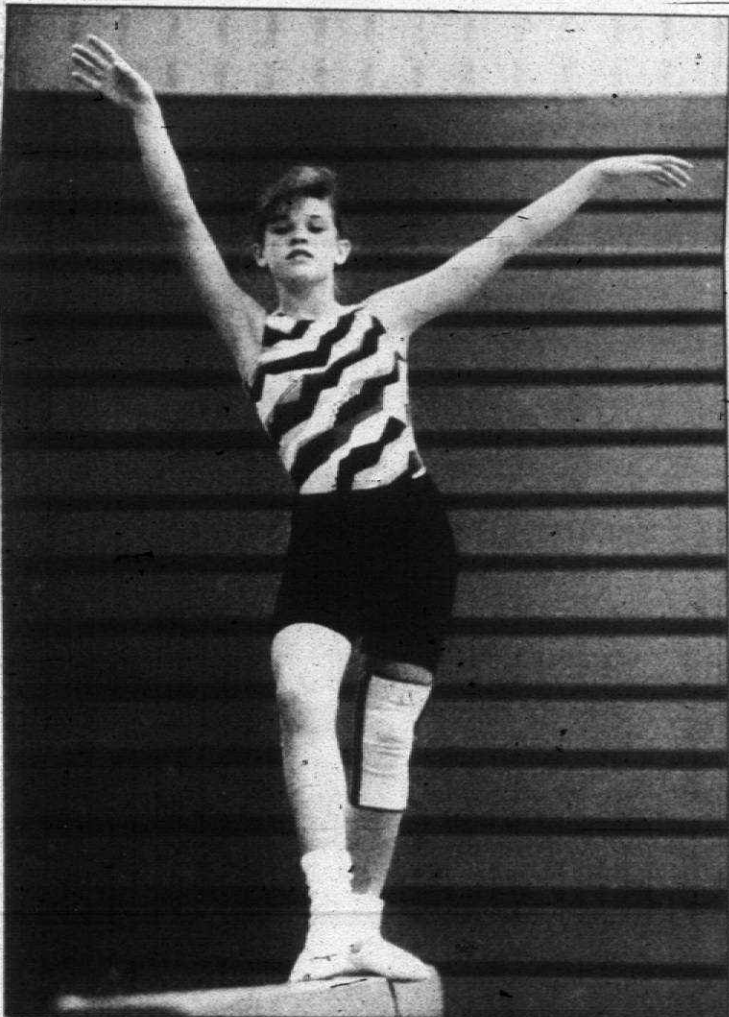
Anderson, who took Clifford's place at the state meet two years ago, might be the best bars girl right now, according to Cunningham, who



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Johanna Anderson, practicing on the beam, is a veteran gymnast and one of Canton's "Super Six" competitors. She begins her senior sea-

son as an established, consistently good gymnast.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Kim Rennolds holds four school records and is one of Canton's top hopes for 1991, but she is currently recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Kellogg avenges loss to SC

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Six weeks ago, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team opened its season with a 108-95 win over Kellogg CC. Maybe the memory of that win stayed with the Ocelots a bit too long. In Friday's opener of the Battle Creek Tournament, host-team Kellogg CC thrashed SC 106-93.

"We didn't play well, period," summed up SC coach Dave Bogataj. "The time off (during Christmas) hurt us. They played aggressively; we didn't. They outrebounded us really bad."

On the offensive boards, in particular, Bogataj was unhappy with his team's performance. Kellogg had a 13-6 advantage. His team's shooting didn't impress him, either.

"There were too many easy shots that we missed," he said. "That cost us."

NOTABLY AT the start. Randy Watters missed his first five shots. Kwesi McGill was 0-for-4 and Barry Quayle failed on three straight. Still, SC bounced back to pull to within 44-

basketball

43 at the half.

That's when Watters took command. He didn't stay cold for long, scoring 13 first-half points. After missing his first five he connected on 17-of-20, scoring 30 points in the second half and finishing with 43 for the game.

McGill also rebounded from his slow start, scoring 16 points while filling in for point guard Lynell Collins, who missed the game because of the flu. Mitch Fyke netted 12 points and Quayle had 11 points and nine rebounds.

Antone Spearman led Kellogg with 31 points. Osborn Darrrough connected on six three-pointers and scored 24 points. And Hosea Barnes added 17.

Kellogg (6-10 overall) lost to Henry Ford CC in the championship game, while SC got a 17-footer from Quayle at the buzzer to edge Glen

Oaks CC 96-95 in Saturday's consolation final.

THE OCELOTS (now 7-6) started quickly, going up 15-2, early, and were still ahead 57-50 at the half. With 2:00 to play, Glen Oaks had trimmed the deficit to five, connecting on eight-straight free throws in the last 10 minutes.

The final two free throws, by Jeff Ferguson, with 12 left put Glen Oaks in front 95-94. After an SC timeout, Glen Oaks strategy became evident. deny Watters and McGill (who scored 30 against Glen Oaks early this season) the ball. Both were double-teamed, so the pass went to Fyke, who found Quayle alone at the free throw line.

Quayle hit the game-winner to tie his season-high for points — 21. Watters led SC with 25, Fyke had 18, Dave Hamilton had 14 and McGill finished with 14 and nine assists. Fred Ferguson topped Glen Oaks (7-9) with 22. Scott Miller had 21, Jeff Ferguson 17 and Kardel Amoss 12.

SC resumes its Eastern Conference schedule at Alpena Saturday.

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- Jan. 31 — Raccoon season ends statewide.
- Feb. 1 — Sturgeon spearing through the ice opens on non trout waters.
- Feb. 1 — Application deadline for the spring wild turkey hunt.
- Feb. 3 — Special late Canada goose season ends in the southern Michigan Goose Management Area.
- Feb. 8-10, 15-17 — Southeast Michigan Camper and RV Show will be held at the Detroit State Fair buildings.
- Feb. 28 — Spearing through the ice ends.
- March 31 — Bobcat and fox seasons end statewide.

OAKLAND COUNTY
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- Brunch for Birds, a nature program for bird lovers, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Independence Oaks Nature Center.
- Senior Outdoors, a cross-country skiing/hiking workshop for seniors, begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, and again at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Independence Oaks. In addition to a ski tour (weather permitting) seniors will participate in warm-up exercises and will receive skiing instruction. Refreshments will be served.
- Family Affair, Ski Tour, a non-competitive skiing event for the whole family, begins at 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Independence Oaks. Open skiing, lessons, lectures and demonstrations are on the agenda.
- Observer & Eccentric Ski School, a series of cross-country skiing clinics will be held (weather permitting) Jan. 12, 19 and 26. Clinics begin at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Addison Oaks (693-2432) and at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Independence Oaks.

Canton is veteran team

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It also thinks highly of Tiffin's ability. "If she was on another team, she'd be one of the top girls. On my team, that means she's seventh or eighth."

Assistant coach Becky Martin begins her second year with the Chiefs, and she'll make a difference in helping to refine individual skills, Cunningham said.

Canton was 11-0 in dual meets, which included its first victory over North and a defeat of Salem. But the Chiefs, while winning a regional title, finished third behind the Rocks and Raiders in the WIAA meet, and they were right behind Salem (3) and North (4) at state, too.

"WITHOUT KYM HELLER, I can

beat North when it gets down to the league meet," Cunningham said. "Salem is going to be tough. If they have a good meet, I don't think anyone can beat them."

"We were 3-3 against Salem, and we have to be better if we're going to beat them. We have to get healthy and improve as the season goes on."

With that in mind and considering the injuries, Canton will concentrate on a strong finish.

"Our prime focus is going to be what we do at the end of the year, and we're going to be ready," Cunningham said. "We're pointing for the regional and state meets. We can be state champions if we have a great meet."

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Marlins claim tourney title

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Farmington Hills Mercy apparently hasn't lost a step since the last volleyball season.

Following the most successful campaign in school history, the Marlins began the 1990-91 season Saturday, Dec. 22, by winning the Madonna College Tournament.

"We have to understand this is just the beginning, even though we started out very well," Mercy coach Tim DeBeliso said. "We have a long, long way to go to become the kind of team we want to become."

After routing Detroit Henry Ford in the semifinals 15-2, 15-3, the Marlins survived a difficult first game (16-14) with Temperance Bedford and then coasted to a second, clinching the title with a 15-4 victory.

Beginning a new season as tournament champions has to give the Marlins an emotional boost, having lost a lot of key seniors from a team that was 55-5, the Catholic League champ and a Class A semifinalist.

METROPARKS

W. Bloomfield
tourney champ

By Jim Toth
and Bill Parker
staff writers

The 1990 Troy Christmas Basketball Classic will be long remembered — not by the host Colts, but by the champions from West Bloomfield High School.

Fresh off the heels of an impressive semifinals victory over Detroit Renaissance 24 hours earlier, coach Tim Domke's Lakers collected their first championship of any kind Friday evening when they outscored the Colts 32-24 in the second half to post a 47-39 win.

The win left the Lakers with a 5-1 ledger overall and a great deal of momentum heading into the 1991 portion of their schedule.

"This is the first championship of any kind and it has been a lot of fun," said a jubilant Domke after the game.

"The kids were serious about this tournament. It was nice because it meant something. It felt like the districts there for awhile."

The Lakers used a balanced scoring attack to lead the Colts their second defeat in eight games as sophomore guard Matt Domke and junior center Scott Zach netted 13 points each and tournament MVP Josh Koebel chipped in with 12.

It was all West Bloomfield in the opening eight minutes as the Lakers held a 13-4 advantage at the end of the frame, thanks to three-point baskets from Domke and senior Randy Wertheimer.

"We were the Colts turn to hold the upper hand in the second quarter as they held the Lakers to just two points. Senior Mickey Murray led the comeback with five points, helping the Colts to a 15-15 tie at halftime."

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"WITHOUT KYM HELLER, I can

beat North when it gets down to the league meet," Cunningham said. "Salem is going to be tough. If they have a good meet, I don't think anyone can beat them."

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volleyball

"IT'S THE old cliché," said DeBeliso of Mercy's come-from-behind win in the first game of the final, adding the Marlins were down 10-14. "It was a great character builder and confidence builder for us, and it seemed to have the opposite effect on Bedford. It was the kind of day you like to start the season with."

In pool play, the Marlins defeated Rochester Adams (15-0, 15-9), Detroit Central (15-4, 15-9), Milford Lakeland (15-2, 15-7) and Madison Heights Madison (15-5, 15-2).

"We were kind of a Jekyll-and-Hyde team in pool play," DeBeliso said. "Consistency is going to be our problem for a while, and we weren't real consistent Saturday."

"We made some young mistakes, being in the final with such a young team. We were nervous, you could tell. But it was good to see us respond against good teams, and we

had to see what kind of personality this team was going to take on."

Mercy's attack was led by senior Maureen Paulin, who was named the most valuable player of the tournament. She had 43 kills and 437 kill percentage, and she also served five aces and put 93 percent of her serves in play.

"It's quite evident that she's the leader on the floor in her performance and her attitude," DeBeliso said. "I expect that of all the seniors, but she's been on the varsity for three years now and has never come out of a game. If Maureen plays well, Mercy will do well."

JUNIOR KAREN Pinkerton contributed 23 kills and senior Gail Murie 21. Pinkerton had a kill percentage of 365, and Murie served five aces.

Junior Laure DeMattia, a middle hitter and second-team, all-area center in basketball, also played well in the front row and had 16 blocks for points.

"She's an outstanding blocker, being in the final with such a young team. We were nervous, you could tell. But it was good to see us respond against good teams, and we

her blocking, and she reads other hitters very well. She gives us another dimension that we'll need down the line."

Senior Nora Hand played well in the back row, averaging 3 1/2 digs per game, and DeBeliso also had praise for his setters, senior Suzie Atchinson and junior Jill Eveleth.

"It's a brand new position to them, and it's a brand new offense we're trying to run," DeBeliso said. "They improved by leaps and bounds Saturday. I thought they handled themselves with a lot of maturity and poise."

DeBeliso said he was elated by the start but the Marlins have to keep working and improving since the entire season still lies ahead.

"We got a little luck behind us, and what we had hoped would happen didn't," he said. "Now we have to get some hard work behind us and strive to reach the goals we've set for ourselves. We took a giant step toward being a team that never quits and always works hard."

Mercy's next competition will be in the West Bloomfield tournament on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Richard stomps Spartans

By Ray Setlock
staff writer

Riverview Gabriel Richard could have failed to score a single point in the second half and still defeated Redford Bishop Borgess Friday in the final of the Woodhaven Christmas Tournament.

The Pioneers, who led 37-13 at halftime, went on to defeat a lackluster Borgess jumped out early, leading 14-1 after one quarter and 35-9 with 1:38 remaining in the first half.

"I think the key to our early success was good defense," Gabriel Richard coach John Verdura said. "We were successful at slowing down the tempo and playing our team's style of basketball."

Gabriel Richard's tenacious defense caused 10 Borgess turnovers in the first half.

THE SPARTANS' frustration began to show late in the half, when the Pioneers made several trips to the free throw line. Fifteen of Gabriel Richard's last 17 points in the opening half were scored at the charity stripe.

Senior guard Chris Smith was the straw that stirred the Pioneers' drink, scoring 31 points and converting eight-of-10 free throws. He also made good on five three-pointers.

"Chris Smith played outstanding tonight," Borgess coach Mike Fusco said. "He showed out there why he is one of the best players in the Catholic League."

Smith is averaging 16 points and five assists for Gabriel Richard this season.

"He is our quarterback out there," Verdura said. "Not only is he a great scorer, but he is an excellent leader."

Junior forward Chuck Pinter added 13 points for the Pioneers, who improve their record to 5-0.

"We were outplayed, outthusted and outeverything tonight," Fusco said. "We had no intensity out there."

basketball

Eagles finish 4th

Manish Nandani scored 19 points in a losing cause Friday as Plymouth Christian Academy lost the consolation game of the Oakland Catholic holiday basketball tournament.

Detroit Holy Redeemer took a 31-22 halftime lead and maintained its advantage throughout the second half, winning 66-58. The Eagles made 15 of 22 free throws in defeat.

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Players can register in person or by mail at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 11550 S. Canton Center Road, Redford. Call 397-5110 for information.

OPEN SKATING

The Plymouth Cultural Center will have open skating through Sunday, Jan. 6, with the exception of Saturday, Jan. 5. The fee is \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children. The skate rental fee is \$1. For daily times and other information, call the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6620.

SKI LESSONS

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Riverview Highlands, is offering a learn-to-ski program. The cost is \$46 for the four-lesson, two-week program.

Each week the participant will be given two, 45-minute ski lessons, two rental equipment sets and two lift tickets. Participants must be 8 years old. Junior lessons start at 5 p.m., adult lessons at 7 p.m.

There will be three sessions: the weeks of Jan. 7, Jan. 21/28 and Feb. 4/11. For information call the rec department at 455-6620.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring the same learn-to-ski program at Riverview Highlands. The fee is \$45 per person, \$35 for people with their own equipment. Times and dates are the same as above. Call 397-5110 for details.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring season will take place during the month of January at the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. Registration continues through Thursday, Jan. 31. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 4
Bishop Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Oak Catholic at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at St. Edward, 7:30 p.m.
Woodhaven at Luth. Church, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.
South Lyon at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
A.P. Pioneer at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Berm. Shearman at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Oak Park at Farm. Harding, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Taylor Baptist, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 5
Oakland CC at Dett CC, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 5
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 6 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Luth. Church vs. Milford High, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Church vs. Edgar Area, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 4
Luth. Church vs. Milford Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Church vs. Edgar Area, 4 and 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 5
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'91 will bring more highlights

HERE COMES 1991, and looking ahead to the new year I can predict plenty of great high-scoring action around town.

Who will shoot the next 300 game? Which teams will take the league championships?

There will be tournament winners and several human interest stories.

But before we get into 1991, let's take a look back at some highlights of 1990.

January: Harry Hunter cannot use the pines or the lanes either. That's because he bowls in the blind league every Saturday at Garden Lanes in Garden City. Along with Elmer and Mae Kapp of Plymouth, Florence Cunningham of Redford, Dick Krause of Westland, Carol Gleditsky of Westland and Pauline Brandenberger of Livonia, they all have a good time.

February: Redford's Jon Reed fired consecutive 300 games in the Michigan Bell Men's League at the West Bloomfield Lanes. He had a string of 28 strikes in a row.

March: Oak Lanes in Westland expanded by adding 15 new lanes to all-star team. Cass Sicilia announced his retirement as executive director of the bowling center. He had been in charge of the center since 1970.

April: There was not scoring in the State Youth Championships at Drake Lanes in Farmington Hills. Mark Alexander scored 425 with games of 245, 290 and 290. Tamika Glenn shot a 240-240-255 and Julie Wright of Farmington shot a 270 game.

The Michigan Cancer Foundation held its Fourth Annual bowling benefit at Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield. May: This was the banquet and awards month. (Where to put that new trophy?)

Dana Miller-Mackie won the U.S. Open for the Ladies Pro Tour at the Satellite Bowl. She also became an honorary citizen of Livonia.

GDBA awards of service honored yours truly at the annual meeting. June: Summer leagues are in full swing.

Woodland Lanes in Livonia has new owners. Ken and Sue Bashara. Frank's Bar team wins the "Champions of Champions" tournament with a team total of 3,468.

Lawn Bowling in the great outdoors at the Westland Lawn Bowling Club was a subject of a column.

Woodland Lanes in Livonia held its second annual Children's Hospital bowling party and tournament, complete with disc jockey and refreshments. Proceeds benefited Children's Hospital.

July: The Michigan-Ontario rivalry continued with the Michigan-Park's perfect game in the Thursday Men's League.

Mayflower Lanes is red hot as Butch Cook shoots 302 in the Monday Keglers, followed by Joseph Park's perfect game in the Thursday Men's League.

Santa arrived on the night of the 24th, and I sure hope he brought along a few new bowling balls. Santa and his squad just may be a few more strikes for all the bowlers out there in Strikeland.

August: The usual league meetings were held to get ready for the start of the

10-pin alley
Al Harrison

1990-91 season
Many of the local bowlers were offering "Good Old Days" bowling and snacks at bargain prices to welcome back the regular bowlers and introduce the sport to people who want to give it a try.

September: The Detroit Bowling Council selects new members for the fall of 1990.

The industries are: Harry Campbell, Terry Grant, Margaret Lewis, Bob Kwiecien, Jim Bennett, Ron Seibel and Judge Richard Mader.

October: Redford's Pam Morgan shot a set of 244-269-244 in the "Over and Under" mixed league at Merri Bowl in Livonia.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation had its annual Bowl for Breath event to generate funds for the cause.

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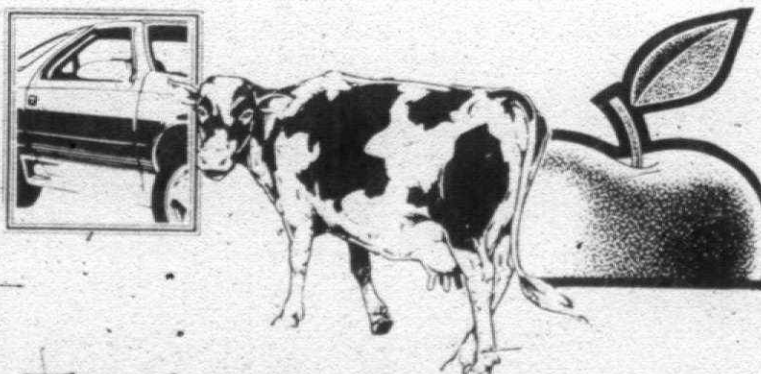
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Entertainment

Ethel Simmons editor 644-1100

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Play looks at nuclear war

Shown here are Beth Temple as Hilda Bloggs and Jeffrey Hedeas as Jim Bloggs in a scene from Act One of "When the Wind Blows," a play about nuclear war at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. Written by Raymond Briggs, the play will run at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Jan. 11 to Feb. 2. The play was produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc. Tickets are \$7. The theater also offers group rates and special performances on request. The theater is at the northwest corner of I-275 and Six Mile. For reservations, call 464-6302.

There you will find an intimate loft-type theatre (seating about 135 in real theatre seats). Stage Right is the sort of Off-Broadway venue typical of New York, Chicago and Toronto. As a bonus, you'll get a spectacular panoramic view of Detroit.

By Bob Weibel
special writer

For all of you who promised yourself to seek out more adventurous theatre in the new year, I have a suggestion. Cross over (or under) the river to Windsor. That in itself is always an exhilarating experience, whether by bridge or tunnel.

Your destination is a new professional theatre — with the clever name of Stage Right. It's three blocks west of the tunnel at 161 Riverside Drive West in a row of buildings that includes the Komedy Korner Park (free) at Dieppe Park, walk across the street, and go up one flight of stairs.

There you will find an intimate loft-type theatre (seating about 135 in real theatre seats). Stage Right is the sort of Off-Broadway venue typical of New York, Chicago and Toronto. As a bonus, you'll get a spectacular panoramic view of Detroit.

What you will see on stage is even more impressive. It is by all accounts a first-rate production of David Mamet's "Speed-the-Plow." Edward Hayman, for example, in the Detroit News says, "Stage Right's 'Speed-the-Plow' serves Mamet's play knowingly and entertainingly. It's an admirable beginning for a new company."

STAGE RIGHT is headed by David Jeffery, long associated with the Detroit theatre scene. He plans to bring together the best performers on both sides of the river. The original cast of "Speed-the-Plow" featured performers who had acted at Hilbert, the U of D Theatre Company and many other local troupes. They have been in continuous production since October.

"We were originally going to open a world premiere by an award-winning Detroit playwright after the first of the year," says Jeffery. "It's not quite ready, so we've recast two characters and are extending Speed-the-Plow" through Feb. 3.

Jeffery continues in the lead role of Bobby, a sleazy Hollywood producer. One of the new players is Jim Vezina, a Hilbert graduate who plays his equally slimy sidekick, Charlie. Also new to the cast is Peri Alan who recently completed a show in London, England. She plays a slightly daffy, bimboesque secretary, which incidentally is the same role Madonna herself played on Broadway.

"Speed-the-Plow" as you may surmise takes a satirical whack at the backstabbing, money-mad power. It's an admirable beginning for a new company.

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comedy at its best.

Jeffery's second goal is to attract audiences from both sides of the border. "On any given night, our audience is about 90 percent American," says Jeffery. "In fact many are from the Detroit suburbs served by the Observer Newspapers."

All of which would seem to indicate that should you cross the border, and sample new theatrical horizons, you may find yourself seated next to an equally adventurous neighbor from Observerland.

"Speed-the-Plow" will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Sundays through Feb. 3. Tickets are \$10 (American). A special two tickets for the price of one is available on Thursday only. For further information, call the box office at (313) 254-4622.

Estonian folk singers to sing at Madonna College

Tarmo and Thomas Urb, a singing duo who recently defected from Estonia and have touched and entertained crowds in the U.S. and abroad, will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in Madonna College's Kresge Hall.

"The Songmen," as the Urbs have been called throughout the Soviet Union and Scandinavia, are modern troubadours whose style of folk music has been compared with Simon and Garfunkel and Don McLean.

Through vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar, harmonica and hand drums, they bring messages of love, nature and political and social observations.

Tickets are \$10. Call 591-5056. Madonna College is at I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia.



Thomas and Tarmo Urb, "The Songmen," are appearing at Madonna College.

DIA hosts award-winning 'Cyrano de Bergerac'

The Detroit Institute of Arts' Detroit Film Theatre series will begin its 1991 season Friday, Jan. 11, with the Michigan premiere of "Cyrano de Bergerac." The award-winning New French film will have an exclusive area engagement at the DIA on Jan. 11-13 and 18-20.

Veteran actor Gerard Depardieu stars as the lovesick Cyrano, the poet with the big nose, whose fear of rejection permits him to express his love only through the voice of another. Depardieu received the Best Actor Prize at the 1990 Cannes Film Festival for what many critics regard as the finest portrayal of his career.

THE NEW YORK TIMES' Vincent Canby called his performance "a magical achievement...an expansive, funny, gross, dainty and always humane...the definitive Cyrano." Few modern actors have had busier careers, Depardieu's resume includes nearly 70 films.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" is the most expensive French film in history, Director Jean-Paul Rappeneau recruited hundreds of actors for the film's many

large-scale and elaborately designed action sequences. Although the film is massive in scale, Rappeneau never lets his audience forget the delicate and fragile heart at the center of Edmond Rostand's classic tale of unrequited love.

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It's no 'Love Boat' and that's all right

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did show of northern lights late one evening. "The sky was lit up with hanging streaks of color, constantly changing," Mary said.

The steamers make two or three stops a day. The automatic gang-plank unfolds, the cargo doors open, and passengers are off to see the town while the cargo — mail, canned goods, cars — is unloaded.

Every stop was different and interesting in its own way. Mary Brown said, mentioning Bergen's famous fish market and "the most beautiful babies I've ever seen."

"The ship's time of departure is posted and you'd better pay attention, because they mean it," Tom Brown said. "One woman had to make a desperate leap to get back on board."

Several optional shore excursions are offered to north and southbound passengers. One is a seven-hour bus trip from Ornes to Bordo, an especially scenic drive. Another is a visit to the Soviet border.

Trondheim is a major stop; Norway's third largest city, with a medieval cathedral and a museum devoted to music. Another is Molde, known for its roses, and its view of 87 snow-capped mountains; and Vardo, far to the north, where the town's one precious tree is carefully wrapped up during the winter.

A booklet titled "2,500 Miles on

the Coastal Steamer" supplies intriguing stories about each stop. Leka, for instance, is where a 4-year-old child was seized by an eagle, carried to a nearby mountain top, and lived to tell the tale. If you find that hard to believe, read on: "In 1979, a committee was set up at Leka to combat the 'unbelievers.'"

Tromsø, an island town with a bridge connecting it to the mainland, was, like many coastal towns, used as a German naval base during World War II, heavily bombed and later rebuilt.

Both the Browns and the Chaves found their accommodations aboard ship comfortable and cozy. ("That's a positive way of saying small," Mary Brown said.) The food was good, not elaborate, and served generously. "It helps if you like fish, cheese, black bread and pickles," Priscilla Chave said.

Liquor is expensive, as it is everywhere in Scandinavia. A bottle of beer costs the equivalent of \$6 on board ship. "If you like having a happy hour, you'd better BYOB," Tom Brown said.

The two local couples liked the fact that these were working ships with a variety of "real people" traveling from one town to another, rather than the fun-crazed celebrants of cruise-line fame. "There were interesting people to talk to, particularly the college-age kids.

And no costume parties! No talent shows! No midnight buffets!" Priscilla Chave noted happily.

Tom Brown said he was sitting on an outside deck, enjoying the sunshine, when a young Norwegian began an intriguing conversation by asking, "Do you believe in God?"

A brief ceremony is held when the ships cross the Arctic Circle, with "King Neptune" handing out certificates to the passengers. And passing through the Trollfjord is occasion for serving a special "Trollfjord soup." But that's about all there is in the organized entertainment line.

Said Mary Brown: "Everybody dresses casually. You need sweaters and crepe-soled shoes. I had one dress but never wore it. Tom never put on a tie." In 14 days, they had one rough day and missed one dinner. The Chaves had smooth sailing all the way.

Both couples traveled with friends. "It was nice, but not something you had to do," Mary Brown said. "We wouldn't have been bored alone."

They disembarked at every day-time stop, exploring the towns, taking brisk walks, doing a little shopping. On board the ship, they read, played bridge and spent a lot of time out on deck, enjoying the ever-changing light and the sea air. "And most of all, we drank in the

gorgeous scenery going by," Mary Brown said.

Most Americans fly first to Oslo, Norway's capital, and spend a few days looking at relics of Viking ships, the Norwegian Folk Museum and Thor Heyendahl's Kon-Tiki raft.

Priscilla and Grant Chave particularly recommend the Vigeland Sculpture Park — a unique place, full of fountains and sculpture by one man, Gustav Vigeland.

"It's wonderful and very moving, but hard to describe," Priscilla said. "You just have to see it. We've been back to Oslo three times because of that park."

The Chaves also recommend taking the train from Oslo to Bergen, where passengers board the coast-er steamers. "It takes about six hours and you have to reserve ahead because it's a very popular trip through beautiful country," Priscilla said.

For information on the coastal steamer trips, write the Bergen Line, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017, or call (212) 986-2711 or (800) 323-7436. For travel information on Norway, write the Norwegian Tourist Board, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, or call (212) 949-2333.

The author of this story, Mary Augusta Rodgers, is a resident of Birmingham.

America's Cup means dough for San Diego

(AP) — The 1992 America's Cup, which will be sailed off Point Loma, is expected to bring more than \$900 million into San Diego County, according to a recent study.

America's Cup competitors, spectators and media will spend \$405 million in the county, according to a study conducted by a group of economists from the University of San Diego.

"This consists of approximately \$275 million in visitor spending, \$80 million by race syndicates, \$40 million for boat excursions, galas and parties, and \$10 million in direct construction spending," according to the study done for the America's Cup Organizing Committee.

In addition, the event will generate \$506 million in "induced spending," which takes into account the money San Diego businesses and workers are likely to spend because they will be enriched by the visitor spending, the study says.

In all, the county stands to realize a \$911 million windfall by hosting the yacht races, the study says.

The new figure is conservative when compared to a 1987 study prepared by San Diego-based CIC Research, which estimated the event's potential economic impact at \$1.2 billion.

The championship round of the America's Cup defense is scheduled for May 1992, with challenger and

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— Tom Ehman
general manager
San Diego America's Cup
Organizing Committee

defender trials starting in January of that year. Many of the international competitors will start setting up shop in San Diego later this year to prepare for the regatta.

According to the study, the city of San Diego can expect to receive about \$11 million in sales tax and hotel room-tax revenue from the 1992 America's Cup, while California may receive as much as \$21 million in state sales tax revenue.

Tom Ehman, general manager of the San Diego America's Cup Organizing Committee, said his organization provided \$10,000 to help finance the USD study.

Ehman said the new projections were conservative. "I wanted a bulletproof economic study that nobody could point a finger at and say, 'This was blown out of proportion,'" he said.

travel notes

MUSEUM NEWS

The 31-year-old National Art Museum of Sport (NAMOS), which boasts the largest collection of sports-related art in the U.S., is relocating its collections from New Haven, Conn., to Indianapolis, Ind. The museum opens Jan. 13, 1991. The inaugural exhibition, "Sport in Art from America's Museums: The Director's Choice," is a compilation of art from more than 50 major U.S. museums.

See what our future scientists have in store for us by visiting The Studebaker National Museum, 525 S. Main Street in downtown South Bend, Ind., which is hosting "X-90," an experimental hands-on science and technology exhibit created with

Ski resorts adding new stuff for skiers

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lift serving intermediate and advanced, increased snowmaking capacity by 25 percent, upgraded rentals and frozen prices at last season's levels. Snowboarding has also been added Sundays through Fridays (excludes holidays). Call toll-free (800) 582-7256.

Ski Mt. Brighton and your kids aged 6 and under ski free any day of the week. Improvements at Mt. Brighton include a 500-foot-long halfpipe, twice as long, steeper and wider than last season, a third race course, and increased snowmaking capacity. Mt. Brighton's "Believers" learn-to-ski club will also be of interest to first-time skiers and families. Call (313) 229-9581 or the 24-hour recorded snow-conditions number, (313) 227-1451.

Alpine Valley, near Milford, has expanded its snowmaking capacity and widened two expert and three intermediate runs. A free beginner ticket is offered on non-holiday weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (313) 887-4183.

Dates to remember:

Friday, Jan. 18 is Learn to Downhill Ski Free day in Michigan. If you've never skied, or consider yourself a beginner, sign up for free lessons and beginner-area lift tickets from one of 30 participating ski facilities, including Mt. Brighton (313) 229-9581 and Riverview Highlands (313) 479-2266. Call before Jan. 17 to pre-register. Call the Michigan Travel Bureau at (800) 5432-YES for more information on participating ski facilities.

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Accompanying the X-90 exhibit is the Potawatomi Zoo's "Animals Can — Can You?" exhibit along with health and safety exhibits. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and students, \$1.50 for kids 12 and under.

STEAMBOATIN'

The Mississippi Queen begins her 1991 steamin' season in February with a series of big band vacations. Big name bands which will perform aboard the world's largest paddle wheeler include Les Elgart and His Orchestra, The Sammy Kaye Or-

chestra, Jack Morgan and The Russ Morgan Orchestra, and Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson.

All February departures are New Orleans-to-New Orleans river cruises, beginning Feb. 4, 1991. There are three-, five-, six- and seven-night big band river cruises. Fares start at \$460 per person for three nights, based on double occupancy. For more information, contact your travel agent or call 800-543-1499.

BED AND BREAKFAST

The Bed and Breakfast Innkeepers of Northern California are holding their eighth annual conference, "Along the Inside Track," in Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 19-22, 1991. The conference will feature workshops and lectures on operations, management and promotion of bed and breakfast inns.

A pre-conference seminar, "Get Inn and Get Going," is planned for newcomers to the bed and breakfast industry. This two-day seminar gives future innkeepers a comprehensive

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SNOW FUN

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If you're a new skier who needs to learn the basics or an experienced skier who needs to brush up on technique, the Northern Michigan Nordic Ski Council (NMNSC) will waive

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To get your free trail pass, call NMNSC at 616-271-6314 for the 15 participating ski facilities. You must register by tomorrow.

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The Finnish Center Association will celebrate its 25th anniversary beginning with a commemorative banquet Saturday, Feb. 23, 1991, at the center, 35502 Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, reservations required.

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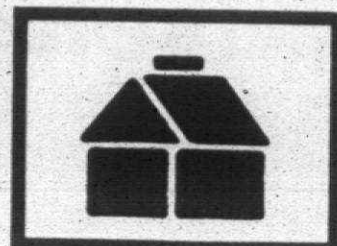
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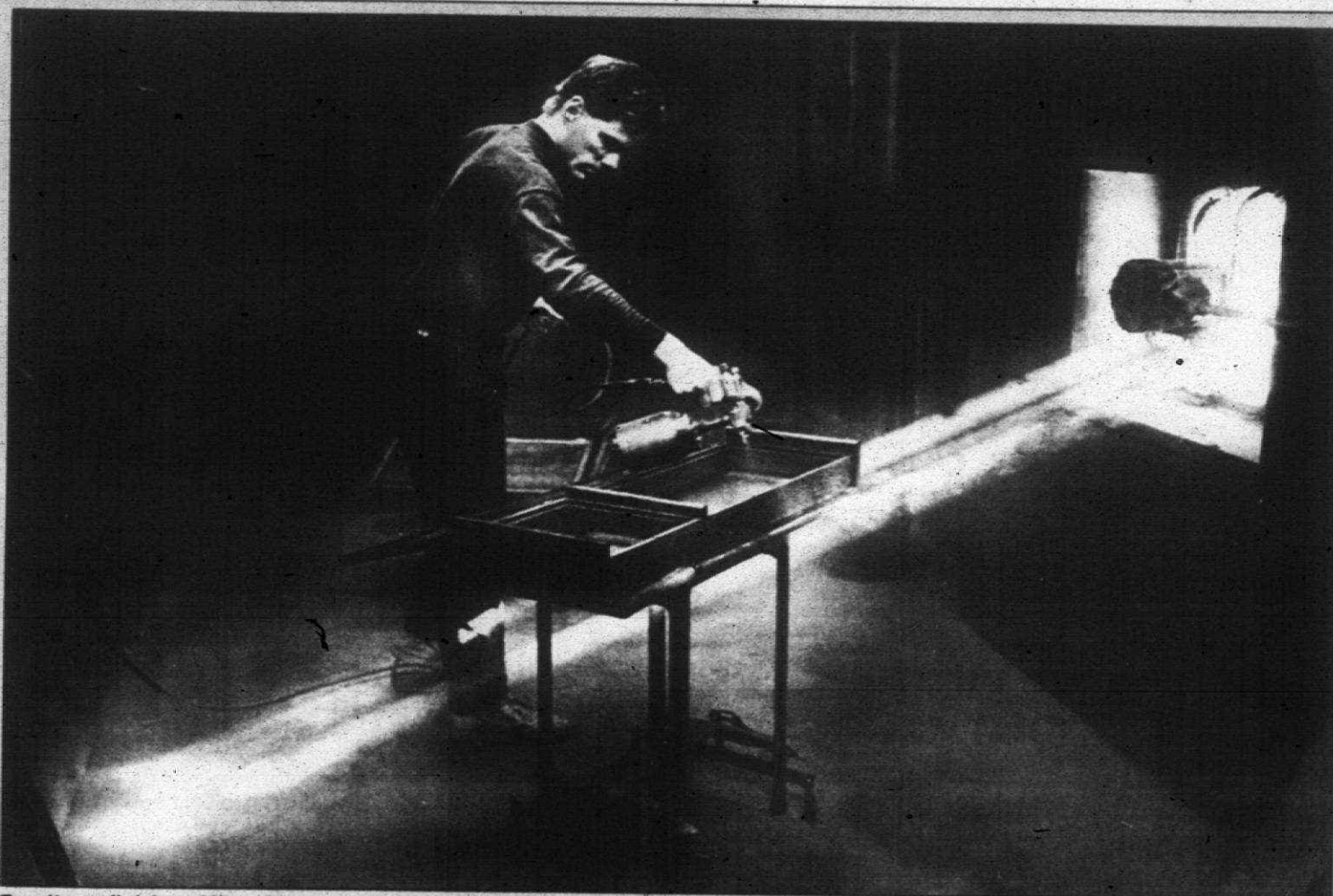


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Furniture maker Michael Camp, at the drafting table in his Plymouth workshop.

By Janice Tiger-Kramer
special writer

JUST THREE years after graduation from Dearborn's Edsel Ford High School, Michael Camp had only \$500, was between sales jobs and didn't have a clue where to apply for work.

Since he was an accomplished wood worker and appreciated antique furnishings, he bravely walked into furniture and accessory shops in the Farmington and Birmingham-Bloomfield area carrying Early American-style shelves and peg racks made in his home workshop.

Hoping just to interest potential customers that day, Camp was shocked to write up five sales before noon. That night, he began filling orders.

Besides marketing his accessories in local stores in 1979, Camp began doing a profitable mail order business through "Colonial Homes" magazine.

A year later, he opened a workshop in Plymouth. Today, he builds a full line of 17th and 18th century furniture reproductions sold in fine furniture stores throughout the country.

"Woodworking was always a hobby for me," said Camp, 32. "My family collected period furnishings and my aunt's house was filled with antique furniture. I grew up learn-

'Woodworking is as individual as a fingerprint.'

— Michael Camp
furniture maker

ing to appreciate it."

TODAY, THE Plymouth Township resident employs four full-time cabinet makers and two finishers. But he still selects the designs to reproduce, chooses the materials and works side-by-side with other furniture makers.

"I'm much more comfortable working in the shop than I am doing the marketing. You always have a result in the shop, but you're never quite sure about the marketing part of the business," he said.

Besides selling Michael Camp Furniture in California, Wisconsin, Texas, New Hampshire and other states, he personally markets his reproductions in High Point, N.C., during the International Home Furnishings Show.

Camp opened the Michael Camp Shoppe, 331 N. Main St., in downtown Plymouth, five years ago. There, he sells furniture along with a wide selection of antiques, woven rugs, folk art and collectibles.

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Cabinet maker Ken Light sands drawer fronts for a desk made by Michael Camp Furniture.

Staff photos by Bill Bresler

Spicer farmstead: a historic site worth preserving

I ENJOYED seeing the historic Spicer House decked out in its finest during the "Heritage Holiday Tour: A House of Inspiration" in December.

The 65-year-old, Marcus Burrows-designed estate house, on the old Spicer family farm in what's now Heritage Park, overlooks 211 of the most panoramic acres in Farmington Hills.

The view of the valley is an eyepopper — any time of the year. And the architecture of the house is very special.

Wing-shaped in English country style, the Spicer House is on target to open officially this spring as the park's visitors and meeting center, thanks to a \$475,000 restoration. I applaud the city of Farmington

Hills, and its parks and recreation commission, for assuring the house's transformation into a public showcase of historical significance.

It's a community treasure.

ELEANOR AND John Spicer got the house as a wedding gift from family friend Martha Grey in 1935. It was home to Ellie until her death in 1982.

"For 47 years, she raised sheep and kept riding horses, while a suburban community developed around her," a city historic marker outside the house's front stone fence tells us.

She never caved in to developers drooling at the prospect of subdividing the lush land.

The Friends of Heritage and the Farmington Hills Department of



Bob Sklar

Special Services deserve thanks for hosting the heritage holiday tour. It gave the community a truly inspiring peek at the continuing restoration of the Spicer House.

A Farmington Hills Historical Commission member, I spent my afternoon visit not only taking in the holiday decorations and magnificent vistas but also the architectural splendor: the vaulted ceilings, the

solid oak doors and floors, the sculpted dining room ceiling, the casement windows.

While the Spicer House is restored, improvements continue to the sheep barn, now used for day-camp and cross-country ski programs. The city will pay 25 percent of the \$250,000 cost to add more day camp/nature rooms and restrooms and to winterize them. A state land trust grant will pay the remainder.

AS THE city gears up for seeking renewal of its parks and recreation millage next year, I urge it to publicly discuss potential uses for the other Spicer outbuildings: the main barn, the stable and the caretaker's house.

Architect J. Michael Kirk, who

surveyed the farmstead for adaptive re-use in 1987, said:

"The existing structures are a fine example of a working farm and illustrate the changes experienced by farmsteads with the addition of the main house in 1925."

"All five of the structures contribute significantly to this historical interpretation and their re-use is possible, though costly in the case of the main barn (\$100,000)."

The overall cost, upwards of \$220,000, may prohibit complete renovation of the outbuildings.

But many improvements are still possible, even within the existing parks and rec millage. "There might be enough money. But we don't know for sure because we haven't updated cost estimates since 1987," says Dan

Potter, city special services director.

LET'S REMEMBER: We're talking about saving a historic site in a public park dedicated to spotlighting the city's heritage!

Farmstead once reigned in Farmington Hill, but few farm buildings remain.

Resident Dan Burnett aptly described why we should preserve the farm buildings, a vital lifeline to our agrarian roots.

Preservation "will give residents and visitors at least a glimpse of what everyday buildings were like during the 19th and first-half of the 20th centuries."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.

Household duties planned at butler's desk

Q: Please evaluate my unusual desk. The top drawer drops down to provide a writing surface, but you have to stand up to use it. The wood is tiger maple; the columns are full round and are separate from the sides.

A: This is a butler's desk, where the household duties were planned. It is in the Empire style; it was made about 1830 to 1840 and would probably sell for \$800-\$900.

Q: The enclosed mark is on the back of a porcelain cake plate. It is 11 inches in diameter and decorated with hand-painted fruit. Can you identify the maker? When was made and how much is it worth?

A: This mark was used by the Hutschenreuther porcelain factory in Selb, Germany, during the late

19th century. Your cake plate would probably sell for about \$65-\$75.

Q: I have a very old Bible (1795) in excellent condition. It was published in Edinburgh by Mark and Charles Kerr, His Majesty's Printers. It was translated out of the original tongues. I would appreciate anyone who can tell me about its value.

A: First, it must be understood that there were more Bibles printed than all other books combined; old Bibles are not rare.

Bibles like yours, which is about 200 years old, commonly sell for \$100-\$200 in very good condition. There are exceptions, such as those illustrated by famous artists like Gustave Doré.

Q: Someone told me that old beer cans are collectibles. Is that true? I



antique or junkie

James G. McCollam

found one labeled "Red Top Ale." It has a cone top and takes the kind of cap that used to come on pop bottles. Does this have any value?

A: There are lots of old beer cans that are worth very little. Some, like your cone-top can, are valuable. They were introduced in the mid-1930s and were used for only a few years. Your Red Top Ale can would probably sell for \$50-\$60 in good condition.

Q: Is there any significance to an English Royal Doulton mug commemorating the marriage of the Prince of Wales dated 1893?

A: This was the marriage of the later King George V and Queen Mary, the grandparents of the present Queen Elizabeth II. The mug would probably sell for at least \$200.

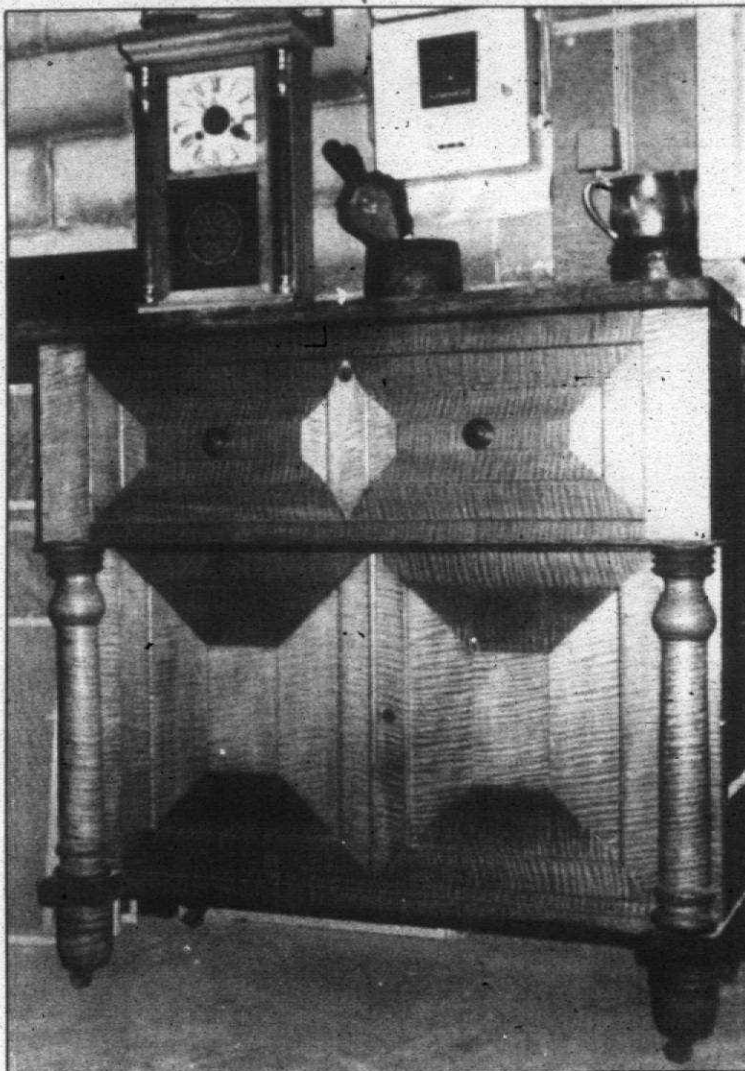
BOOK REVIEW

"The Antiques Trader Antiques and Collectibles Price Guide" edited by Kyle Husflorn, The Babka Publishing Co., P.O. Box 1050, Dubuque, IA 52001, \$12.95 plus \$1 postage.

Here we have the seventh edition of the famous price guide with 900 pages of 1,500 photos and 65,000 items, all described and priced. It is one of the most useful books of its kind.

Send your questions about antiques with picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$1 per item to James G. McCollam, P.O. Box 1087, Notre Dame, IN 46556. All questions will be answered but published pictures cannot be returned.

James G. McCollam is a member of the Antique Appraisers Association of America.



You have to stand to use this butler's desk's writing surface.

Gift passes on sale for flower show

The University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens offers gift certificates to the 1991 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.

The show will run Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14 at Yost Ice Arena, Ann Arbor. "A Gardener's Holiday" will be the theme. International travel, seasonal celebrations and festivals will be expressed in the exhibits.

Each gift certificate is redeemable for a show ticket that allows selection of a preferred viewing date and time. Timed tickets are a new innovation that will limit the amount of people at the show at one time.

Gift certificates are redeemable for tickets at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and can be exchanged either by mail or in person.

Show gift certificates are for sale at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Each gift certificate costs \$8 and comes with a brochure that gives detailed information about the show. The certificate and brochure fit easily inside a greeting card.

The gardens also offer tickets to the show's opening night gala 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. Guests may enjoy champagne and hors d'oeuvres as they browse. Landscape designers will be on hand to answer questions about major exhibits. Gala tickets are \$25.

After buying gift certificates and gala tickets for family and friends, don't forget to treat yourself. Admission to the show is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger. Tick-

ets will designate specific dates and time periods to visit the event.

Advance tickets guarantee immediate entry; those who buy tickets at the gate risk long lines and the chance of sold-out days and time periods.

Tickets are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets and at Hudson's department stores. To order by telephone, call 763-TKTS (Ann Arbor area), or 423-6666 (Detroit metro area).

Tickets to the opening night gala are available only at the Botanical Gardens. Note that in the interest of public safety, strollers will not be permitted inside Yost Ice Arena during the show.

Cabinet maker shapes authentic reproductions

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His first furniture brochure included only small pieces, such as the Poirrier tea table and Queen Anne chair.

He steadily increased the line to include a gate leg table, a Connecticut lowboy and highboy, a Deerfield hutch, a pencil post bed and even a 17th-century chest used today for a wardrobe or entertainment center. He also reproduces a variety of four- and six-drawer chests, mirrors, accent tables, clocks and accessories.

TO HERALD the company's 10th anniversary, Camp offered a limited edition, 18th century secretary made of cherry or tiger maple.

The reproduction features five hand-carved, tombstone doors, removable finals and hand dovetail drawers with channeled bottoms. The piece is hand finished to recreate the look of 200-year-old wood. The desk takes about 200 hours to finish and is priced at \$4,500.

Camp uses mostly cherry wood and tiger maple for his reproductions and pine as a secondary wood for

drawer sides and bottoms. Besides stained finishes, customers can request a custom finish or select from 12 painted looks.

Since Camp believes a customer should be able to tell the difference between every cabinet maker's work, each piece is started and finished by the same craftsman who finally signs and dates the reproduction.

"Woodworking is as individual as a fingerprint," Camp said. The skilled cabinet maker, whose home is filled with antique reproductions, still researches each

piece added to the line for authenticity by visiting museums and attending antique shows.

CAMP HAS about 50 Chippendale and Queen Anne reproductions in his current line, from a \$125 Connecticut highboy, probably made of mahogany, would cost over \$100,000 today. An original Poirrier tea table, which Camp sells for \$350, would cost \$20,000-\$30,000.

The popularity of Queen Anne furnishings, characterized by slender, cabriole legs and generously curved chair backs, and Chippendale pieces, also known for the

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cyma-curved leg and claw-and-ball foot, will never diminish, Camp said.

"This furniture will never lose popularity. It's not only beautiful, but it's functional even today."

After more than 10 successful years in the furniture making business, Camp may expand the company to increase market share. But he admits that his conservative approach toward business will result in a slow, very calculated growth.

As he put it: "People come to us for the quality that we offer. That's one thing I won't compromise."

Shakespearean actor to appear

Tickets for noted classical actor Brian Bedford's two-hour festival of Shakespeare, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, are now on sale through the American Artists Series.

In his first Detroit area performance in 1991, Bedford will give his solo presentation of "The Lunic, The Lover and the Poet" at the Cranbrook Auditorium on the Cranbrook campus, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

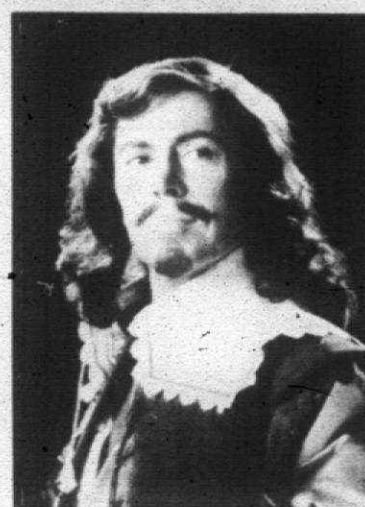
At the time Bedford's appearance was announced, tickets were available only to purchasers of American Artists Series season tickets.

With the deadline for season ticket purchases past, Joann Freeman, AAS artistic director, announced open sale of tickets for the performance by the Tony Award-winning actor.

"We are thrilled that we can present one of the most honored Shakespearean actors of our time, who is a veteran of sold-out performances everywhere he goes," said Freeman.

BEDFORD WILL recreate memorable moments from his many past Shakespearean performances in weaving a portrait of the Bard. Roles include King Richard in "Richard II," Angelo in "Measure for Measure," and Shylock in "Merchant of Venice."

Born in Yorkshire, England, Bedford has lived in North America for



Brian Bedford
Shakespearean actor

the past quarter of a century.

He has won international acclaim for his performances at Canada's Stratford Festival for the past 11 years, at Stratford-upon-Avon, London's West End, the American Shakespeare Festival and Washington, D.C.'s Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger.

Information and tickets, at \$25 each, are available through the American Artists Series, 851-5044.

Forum focus: kitchens, baths

As part of its Design Directions '91 program series, Schoolcraft College will host the seminar, Exciting Kitchens and Baths in the 1990s.

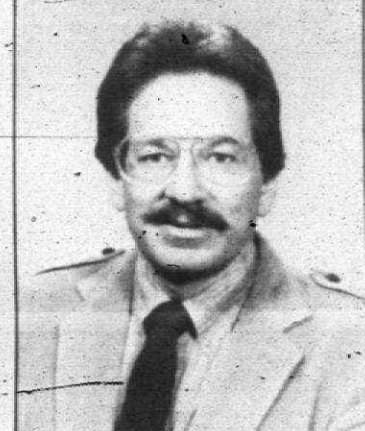
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The program, open to the public, is \$55 per person, including lunch.

This seminar is designed to highlight ideas for renewing or redoing luxurious kitchens and baths in the two most used rooms in a home.

Featured speaker is Ellen Cheever, director of educational services for the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

The program will come in from the East Coast to share her expertise.



Ellen Cheever
featured speaker

Lon Grossman
home repair writer

Auditions slated

The Detroit Concert Choir, directed by Gordon Nelson, will conduct auditions for the 1991 season through January at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe.

The season includes a July choral competition in Llangollen, Wales. Experienced tenor and bass vocalists are invited to audition for the mixed ensemble. Call 882-0118 for an audition appointment.

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REDFORD - Come see this home that offers so much. All you have to do is move in. This one has everything you need. Call today. \$119,900. (313) 437-3667.

COME A RUNNIN'
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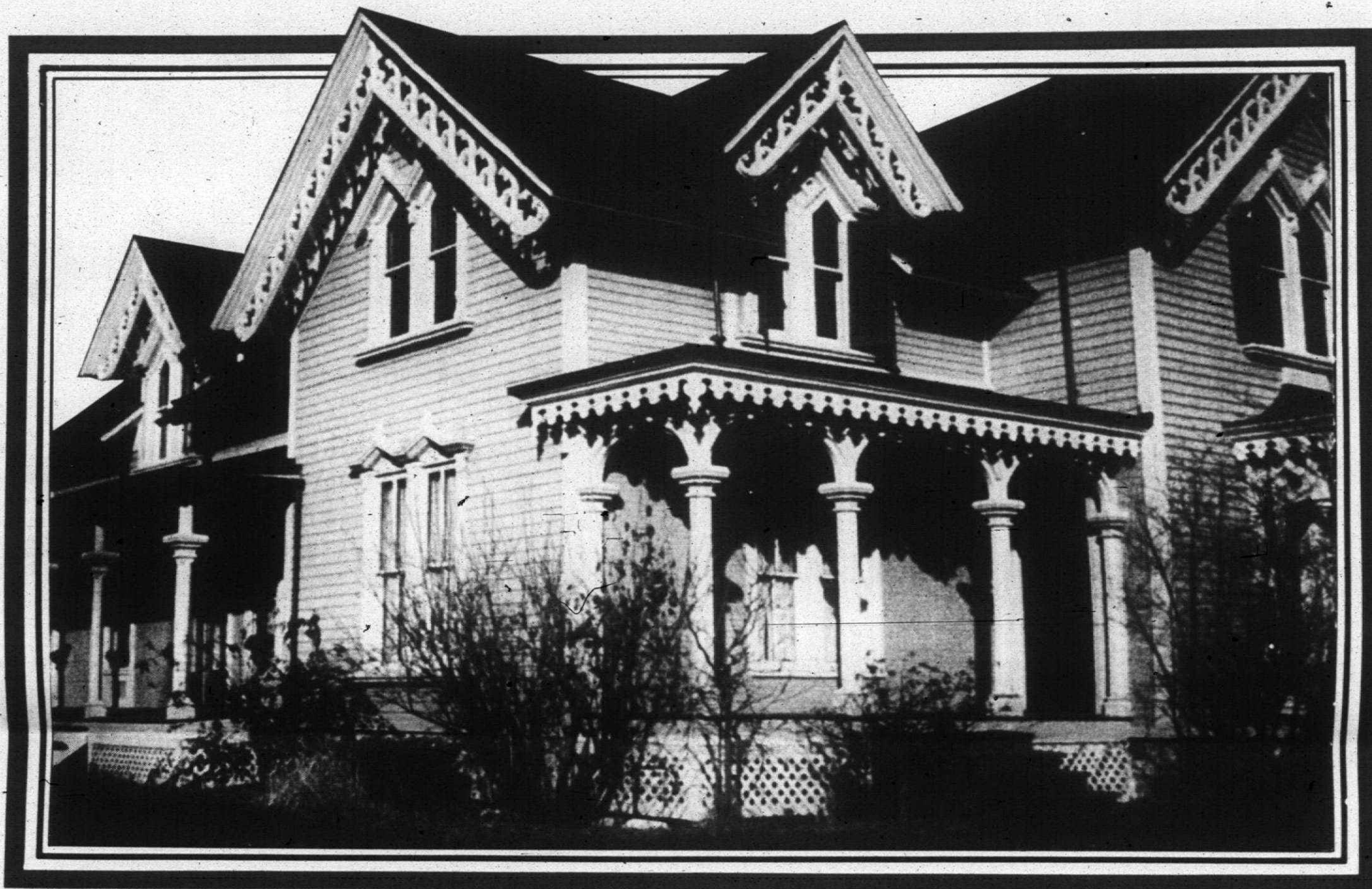
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AT MADONNA

Love to sing and have fun? Madonna College will hold its first interview and rehearsal for the Livonia college's community chorale 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 in Room 186. Rehearsals are 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, January through April. All of your hard work will culminate in a concert April 21. Some works chosen will be Vivaldi's "Gloria," "Magnificat" and "Chamber Mass" and Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden." Small groups try out together. Participate for fun or college credit. Call John Redmon, 591-5097.

"Introduction to Hammer Dulcimer" will be offered 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24 to April 11. Traditional music, from folk to Baroque to modern, will be featured.

Charlene Berry, a scholar-performer and musician, will teach performance practice, repertoire and uses of the hammer dulcimer in concert, church, classroom and social settings. Participants may take class for continuing education credits. The fee is \$75. Call Berry, 591-5017.

Advanced oil painting will be offered 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Jan. 15 to March 26, in Room 177. The class will focus on more complicated compositions and techniques in oil painting. The fee is \$60. Call Sister Angeline, 591-5187.

Madonna College is at I-96 and Levan Road.

Monte Nagler, award-winning photographer, will display his work in the Exhibit Gallery, Library Wing.

Nagler, a world traveler who once studied with Ansel Adams, says "cameras don't make photographs, people do!"

Though all his images show meticulous care technically and are printed and mounted to archival standards, Nagler believes that technique is second to content, and that it is a photographer's greatest gift to share sights and feelings.

His work is found in collections coast to coast, including the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Brooklyn Museum.

He recently received the Artist-in-Residence award from the Farmington Area Arts Commission and was honored by the state House and Senate for his contributions to fine art photography in the state.

A photography columnist for the Observer/Excentric Newspapers, Nagler also teaches classes at the Birmingham Community House and Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center, as well as conducting seminars for Cranbrook P.M.

His work may be viewed 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. weekends Jan. 7-29.

MUSIC FORUM

The University of Michigan School of Music will host the 46th annual Midwestern Conference on School Vocal and Instrumental Music Jan. 17-19.

The primary purpose is to provide clinics, lectures, demonstrations and concerts for public school music teachers.

The event is sponsored by the American String Teachers Association, the Michigan Music Educators Association, the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and the University of Michigan.



Gardeners' book nook

Marty Figley

From the garden bookshelf:

• "A Patchwork Garden," Sydney Eddison (Harper & Row, \$19.95), is the account of Eddison's experiences of making a garden on New England soil. The book tells of her trials and tribulations, successes and failures. We are introduced to the many people who inspired and helped her reach her goal. She compares these people to a patchwork quilt, with their idiosyncrasies and advice all woven into the creation of her garden. Practical tips are interspersed throughout.

• "The Scented Garden," David Squire with Jane Newdick (Roddale, \$24.95), covers the fundamentals of growing and using fragrant plants to create this special type of garden and how to use the "harvest." A craft section completes the book. Scents such as almond, musk, mint and honey and many degrees of sweetness can be found in plants and it's easy to find your favorite using the attractive charts. The illustrations are water colors and the authors include romantic stories, which involve scented plants.

• "The Garden Trees Handbook," Alan Toogood (Facts on File, \$19.95), is a nitty-gritty guide to choosing, planting and caring for garden and trees. More than half of the book is an encyclopedia of trees, which includes complete information about each plant with very descriptive illustrations. If you need a tree book, you might like this one.

• "10,000 Garden Questions," edited by Marjorie J. Dietz (\$32.50, Harper & Row, hardcover) is the fourth edition of this authoritative book, with the questions answered by 20 experts.

Chapters are devoted to specific garden areas, including one on regional gardens. To indicate the thoroughness of the book, the "Cornell Mix" formula, used for starting seedlings, is included. When I was in a class recently, no one knew this formula. All types of gardening questions are answered and a list of sources for further information is included.

• The completely revised and updated edition of "The Wise Garden Encyclopedia," Wise, (\$39.95, Harper/Collins, hardcover) is just out. It will be a much-used copy on my book nook.

I own an earlier edition, which has been a constant source of reference, so I expect this one will live up to expectations. All gardening terms are explained. The information about flowers, trees, shrubs, lawns, herbs, soil, fertilizer, vegetables, indoor plants (and more) will assist any gardener. Four stars for this one.

• When I researched a column for the food section of this newspaper about edible flowers, some information was gleaned from the book "Cooking from the Garden," Rosalind Creasy (\$35, Sierra Club Books, hardcover).

This subject, plus many more such as how to

design, plan, plant and harvest produce from

theme gardens (17 in all) will inspire the reader to try and duplicate the successes.

Creasy visited famous chefs and gardeners and shares their tips and recipes (180 luscious ones). The interviews with these gardeners make fascinating reading and are educational, a great book to put on your holiday gift list.

• Another book by Rosalind Creasy, "The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping," (\$19.95, Sierra Club Books, soft) is up-to-the-minute with advice about home landscaping with edible plants.

How to plant a garden area, large or small, and how to maintain it using practical methods are discussed. The 160-page encyclopedia of edibles lists more than 120 of these plants with information about how to buy, plant and care for, use and preserve them. Many recipes are included. The photographs and drawings will educate as well as inspire the reader to use edibles in the landscape and reap the rewards.

• White flowers in a garden and in the home always add a special spark. "ALBA, The Book of White Flowers," Deni Brown (\$32.95, Timber Press, hardcover) won't disappoint with the wealth of information provided. Symbolism, meaning and the history of white flowers is just part of this book. Color photographs taken in different seasons are an important part, as is the section with descriptions of more than 1,000 white-flowered species. For layers of white flowers, this is THE book.

• "Herbs, 1001 Gardening Questions Answered," (\$16.95, Garden Way, hardcover) will help both the novice and accomplished herb lover. Designing the garden, growing and maintaining the plants, harvesting, culinary uses and crafts are all given space. Container growing is also discussed.

One chapter deals with five favorite herbs, but I did miss Monarda listed (since there are several varieties). In its stead, bee balm (Monarda didyma) is featured. This is a book with lots of information from the editors of Garden Way.

• "Personal Landscapes," Jerome Malitz (\$39.95, Timber Press, hardcover) presents the author's view of gardening. Most of the photographs are scenes from the western states, but one can adapt the ideas to any part of the country.

One of a stone stairway with sedum as a ground cover could easily be copied. Famous paintings can also inspire garden design. The author lists specific plants to "create moods" reminiscent of them.

We might also get inspiration from parks and gardens we visit and adapt the concept to our own gardens, but, he states: "Each garden develops a personality of its own no matter what the original intention might have been." A thought-provoking account... you will either agree or disagree.

CHURCH TOURS

Some of Detroit's most expressive and beautiful historic churches will be featured by the Detroit Historical Society during their first-of-the-year church tours.

Since 1972, the DHS historic church tours have been presented to acquaint metro Detroiters with the contributions these institutions have made in developing the religious and cultural life of the area.

They also focus attention on the importance of maintaining and preserving these buildings as visible history. The tours are cosponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan, the Detroit Historical Department and the Detroit Historical Society.

Tours are conducted the first Monday of each month. The next tour is Jan. 7. The tour bus, the DHS Historymobile, leaves the Detroit Historical Museum parking lot, 5401 Woodward, at Kirby, at 10 a.m.

Subsequent tours are Feb. 4 and March 4.

Price is \$8.50 for society members and \$10 for non-members.

For reservations, send a check to the Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward, Detroit 48202. Call 833-7934.

VAAL CLASSES

Visual Art Association of Livonia winter classes begin Jan. 28.

Classes are held weekdays and Saturdays in Room 24 of the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Classes are offered in watercolor, monotypes, oil portraits, and drawing and sketching/all media. Workshops focus on all-media, mastering color, watercolor, and composition-how it works.

For registration and fees, call 464-6772. VAAL members receive reduced tuition and exhibit entry fees and a newsletter.

VAAL is dedicated to advancing the knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice-yearly exhibits, all open to the public.

The teaching staff includes area art professionals.

VAAL is supported by the Livonia Arts Commission, the City of Livonia and the Livonia Cultural League.

ART AWARDS

The Arts Foundation of Michigan announces that nominations are open for its annual 1991 Michigan Arts and Patrons Awards. This marks the 16th year the foundation will honor Michigan artists by awarding cash prizes.

The arts awards are given annually to Michigan artists in recognition of outstanding achievement in varying fields. Three artists will receive \$5,000.

Patron awards are bestowed upon individuals for outstanding service in support of the arts. Patrons receive a commemorative plaque of Pewabic Pottery.

Winners are recognized at the foundation's annual Michigan Arts Award ceremony in May. The deadline to submit nominations is Jan. 16. All nominees must live in Michigan.

The foundation has honored 80 artists and 39 patrons since the awards were established in 1976.

The foundation was established in 1966 as a non-profit organization that encourages and supports excellence in the arts through a variety of grant-

ing programs.

For nominating forms, write or call the Arts Foundation of Michigan, 1352 David Whitney Building, Detroit, MI 48226 or call 964-2244.

CRAFT FAIR

Henry Ruff School PTA in Garden City is taking applications for its spring craft fair on March 16.

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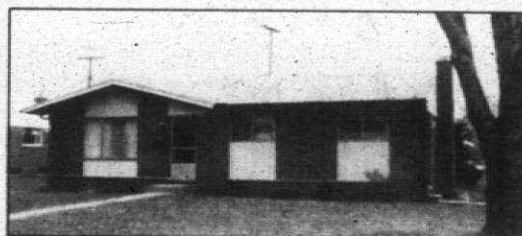


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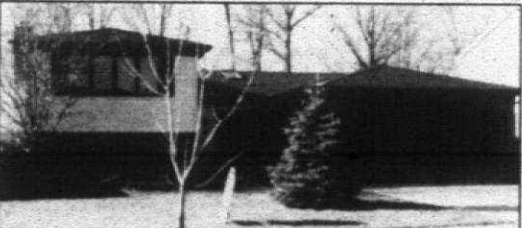
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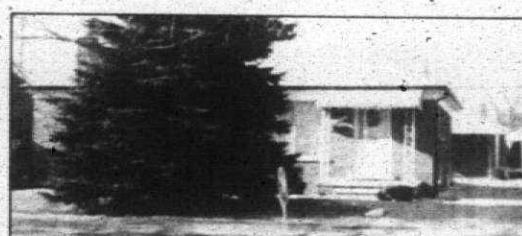
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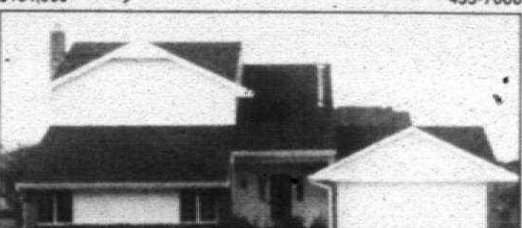
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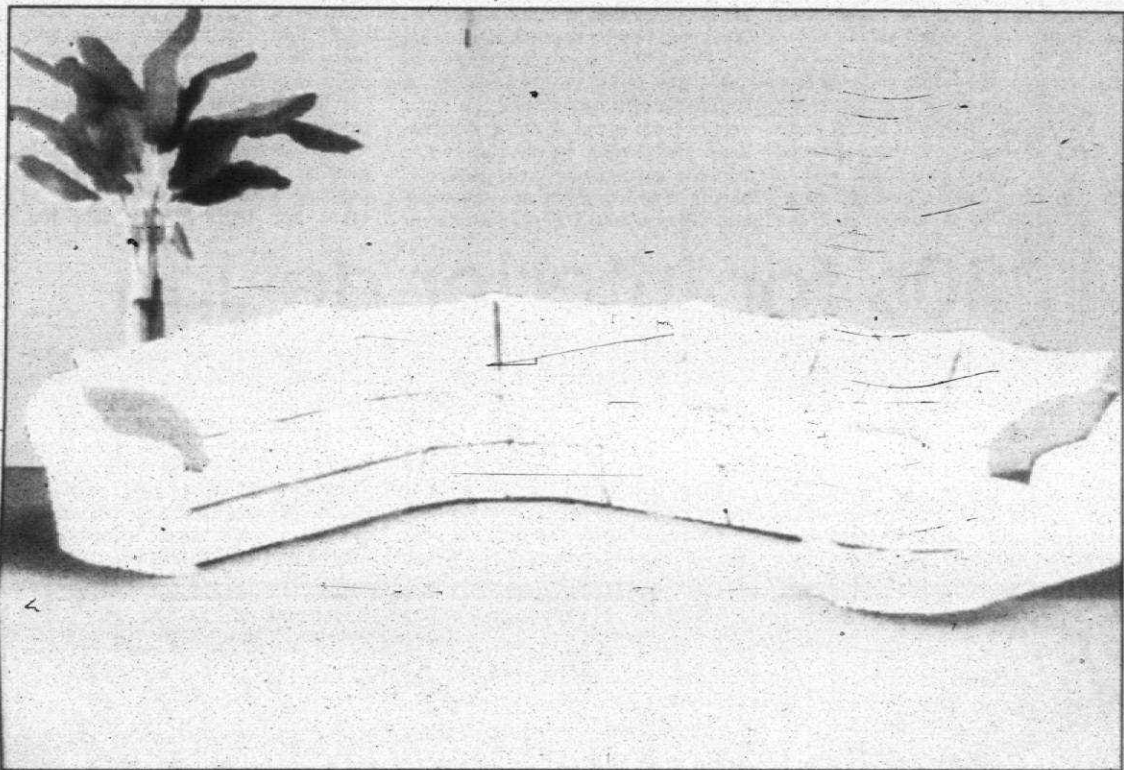
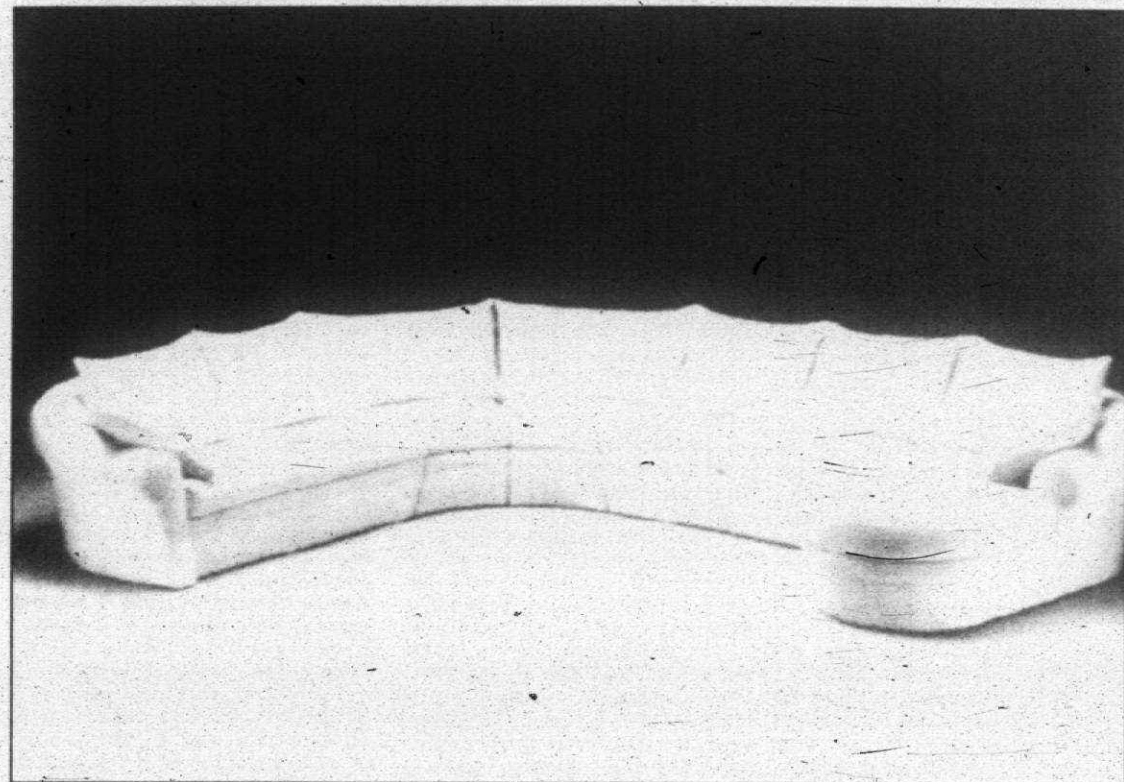
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Computer imaging allows a designer to build a room around a basic black and white photo of a couch (top). First, a wall covering and carpeting are added to show how the couch would look; throw pillows and a potted plant are added to further define the room (middle). After

more thought, the wall covering and carpeting are darkened several shades, a fabric border is added near the ceiling, and a coffee table and additional throw pillows are inserted (bottom) — and voila, a vignette of a room built from a couch.

BOMA, BASM offer seminars

Handicapped accessibility requirements for commercial and multi-family buildings will be the topic of discussion at a seminar from 8-10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Troy's Northfield Hilton Inn, sponsored by the Builders Owners and Managers Association of Southeastern Michigan. Three speakers will address builders and property managers on the HUD Fair Housing Amendment, which provides accessibility guidelines that take effect March 13. Jeffrey Supowit, an attorney with the firm of Mager, Monahan, Donaldson and Alber, will discuss legal implications. Kim Beasley of the Paralyzed Veterans of America will

explain how the guidelines will influence architecture and cost of construction. Lloyd Kraft will discuss the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act of 1990. He is the chief of the Barrier Free Design Division of the Bureau of Construction Codes for the Michigan Department of Labor. The Northfield Hilton is at 5500 Crooks at the I-75 Interchange. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for non-members. To register, call 737-4477.

In a seminar presented by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan on Thursday, Jan. 10, "Financial Survival in the '90s" will be presented. Tim Bernier and Ken Damps, retirement planning executives with Dean Witter Reynolds, will discuss the problems with today's markets and why they are unpredictable, the uncertainties of the next decade, and the Fixed Mix philosophy of investing. The seminar will be from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Northfield Hilton. Membership fees and the number for registration are the same as for the BOMA seminar.

Computers provide lift for home interior blues

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Interior design and decorating — they're prime causes of domestic violence among new homeowners.

Four taunting blank walls, a daunting bare ceiling, a haunting barren floor. That's at least six controversies per room.

Extremely complex statistical abstractions developed by Belgian interior decorators show the ratio of arguments to possibilities, when multiplied by paint store trips times merchandise returns, plus (and here's the tricky part) fabric swatches observed divided by two equals one big headache.

The aspirin? Computer imaging. With computer imaging, interior designers can graphically depict what a project will look like before work is begun.

Julie Ford, president of the interior decorating firm Random House Interiors in Novi, said visualizing concepts is not something the average person does well.

"Our basic problem has always been that when we're talking to clients, trying to explain what something is going to look like, they just can't see it," Ford said.

"It's a big problem for us (and others in the profession)," Ford said. "Some clients are able to (visualize the concepts), but others can't and they end up getting angry, frustrated and upset with themselves."

WILL A PARTICULAR color make a room seem darker? Lighter? Bigger? Smaller? Does that color really look good against that one? Is that pattern really right for a contemporary feel?

Ford said Random House Interiors has only just joined the computer age after buying its system several months ago. "We're always looking for ways to show people what they're buying before they spend a lot of money."

"We have a lot of clients who want to see the new color (of the wall, furniture, window treatment) before they give approval for a project," Ford said.

Even with the conventional interior designer's and decorator's tools — paint chips, cloth swatches, catalogues and photographs — it is almost impossible to translate a one-by-two inch strip of wall paper to a 96-square-foot wall.

Artist renderings, perhaps the best option before computer imaging, are costly (sometimes costing hundreds of dollars) and time consuming (taking days instead of hours).

But computer imaging isn't cheap, Ford said. Random House Interiors paid nearly \$30,000 for the system and charges \$50 per hour for its use. Planning times vary depending on a

project's complexity, but the average room, from start to finish, takes approximately three hours.

Design consultant Karin Ankofski said computer imaging has uses in new home decorating, old home remodeling, furniture reupholstery, window treatments and exterior design applications.

COMPUTER IMAGING is useful in the simple projects — wallpaper and paint color changes, furniture reupholstery, carpeting modifications, window treatments — but it is even more useful in the more complex projects.

Interior design entails not just these simple changes but may include removing or changing walls, adding or altering doorways and windows, and other structural modifications, Ankofski said.

If describing colors and their effects is difficult to convey, trying to explain what moving a wall will do for a room is doubly difficult, she said.

Ankofski said that when Random House contracts for a computer imaging plan, she goes to the project home to photograph the house (either with a video camcorder or 35 millimeter camera).

The designer then returns to the office where the images are scanned into the computer, she said.

The computer imaging system used by Random House Interiors is object-oriented, meaning only one area of an image is defined at a time so it can be moved, tipped, turned, changed in color or perspective — all without affecting the rest of the image.

AFTER FEEDING the images into the computer, the designer modifies the old image, selects items from a computer database and superimposes these images over the old image or creates new images, she said.

For example, if the customer wants a particular pattern for a couch, the pattern is photographed and fed into the computer, Ankofski said. The computer then manipulates the pattern over any of several different style couches (or again, the existing couch if reupholstering is a possibility).

The same is done with paints, wall coverings, furniture and accessories, Ankofski said. More complex design problems like removing and changing walls, windows and doors can also be done.

When completed, the computer can generate photographs, frozen images on video tapes or video "slide shows" of what the finished project will look like that the client can take and review, Ankofski said.

"Then we can make changes if the client doesn't like what she sees,"

Ankofski said. Alterations to an artist rendering may require a completely new drawing, she added.

Although the system sounds relatively simple to use, Ford and Ankofski had several days of training classes. "It was very intimidating at first."

A simple mistake can wipe out hours of work, she said, so being careful is critically important. Even after five days of training and two months of actual work on the computer imaging system, Ankofski said she discovers new ways of doing things every time she sits down to work on a project.

"(Computer imaging) is something you have to play with and make your own discoveries," Ankofski said.

CESSILY THALACKER, design communications director with New Image of Michigan Inc. — located in Warren, with offices in the Design Center in Troy and plans to expand to Royal Oak — said the company is only now addressing the needs of the interior design market even though president Rick Skiba and she both come from interior design backgrounds.

Instead, New Image Systems has focused its market on architects, hair salons, municipal planners and cosmetic and dental surgeons, which have been tremendously successful.

Computer Imaging Systems range from \$9,000 to \$33,000, depending on the end-use, but average systems sold by New Image Systems range from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

"(But) the bottom line is this is a creative tool," Thalacker said.

Computer imaging has two basic uses in interior design, the most common being design vignettes — basically, two-dimensional pictures of one quarter of a room featuring furniture, walls, window treatments and other treatments.

Two-dimensional vignettes show better details in wall covering and fabric patterns because the pictures — since its shows only one wall — are larger.

The other use, she said, would show an entire room — three walls, a ceiling and a floor. Fine details and patterns may be lost, but the three-dimensional images can be used to highlight certain aspects of the room.

"You'll see more of this at the high end, where people are building a showcase around a piece of artwork," she said.

If a \$150,000 painting is the focal point of a room, for example, a person isn't going to be as interested in how many flowers per square foot there are in the wallpaper — they're going to want to see the artwork and how it relates to the rest of a room, Thalacker said.

It's back to the 1960s for interior design of the '90s

By R.J. King
special writer

Remember Andy Warhol prints and glass-top dinette tables? Vinyl tiles and metal-frame chairs? If the answer is yes, chances are you lived through the 1960s. In which case you may not be too crazy about the current revival of the 1960s fads.

True, little is being revived to look exactly as it did then, and no one is trying to bring back shag carpeting and string beads, but interior designers are using plenty of pop colors, psychedelic prints and everywhere ecology.

"What we're seeing in design today is a revival of the '60s, yes, but only those styles and modes that are applicable to the '90s," said David Mark Weiss, an interior designer, during a recent seminar he conducted in Farmington Hills.

While design revivals are meant to be fun, Weiss, who owns Interior Corp. Ltd., an interior design firm in Oak Park, said they can be trying for anyone who was there the first time around.

Homeowners in their 40s and 50s may be asking themselves if they are capable of living through a rerun. Many of them are sure to recall with horror even the mention of shag carpeting, let alone contemplating it in the living room.

Actually, with carpeting today we're seeing a spin-off of the shag

into what I call reggae," Weiss said, to a chorus of light-hearted groans from a handful of the 17 people who attended the seminar.

"No, no, wait," said Weiss in his defense, holding up a sample of a rug crafted from thick, one-inch strands, similar in appearance to dread locks. "This has a yarn interwoven between the strands so that it stands up to traffic."

WITH THE ADVANCE of computer graphics, Weiss said, the reggae look, plus other rug styles, can be individually designed to accommodate everything from a family crest to a border of flowers and leaves.

While not all '60s designs are being revived, certainly there is hope for the reggae carpet. It is attractive, soft to the feet and wears well.

The incorporation of '60s fashion also shows on palettes. Black and white, either alone or together, along with primary colors, are back, but with a few additions. The browns and greens (read as earth tones) most of us associate with ecology are also making a splash.

Further still, drapery, either pinch pleat or ripple fold, now complements the venetian blind craze of the '80s, and in some cases, replaces it all together. Some drapery prints even include Campbell's soup cans, an homage to Andy Warhol.

"We have a few clients who go for

the hot colors, and primarily in the kids' rooms. But what people really seem to like is the contrast between black and ivory," said Linda Shears, an interior designer for Modern Studio of Interiors in Birmingham.

"For color, beige is dead. In the last year though we've seen more jewel tones, bright yellows and coral. For windows, people still like the horizontal and vertical blinds, but now they're looking for a top treatment to accent it."

For furniture, the choice is between traditional and contemporary, both designers said, and when asked to pick the more dominant of the two, both favored the traditional, although not as a catch-all theme.

WHILE THE 1960s may call up visions of flower children, rock 'n' roll and peace movements, it also emphasized freedom of expression, seen not only in war demonstrations but Woodstock as well.

That freedom, said Anna Kenedi, an interior designer in Southfield, whose residential and commercial work is found on several continents, has taken on a life of its own in the '90s.

"People are starting to be at home in their homes," said Kenedi, who has owned her own firm, Anna Kenedi Design for the last 20 years. "Everything doesn't have to be coordinated to death."

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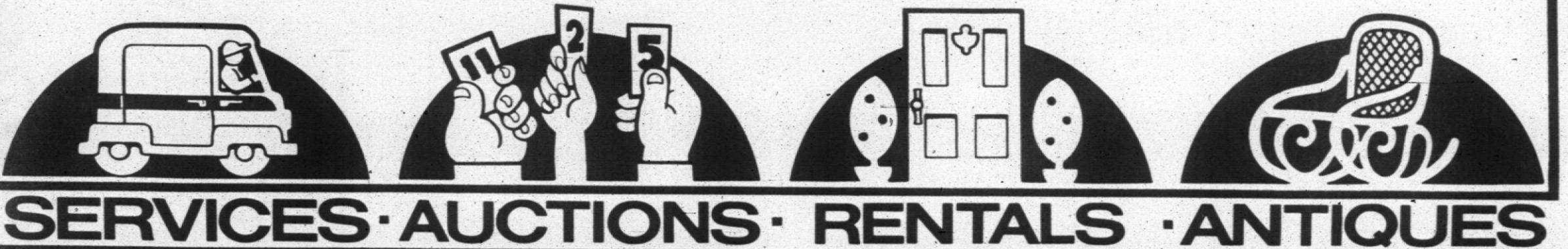
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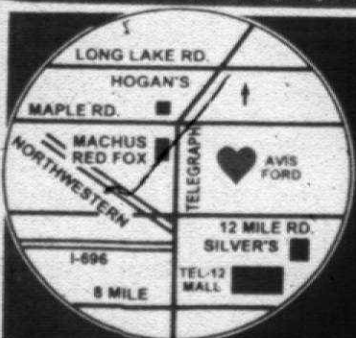
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