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Plymouth-Canton paraprofessionals picketed Monday night's working without a contract, are bargaining for benefits com- school board meeting. The district's 130 paraprofessionals, parable to those received by other employee groups.

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Paraprofessionals demand better pay

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Spring rain served only to strengthen the resolve of Plymouth-Canton paraprofessionals who picketed outside Plymouth Canton High School before Monday night's board of education meeting. About 70 paraprofessionals, formerly called educational aides, picketed for half an hour, carrying signs saying "Equity Now."

The district's 130 paraprofessionals have been without a contract since July 1. Paraprofessionals fulfill wide-ranging duties, assisting teachers, staff and parents in the instruction and supervision of students.

"They're pretty committed; they're very angry now," said Maryann Ligato-Freydl, standing un-

der a golf umbrella near the picket line.

Ligato-Freydl, executive director of the Michigan Education Association, has bargained on behalf of the paraprofessionals since the end of last school year.

"THEY WANT the same provisions other school employees have. They're tired of being the stepchildren of the district," she said. "You have to remember this group only got health insurance last year."

The paraprofessionals are the only employee group that hasn't settled with the district.

"We're undervalued and unappreciated," said Joyce Harrington, union president for the paraprofessionals.

"They're lucky to keep us. We could go to a lot

of other districts and earn more."

OF THE district's 130 paraprofessionals, all but one of whom are women, 100 are full-time.

Plymouth-Canton paraprofessionals earn between \$5.57 and \$7.42 an hour, ranking them among the lowest-paid paraprofessionals in western Wayne County.

Pay ranges are as follows in other districts: \$8.13-\$10.27 in the Dearborn school district; \$8.45-\$12.42 in Garden City schools; \$6.58-\$9.22 in Livonia schools; \$6.42-\$8.52 in Redford Union schools; \$6.02-\$8.19 in Van Buren; \$7.73-\$9.07 in Wayne-Westland; and \$8.37-\$9.77 in Northville.

Pay levels are for the 1989-90 school year.

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2 challenge school board incumbents

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Deborah Lynch, a Canton financial planner, became the fourth and final candidate for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education when she filed nominating petitions shortly before the April 8 deadline.

Voters will elect two trustees to four-year terms in the June 10 election.

Lynch joins incumbents Dean Swartzwelter and Roland Thomas, and political newcomer Bobbie Cleary of Canton, who announced her candidacy last week. Swartzwelter and Thomas announced in February.

Lynch and Cleary have not been certified as candidates, but Bernice Nichols, district elections clerk, anticipates no problems, as both submitted an ample number of petition signatures. The deadline for candidates to withdraw from the race is 4 p.m. today.

William Joyner of Plymouth took out petitions but did not return them.

Joyner said he's always viewed serving on a school board as an ultimate goal, but decided this wasn't his year.

"I really feel participation is a very important element to controlling what happens to us here in the community. I believe the special ed program is very important, and I believe it is one of the best."

— Deborah Lynch
school board candidate

"There is just too much going on," he said. "I have a three-year commitment to the Community Foundation and as many projects as I can take on. I didn't feel I could do justice to all of them. I'm also recovering from an auto accident, and any more would put too much stress on my life."

Joyner isn't ruling out a run in the future.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Jeff Hoganson, 8, marvels at the multitude of toad eggs laid and fertilized by an amphibian couple he caught.

Toads are a natural for biology lesson

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Jeff Hoganson, 8, thought he had a freak of nature.

But it turned out to be a biology lesson on the rites of spring.

The Canton youngster was convinced he caught Siamese twin toads Sunday in the pond behind the Canton administration building. The toads remained stuck together into Monday morning.

HOGANSON'S MOTHER, Cindy,

father, Mike, and brother Eric, 11, theorized that the toads were fused together.

"We were trying to take them apart, but every time we tried they just started squealing," Hoganson said.

They were convinced something special was waiting to be discovered in the brown pail in their garage.

It wasn't until Hoganson took the toads to his class at Gallimore Elementary School that the truth became apparent. Hoganson's third

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Car thief strikes again; same owner

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A Canton man saw a double header he'd like to forget.

Army Capt. Ron Stern reported to Canton police late last month that his silver 1970 Super Sport Chevelle was stolen from in front of his condominium in Arbor Village near Palmer and Sheldon roads.

The next night, Stern said, his red 1970 Super Sport was stolen from almost the exact spot as the first car. He believes that both were taken sometime between 2 and 4 a.m.

Stern valued the silver high powered collector's car at \$10,000. He said it's red twin was worth \$15,000.

The Old Car Price Guide lists price values for 1970 Chevelles at between \$12,000 and \$15,000 if they were in perfect condition. Options

"They just don't make them like that (silver 1970 Super Sport Chevelle) anymore. It's a giddyup high ho Silver car."

— Army Capt. Ron Stern
owner of stolen cars

and selling conditions can vary the value.

"Chevelles were caught up right in the middle of the muscle car trend that petered out in the mid-70s, as the gas prices came along," said Jeff Benson II, of Jeff Benson Car Co. in Dearborn.

Chevelles were the second generation of muscle cars that began in the mid-60s, he said.

"They just don't make them like

that anymore," Stern said. "It's a giddyup high ho Silver car."

The sting of having two cars stolen was even worse for Stern, because neither car had any insurance coverage, according to a Canton police report.

There was no evidence of forced entrance at the scene, according to Pat Nemecek, Canton police information officer. But that's common, said Nemecek explaining that it

takes seconds for experts to break into vehicles.

In the past three years the number of vehicles stolen in Canton has remained constant.

Last year there were 261 vehicles reported stolen in the township; in 1989, 243 vehicles were reported stolen; and three years ago, 265 vehicles were reported stolen, Nemecek said.

Areas hit the hardest by thefts are places like Meijer and hotels by freeways, according to police Lt. Sandy Miller, Western Wayne County Auto Theft Team.

Places where the vehicle owners are in a building for a lengthy period of time are the most vulnerable.

"People can be around the cars for a long period of time without anyone becoming suspicious," Miller said.

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By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton trustee Robert Shefferly said he was appalled Tuesday that 20 percent of a federal grant for the needy will go to administering the program.

Canton received \$317,000 in Community Development Block Grant money for the year.

Canton trustees have a written policy saying that 20 percent of the CDBG money will go to the township for administering the program.

By the time the various governmental entities take their share for administrative costs, there's little left for the people the money was intended for, said trustee Robert Shefferly.

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— Robert Shefferly

Shefferly was visibly angry Tuesday at the Canton board meeting when he said he was appalled by the breakdown.

THE MONEY was allocated as follows:

- Administration, \$63,400.
- Salvation Army day camp program, \$10,550.
- Growth Works, \$14,000. The agency deals with drug offenders and first time criminal offenders.
- First Step, \$23,000. The agency

counsels and shelters victims of domestic violence. A facility is in Canton.

• Canterbury Mews recreation, playground and basketball court, \$41,500. The low income complex houses approximately 300 children. Forty percent of the families are headed by single parents.

• Sheldon School renovation, \$80,000. The school has been preserved by Canton's historic community.

• Sheldon Road sidewalk, \$8,500. The walkway on the east side of Sheldon Road just south of Ford Road would run to Gordon Street.

• Canton Place park and Fellows Creek streetscape improvements.

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Financial planner latest hopeful in board race

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"I've wanted to serve on the school board for years and years; so maybe next year will be my year. I will continue to be active in the school district."

Lynch, a Detroit native, has lived in Canton since 1988. She is self-employed with a national financial services company and teaches individuals how to invest and plan their futures. Lynch has been in the business and professional field for 15 years in execu-

tive management.

Lynch said she has formal education in the area of business. She registered in 1988 but has not yet voted in a school election.

Lynch and her husband Austin have six children, three of whom are high school graduates. One is a junior at Plymouth Salem High School; a fifth has been involved with special education in Plymouth-Canton schools; and the youngest is 20 months old.

Lynch said the school system "brought

me here.

"I feel I have a vested interest in the future of our school district. I believe I have to take a participative interest in ensuring the future of the school system."

"I really feel participation is a very important element in controlling what happens to us here in the community. What the special ed program is very important, and I believe it is one of the best."

"Everything always has room for im-

provement. Basically, I want to see the quality of the school district continue into the future, with the ability to expand to accommodate increased student population and the belief that the quality of our school system increases property values by attracting new families to buy within our communities."

Lynch said she doesn't "have a problem with the school system, I just feel I have a

lot to contribute also."

The candidate's specific goals include "developing a stronger communication link among parents, teachers, students, the board and all other residents of the community. I feel that sometimes things are not put into the proper perspective. Decisions are not weighed looking at all sides of the issue. I have teenagers in my household; I listen to what they have to say and then put it into an adult perspective."

Trustee appalled

Township takes funds for needy

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\$35,000. Fellows Creek provides low income housing and Canton Place is a senior high rise. Both are federally funded.

- Construction contingency, \$15,000.
- Housing rehabilitation, \$36,050.

Deciding where the money would go was tough, according to Mary Jane Weidenbach, CDBG committee member. Committee members volunteer their time and are appointed by the township supervisor.

The Canton CDBG Advisory Council decided how the grant would be divided.

"We had a lot more requests than dollars," Weidenbach said. "Now I know what you people go through. We had to be sort of hard nosed about it."

The committee looked at 20 proposals for the money, according to Gerald Martin, Canton development specialist.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Tasting the new crop

This horse on Hanford between Ridge and Napier got its fill last week just as the grass started looking its best. Farm animals and wild life are becoming more and more rare as subdivisions and other construction continues west of Canton Center.

Kids discover these toads aren't twins

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grade teacher, Joyce Silber, separated them.

Uh, oh. Suddenly the class was faced with an unexpected lesson on reproduction.

"These are third graders, so we don't go into reproduction," Silber said. "The teachers thought it was funny."

"We just told the kids the female was laying eggs and the male was fertilizing the eggs. We didn't dwell on it, but the kids found it fascinating."

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Hoganson said that at first he was embarrassed by the revelation.

"I feel kind of stupid that I thought they were stuck together," Hoganson said.

But the lesson of the toads mating turned out to be much more fruitful than what a textbook could have taught Hoganson.

The class witnessed a miracle of nature. Another sign of spring. Like crocus blooms and birds chirping.

"I learned for one thing that they mate from the back," Hoganson said. And they lay a lot of eggs, he said. As for the length of time that the

leaping amphibians remained attached, it's not unusual, according to a spokesperson at the University of Michigan biology department.

Hoganson said he planned to return the toads and their eggs to the pond.

"We thought about having them for a class pet," Hoganson said. "I wanted to take them back to the pond. They'll be happier there."

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Paraprofessionals picket board

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BARGAINING with a state mediator, the district and paraprofessionals have reached agreement on some non-economic issues, but many issues remain.

Paraprofessionals, who receive no paid vacation, are asking for the same vacation package other employees have. They also want the same dental and vision plans. Paraprofessionals now have an inferior dental plan and no vision coverage, said Ligato-Freydl and Harrington.

The last bargaining session ended March 21 when the "district walked out after two hours," Ligato-Freydl said. "They said we were engaging in regressive bargaining. Of course that wasn't true."

"SEVERAL ISSUES remain that are very difficult," said Errol Goldman, Plymouth-Canton schools' executive director for employee relations. "We have to work them through. We've been working with a state mediator who is helping us. But

'We are asking for equity; for the same benefits other employees have. We are not paid during Christmas, winter and spring breaks.'

— Joyce Harrington

it takes time to work things out."

The district has not been treating paraprofessionals inconsistently with any other group in the district, Goldman said.

He acknowledged that paraprofessionals don't receive paid vacation, but said the employees have been given the same options as other employees. Options include "purchasing" vacation by taking a portion of a salary increase and converting it to vacation time, Goldman said.

"Other groups have chosen to use some of their increase that way. They end up with additional paid days; it doesn't take away from their

time with kids, but increases their work year," Goldman said.

HARRINGTON ADDRESSED the board of education, receiving applause from other paraprofessionals in attendance.

"We are asking for equity; for the same benefits other employees have. We are not paid during Christmas, winter and spring breaks," Harrington said.

Paraprofessionals also want equitable dental and vision plans, she said.

"We hear you don't know what we do. To rectify this, we invite you to work with us this week or next."

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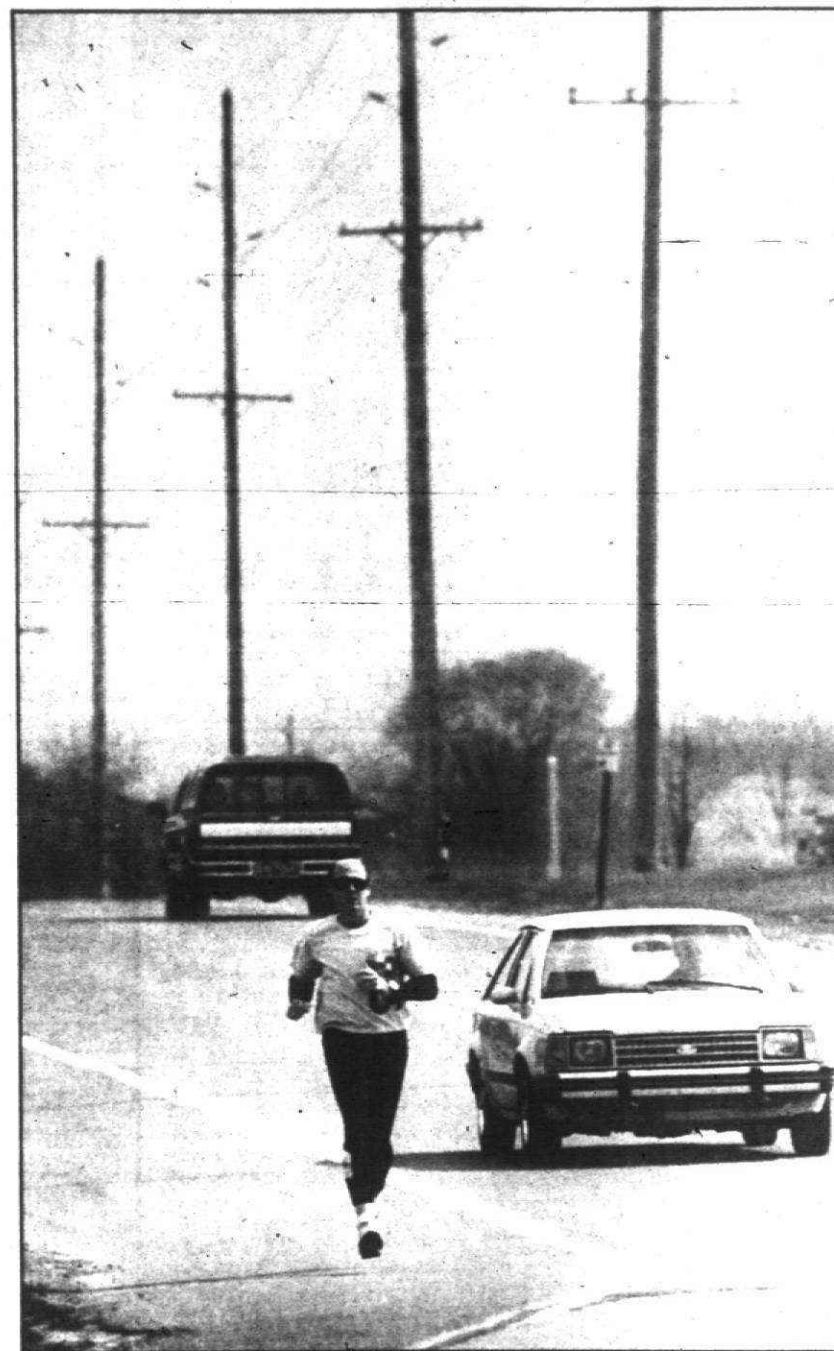
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Boston quest

Plymouth doctor finally going to run in the famous marathon



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

For 14 years, Dr. Sid Disbrow listened to patients talk about competing in the Boston Marathon. Well, the sidelines are history. Disbrow trained, qualified and is entered to run the 95th Boston Marathon.

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A lifetime of dreaming, backed up with self-sacrifice, discipline and grueling training, will pay off for Dr. Sid Disbrow at noon Monday in Hopkinton, Mass.

Patriots Day will see the Plymouth chiropractor and kinesiologist at the starting line of the 95th Boston Marathon, elbow-to-elbow with runners from all over the world who've qualified to compete in running's most prestigious event.

After boosting track teams at Ypsilanti High and Hope College's numerous regional, league and conference championships as a sprinter, Disbrow took a 14-year hiatus from his sport.

"MY LIFE was just too full," Disbrow said. "Each spring would come around and I'd hear and read about the Boston Marathon. I'd say, 'Yeah, I should be doing that.' But I wouldn't do it."

Disbrow, 44, had coached track and taught at West and Central middle schools, then he shifted gears to get a marriage and a new career started.

"Something snapped two years ago. I said, 'If I don't do it now, I'm never going to do it.'"

Disbrow began entering Plymouth fun runs. (Fellow runner and Plymouth attorney John Stewart said Disbrow at one race made a memorable impression. He ran in costume, as requested by race organizer Fred Hill. "People in town may know Sid as the masked conehead runner," said Stewart. "He's crazy, but he's one of those painless runners who just gets out there and goes.")

DISBROW WORKED up to 10-kilometer and 25-kilometer races, and in 1989 ran the Detroit Free Press Marathon. To qualify for Boston, he needed a time of 3:20. He ran 3:28.

Undeterred, he trained for last June's Sunburst Marathon in South Bend, Ind. Mother Nature dismissed notions many runners had about qualifying for Boston — it was 84 degrees and so humid it was steamy.

At 10 miles, I was getting chills and cramping up," said Disbrow. "I was kind of headed into heat exhaus-

'Something snapped two years ago. I said, 'If I don't do it now, I'm never going to do it.' — Dr. Sid Disbrow

tion." Determined to finish regardless, Disbrow crossed the finish line — Notre Dame stadium's 50-yard line — in 4:14.

WITH HUNDREDS of others at last fall's Free Press marathon, Disbrow's wife Marilyn, and daughter, Mary, 11, anxiously waited for Disbrow to finish — in under 3:20.

"As it was getting closer to 3:20, my daughter finally saw a pair of pink shorts and bald head coming around the turn and said, 'Here comes Dad! We're going to go to Boston. Yeah! No school!'" recalled Disbrow with a laugh.

With a grin that lit up Belle Isle, Disbrow sprinted through the finish in 3:17.

"There were people who said to 'please call and let us know.' I tried to call them and talk with them, but I couldn't even talk. I have no idea why it's this emotional, but it is."

"FOR WHATEVER reason, it has been a goal for so long. I guess I've always known it's been the pinnacle for runners. It's not like I'm going to go out and win the thing. I guess maybe at this point, qualifying is winning, and finishing is winning."

Mary is leery about her dad running Boston "even though I've assured her that if I don't feel good I will slow down. For her, it takes a great deal of courage to come and watch." Disbrow also will be accompanied by his wife, Elaine, and training partner and "coach" Dale Yagie-la. (Mary also is discovering the trip to Boston "is a double-edged sword, she'll have to take her school work with her.")

The Disbrows plan to drive, leaving about noon Tuesday.

IN DOWNTOWN Boston Saturday. Please turn to Page 4

Office closing could delay postal service

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

U.S. Post Office officials say they plan to offer postal services downtown after the Penniman Avenue post office in Plymouth closes.

But officials haven't ruled out a possible gap between the time the downtown post office closes and a new "finance unit" post office opens downtown.

"There will be a finance unit (small post office), but the site hasn't been chosen yet," said Juanita Brister, post office spokeswoman in Detroit.

Asked if downtown Plymouth could be left without postal service for a time, she said, "I have no idea."

Construction on a new main post office to serve greater Plymouth "is almost completed," Brister said. Postal officials have said the Penniman Avenue post office is not large enough for needed operations to serve greater Plymouth.

Brister said the target date for opening the new facility, at Beck Road and Clipper Street in Plymouth Township, is June.

Plymouth City Manager Gordon Jaeger last week warned city commissioners not to take it for granted that downtown will have continuous service.

On Monday, Jaeger said he had been trying to contact U.S. Post Office officials at a regional office in Southfield, and U.S. Rep. Carl Purcell, R-Plymouth, who backs postal service for downtown.

Purcell spokesman Gary Cates said Purcell "is interested No. 1 that the needs of the community will be met. We have been given assurances that there will be some sort of substitution."

"It's my understanding that they've looked at a number of sites in town, and that the process is moving forward," Cates said.

"We are currently looking at whether or not there was a delay," Cates continued, adding he hopes to have a response from post office officials by Friday.

"If people don't support it, it could be lost," Jaeger said.

Shopping for ideas

Students focus on empty Farmer Jack store

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The future of the vacant Farmer Jack supermarket in downtown Plymouth is the subject of a study by four University of Michigan students.

The students said they're using the site at 705 S. Main "as a focus for our real estate class term project."

The students are seeking citizens' input 7-8:45 p.m. today at the Dunning-Hough Library downtown.

"Although our project is only an exercise, your (citizen) input will be incorporated into our paper and may be useful in planning for the eventual redevelopment of the site," said Sharon Pedersen, one of the students.

Closed in December 1988 after nearly 30 years of operation, the site has the largest concentration of free parking of any single store in the city and 16,855 square feet of floor space.

City officials have in the past year stepped up efforts to encourage Farmer Jack officials to sub-lease the building, and City Commissioner John Vos has suggested picketing a Farmer Jack store in Canton to encourage

courage action by company officials.

For their class, Real Estate Feasibility Analysis, at the U-M business school, Pedersen said the students had to "find a site that is under-used and ripe for redevelopment or upgrading."

In January, one of the group of four students, Brian Kristyniak of Canton, spotted the vacant Farmer Jack store. "We got a little background by talking to Farmer Jack's, and the building owner, and talking to the city about building codes," Pedersen said.

While the students have been coming up with a few of their own ideas for redeveloping the site, "We did not want to announce those until we got citizen input, we're still open to any ideas," Pedersen said.

"I think it's essential to gain community input before you make a decision," Pedersen said. "I want to make it clear that we are not working for the owner or for Farmer Jack's."

"We can give that input to these interested parties to consider, but we have no decision-making power," she said.

After the community meeting today, "We will be writing up people's

'I want to make it clear that we are not working for the owner or for Farmer Jack's.'

— Sharon Pedersen

ideas and coordinating them into the final paper, proposals for redevelopment or reuse of the building.

"We'll pass information along to Farmer Jack's and the building owner," Pedersen continued.

She said the building owner, Stanley Dickson Jr., and Farmer Jack's offered information on the building. "We made it clear we're not trying to step on toes," she said.

She also contacted City Manager Gordon Jaeger about the project. "I didn't discourage them or anything," Jaeger said.

The other students participating in the project are John Douglas and Joe Vig. Pedersen said the students will complete their analysis by April 24.

Classes resume at school as arson investigation continues

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Students returned Wednesday to the fire-damaged Adams Junior High School, as arson investigators continued their search for suspects in a weekend blaze that destroyed one classroom and damaged six others.

Westland fire battalion chief Kenneth Sharp estimated that the Saturday night blaze caused \$650,000 to \$750,000 in damages.

"This is the worst school fire that we have had," said Thomas Svtkovich, the Wayne-Westland school district's associate superintendent of administration.

The district serves southeast Canton.

Six classrooms in the building's south-central section remained closed off Wednesday as classes re-

Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton.

sumed at the 808-student school at 33475 Palmer, west of Venoy. Classes had been canceled Monday and Tuesday.

School officials adjusted student schedules and streamlined the use of classrooms Wednesday to make up for the lost space in the 156,000-square-foot school, built in 1956 and expanded in 1984.

"There are some rooms in the building that can handle the classes," Svtkovich said. "That's not a major problem."

Fire officials confirmed suspicions that arson caused the blaze reported by a nearby resident at 7:20 p.m. Saturday, though they declined to release details of how the fire was started.

STATE ARSON officials offered a reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to arrests and prosecution in the case, said fire marshal Robert Perry.

Svtkovich encouraged anyone with information about the fire to contact the Westland Police Department.

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Community Corner

This week's question:

How did you feel Monday knowing that was the last opening day you'll hear Hall of Famer Ernie Harwell broadcasting from Tiger stadium?

We asked this question outside the Canton Post Office.



"I was really sad," she says. "I grew up in the area and you always listen to Ernie Harwell."



"I don't have any mixed emotions. There has been so much publicity that it didn't really bother me."



"Everybody has to retire sometime. He may even have mixed emotions. Like most of us. Like me. It's hard to leave what you've been doing for so long a time, but it could be rewarding to strike out for new horizons."



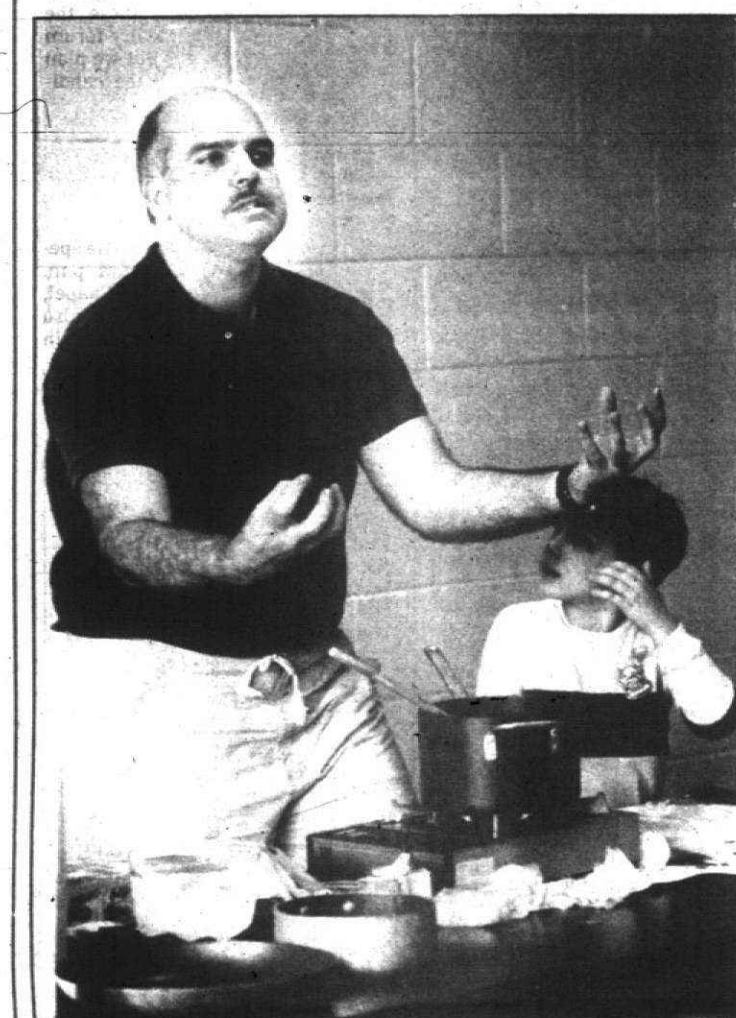
"I think it's pretty crumbly. He's been there for a long time. They want to take the stadium and they're taking him. What's left in Detroit? I was raised in Detroit."



"I felt really bad about it. I thought he didn't deserve to be retired. I think he should have stayed. He was doing a very good job. He didn't deserve what he got."



"I'm not from around here. We're Cincinnati fans. So we could really care less. If Cincinnati got rid of what's his name and what's his name that would be another story."



What's cooking?

Larry Jones, that's who. Jones, a food columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, was in Plymouth on Monday to speak at a Council on Aging meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Jones, who was assisted by his son, Jeff (right), was on hand to talk about cooking for one or two people. Here he talks about the importance of cooking onions.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Retail showrooms brewing for former beer warehouse

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

A plan to convert the front of the former Shro's warehouse on Ann Arbor Road to retail showrooms was approved recently by the Plymouth City Commission.

James Wechsler of Equity Plus Partnership, along with The Parz Group, is developing the property on the northwest corner of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

Plans call for removing a portion of the building facing Ann Arbor Road, to allow parking for 40 cars and landscaping. "What we have found there is a pent up demand for retail space up and down Ann Arbor Road, there isn't a significant amount of retail space in that corridor," Wechsler said, adding the finished project will create several thousand feet of retail space.

"We're interested in the re-development of older real estate in the Plymouth area, we want to work with city fathers to develop premium real estate in the city of Plymouth that will enhance the city and assist the homeowners," Wechsler said.

He said there are no plans for further projects in the city, as the Shro's warehouse project is pending. Architects & Planners Inc. of Plymouth is the project architect.

Project blueprints submitted to the city show window space dominating the front of the one-story property.

One tenant secured so far for the renovated warehouse is Safelite, which repairs windshields and installs sun roofs in cars and has 600 stores nationwide, Wechsler said.

Available for other businesses will be "another 15,000 square feet for retail users," he said.

"We hope to attract hardware, carpeting, furniture, maybe a take-out food business," Wechsler said.

"We hope to start work probably within the next 90 days and be completed in the next 12 months," Wechsler said.

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Boston Marathon draws runner from Plymouth

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Disbrow will pick up his race number at marathon headquarters and tour the runners' expo.

"I want to drive the course to see these hills myself. I want to pick out a landmark so that toward the end I'll know when I can pick it up."

"Dale and I are going to start out

together and see how far we can go. He's really good about pulling me along."

"The last half-mile, I'd like to try to pick it up to six-minute pace. It won't be a pretty sight. Hopefully, I'll do the last quarter-mile in 80 or 90 seconds. I've got a little bit of that competitive gremlin in me that likes to pass people."

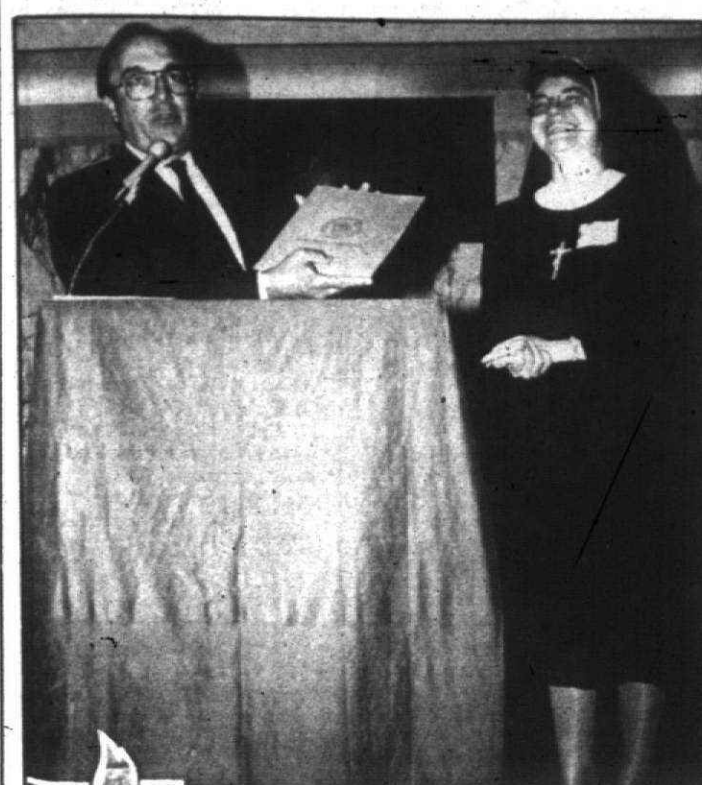
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Happy day

Gov. John Engler was in Livonia Tuesday to help Madonna University celebrate its new status. The governor passed documents marking the change university president Sister Francienne. The former college is Michigan's second largest Catholic institution of higher learning. Other dignitaries attending the ceremony included Bishop Moses Anderson, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, state Rep. Lyn Bankes and Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett.

SC choir to perform

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will present its annual spring concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 Eight Mile, west of Taft.

The 60-voice choir will perform a program entitled, "Serenade to Spring."

Featured works will include Mass in F by Schubert, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" from the Brahms Requiem and "The Promise of Living" by Aaron Copeland, as well as a variety of a cappella works. The choir performs under the direction of Donald Stromberg.

Donations will be accepted during intermission.

Additional information is available by calling Shari Clason, 349-8175, or the college continuing education services office, 462-4448.

Scholarship seeks support

A \$1,000 scholarship, established last year in honor of Marie McGee, a former Observer & Eccentric Newspaper assistant managing editor for special projects, will be awarded in June.

The scholarship honors the late Marie McGee who had a special interest in high school newspaper staffs. As a reporter and editor she wrote many stories on the state of high school journalism and she followed the progress of local newspaper staffs.

The scholarship seeks to recognize and reward a student in the Livonia school district who demonstrates a dedication to the principles of a free press and who plans to pursue a career in journalism.

A longtime Livonia resident, McGee worked at the O&E for 23 years. Rising through the ranks of the Livonia-based newspaper, she held several positions throughout the years including reporter, copy editor and suburban life editor. She was the assistant managing editor for special projects at the time of her death last May.

Those interested in contributing to the scholarship fund should make out a check to Marie McGee Memorial Scholarship Fund/Livonia Public Schools and mail to the Livonia Public Schools c/o Michael Furlong, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Mich 48154-5474. Donations are tax deductible. Deadline is June 1.

S'craft offers SAT program

A three-week workshop to prepare students for the Scholastic Aptitude Test will begin Monday, April 15 at Schoolcraft College.

The workshop emphasizes test taking strategy that can improve SAT scores.

Problem-solving techniques for both the verbal and math tests will be taught. Homework assignments include two simulated SAT exams.

The class meets 7-9 p.m. each night. Fee is \$45.

To register, or for additional information, call the college continuing education services office, 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Schoolcraft, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Plymouth man to join SC board

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Steven Ragan is the newest Schoolcraft College trustee, but the Plymouth resident's tenure could be short unless he defeats a crowded field in the June election.

An administrative assistant at Metro Airport, Ragan was appointed by trustees Monday night to fill a board vacancy. Monday was also the final day to apply for the June election.

Ragan clearly impressed trustees during the interview session. His unanimous appointment was the first in recent memory.

The 25-year-old credited Schoolcraft with saving his academic career after a shaky start at the University of Michigan. He returned to U-M, after three years at Schoolcraft, and earned a bachelor's in history.

As a trustee, Ragan said, he would work hard to assure Schoolcraft received a greater share of state aid.

Ragan will replace Jack Kirksey for the April and May board meetings. He will face seven other candidates for a four-year board seat in the Monday, June 10, election and is taking nothing for granted.

"I'M GOING to be campaigning hard for the seat," Ragan said. "I know getting people interested in a Schoolcraft race might be a little more difficult than in some other races but I'm going to be doing everything I can."

Other candidates for the four-year seat include:

- Ronale Bowman of Livonia, director of Garden City Youth Assistance.

- Willis Brauer of Livonia, a principal at Coolidge Elementary School in Livonia.

- Paulette Cebulski of Plymouth, assistant director of physical therapy at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

- Robert Gordon of Plymouth, an osteopath with a family practice in that city.

- Bruce Patterson of Canton, a partner in a Southfield law firm.

- M. Andrea Taylor of Livonia.

owner/operator of Andy's Cakes and Catering and an employee of Fonte D'Amore Restaurant, Livonia.

• Patricia Watson of Northville, a clinical supervisor at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital as well as in private practice.

Another candidate, Subramanian Ramamurthy of Canton, will oppose incumbents Michael Burley and Jeanne Stempien in the race for two six-year board seats.

Ramamurthy is president of Optimum Management, a Plymouth consulting firm.

Burley is a teacher in the Northville Public Schools. Stempien is a partner in a Livonia law firm.

Of all the non-incumbents, only Patterson didn't apply for the board appointment.

"TO TELL the truth, I was initially considering running for the Plymouth/Canton school board and I didn't make up my mind until it was too late to apply for the Schoolcraft appointment," Patterson said.

Ragan's experience in political campaigns — he assisted in the recent airport bond campaign — impressed trustees.

Though trustees could have left the seat vacant, they chose not to.

"The premise is we're picking someone with the hope they'll be elected," Burley said as trustees sat down to evaluate candidates. "We're endorsing a candidate here."

Fellow trustee Thaddeus McCotter, however, said electability was not a concern.

"We must pick the best qualified candidate," he said. "One of the reasons we're doing this is because our judgment has been called into question."

Kirksey resigned from the board in a dispute of selection of a college law firm.

Trustees aren't the only ones who will be endorsing in the race. The Schoolcraft Faculty Forum, the college's largest union, will also be making an endorsement.

"We look at issues that might be different from some of those the board looked at," said faculty forum president Lowell Cook. "But we plan on sitting down with all the candidates."

Madonna sets 'Homecoming Carnival'

Madonna University is featuring a Homecoming Carnival beginning Thursday, May 2, to celebrate its recent change to university status.

The program is open to students, former students and the community-at-large.

Rides, food and games will be featured at the carnival. There will also be several special events. They include:

- 1950s party — The party will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft. Tickets are \$10 per person.

- University Torch Run — The one-mile relay will begin 9 a.m. Saturday, May 4. Runners will complete

- a 15-mile run to Calihan Hall on the campus of the University of Detroit Mercy. A symbolic torch will be passed to Madonna President Sister Francienne before Madonna commencement ceremonies begin that day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Additional information is available by calling Kim Gyuran, 591-5056.

- Liturgy celebration — The special Mass is scheduled for 4 p.m. May 4 at the Residence Hall Chapel, 14221 Levan. Participants are also invited to a dinner banquet, 5 p.m. in the Residence Hall dining room. Sister Francienne will be the featured banquet speaker. Banquet tickets are \$20 per person.

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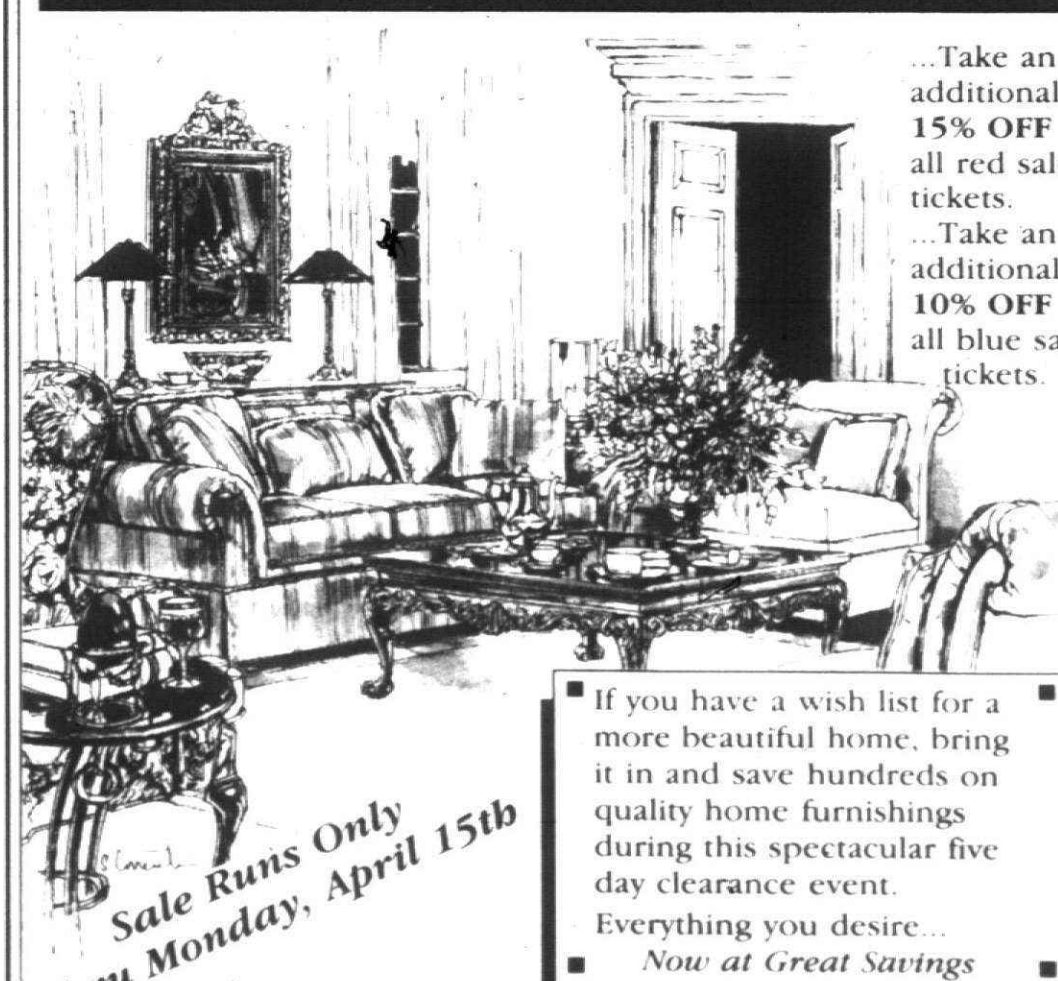
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280 high school students watch democracy in D.C.

Again this year, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools were well-represented when Close Up students from throughout the United States stormed Washington D.C. last month.

Close Up is an educational program devoted to learning about democracy.

"We have the largest dual high school program in the country," said Canton High School Close Up teacher Mike McCauley. With help from community, area businesses, VFWs, parents and students themselves, Close Up teachers at Centennial Educational Park raised \$250,000;



From U.S. Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, Close Up students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools learned that Congress will appropriate \$4.1 million in 1991 to the Ellender Fund for Close Up, a non-profit foundation emphasizing hands-on learning about democracy.

enough to send 280 Canton and Salem students to Washington.

"We were proud to have congressmen Carl Pursell and William Ford meet with the kids," said McCauley. "Carl Pursell is now one of the more powerful people on the appropriations committee, especially in education. He spoke to students about his role and the funding that he provides for education, which is really something. He is in a very powerful position to help Plymouth-Canton schools and other districts in Michigan."

William Ford, D-Taylor, talked to kids about his role and responsibilities as chairman of the education and labor committees.

"He has a profound effect on education throughout America," said McCauley. "He spoke to students about his role, the importance of it and the responsibilities he has. The kids really appreciated that. I don't think the kids realized that these people oversee education in the U.S. It was a happy surprise for them."

"A lot of students met Colin Powell and Dick Cheney," added McCauley. "Other students met Walter Cronkite walking down a hallway. Some met senators Carl Levin and Edward Kennedy. The kids met all kinds of interesting people." Among the most exciting, said McCauley, were other high school students from Rhode Island, Alabama, California, Colorado and Ohio.

As it turned out, parents concerned about security in the nation's capital during wartime needn't have worried. "There were very few people in the Capitol during the war," said McCauley. "So many security measures were taken that it was the safest time ever to go to Washington."

The outpouring of community support helped the local Close Up organization maintain its status as "the largest fundraising group in the community," said McCauley. "It shows the community cares about young people learning about democracy. The money was well spent, he added. "Students being able to interact with their counterparts from across the country and meet their congressmen are going to be some of the best highlights of their lives," he said.



Close Up students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools meet with U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, in Washington, D.C.

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newspapers and union for their participation recently was Sandi Wolf, Wayne County Chapter administrator of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She congratulated (from left) Dick Isham, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; Rich Periberg, vice president and general manager of Hometown Newspapers; and Burt Slone, GM UAW 483 Jobs Bank administrator, for their public service contribution. The O&E and Hometown, owned by Suburban Communications Corp., consist of newspapers that circulate in western Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

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U-M nursing doctoral alumni will meet for an all-day reunion and symposium May 1.

MANY DIFFERENT programs are scheduled for Thursday, May 2, including:

- A keynote address, "An Action Agenda," by Claire M. Fagin, dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, 9 a.m.

- A panel discussion, "Nursing in the 21st Century," featuring presidents of the American Academy of Nursing, National Black Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, American Nurses Association, National Hispanic Nurses Association and American Association of Colleges of Nurses, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Seminars, "Influencing Public Policy: Nursing's Role," 2:30-4 p.m.; "Theory and Research as Tools for Practice: Shaping Practice Through Nursing Theory," 2:30-4 p.m.

Programs scheduled for Friday, May 3, include:

- An address, "Balancing Career and Personal Development," by Angela B. McBride, interim dean of the Indiana School of Nursing, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Morning seminars "Theory and

Research" and "Creative Solutions to Current Problems in Nursing Practice: Models That Work," both 10-11:30 a.m.

- Afternoon seminars, "Nursing Informatics: Facilitating Nursing Practice," "Nurse Entrepreneurship" and "Applications for Nursing Research in Clinical Settings," all 3-3:30 p.m.

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obituaries

RICHARD C. GLADDING
Services for Richard C. Gladding, 63, of Plymouth Township were Saturday, April 6, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.
Mr. Gladding is survived by his wife, Jean M. Gladding of Plymouth; two brothers, Henry Gladding of Florida and Russell J. Gladding of Wyandotte and one sister, Catharine Parent of Southgate.
Mr. Gladding was born April 24, 1927 in Lincoln Park. He died Saturday, March 30, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was employed as an insurance claims manager and was a veteran of World War II, in the U.S. Navy.
The Rev. Richard Peretto officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Lung Association or the Capuchin Community Center soup kitchen.
Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust, 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

LAWRENCE A. SCHENDEL
Services for Lawrence A. Schendel, 64, of Plymouth Township were Saturday, April 6, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.
Mr. Schendel was born Sept. 1, 1926 in Walkerville, Ontario, Canada. He died Wednesday, April 3, in Ann Arbor. He came to the Plymouth community in 1959 from Romeo.
He was an attorney for the Wayne County Road Commission for 32 years, including three years as assistant Wayne County corporation counsel. He retired in 1987. A Republican, he was a member of the Plymouth Township Zoning Board and in 1964 served as justice of the peace in Plymouth Township. He was an outdoorsman and was interested in the Civil War. He served in the U.S. Navy 1944-1946. He was a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Wayne State University Law Alumni Association and Canada Creek Ranch Association. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church.
Mr. Schendel is survived by his wife, Barbara Schendel of Plymouth; two sons, Martin Schendel of Westland and David Schendel of Plymouth; two daughters, Susan Schendel of Plymouth and Lynda Schendel of Sterling Heights.
Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association of Michigan or in the form of Mass offerings.
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Mall sponsors art contest

A Sophia Loren or Other Favorite Italian Celebrity Art Contest is being sponsored by Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.
Area residents may draw or paint their favorite Italian celebrities in any medium as long as it is suitable for hanging. The size, however, should be no larger than three feet by three feet.
Art work should be delivered to the Livonia Mall Merchants Association, Livonia Mall Management Office, 29514 Seven Mile, Livonia 48152 to Bill Checks, marketing manager.
Entries may be dropped off from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline to submit entries is 5 p.m. Thursday, April 25.
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CARRIE L. RICE
Services for Carrie L. Rice, 92, of Chelsea, will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Cole-Burghard Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.
Mrs. Rice was born Nov. 25, 1898, in Bethpage, Tenn. She died Monday, April 8, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was a former member of the Highland Park Baptist Church.
Mrs. Rice is survived by one daughter, Marilyn Chandler of Chelsea; three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.
The Rev. James Simmons will officiate the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea United Methodist Home or the charity of choice.

MARY Y. MONTGOMERY
Services for Mary Y. Montgomery, 53, of Westland, were Tuesday, April 9, at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust, 100 Funeral Home. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.
Mrs. Montgomery was born May 2, 1937 in Sanburg, Tenn. She died Saturday, April 6, at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. She was employed as a nurse's aide.
Mrs. Montgomery is survived by her husband, Russell Montgomery of Westland; two sons, Danny Montgomery of Phoenix, Ariz. and Russell Montgomery of Westland; one daughter, Beverly Montgomery of Howell; three grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Kirby of Plymouth and Gene Kirby of Alabama; and three sisters, Sue Robinson of Plymouth, Helen Clifton of Ypsilanti and Joyce Peet of Pinckney.
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Earth Day activities on tap at state park

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First, second and third place finishers in the men's and women's categories of the 10-kilometer run will also receive prizes.
Entry is \$3 for the run, \$6 for the walk through Friday, April 12. After that, registration is \$11 for the run, \$7 for the walk.
The run and walk are sponsored by Running Fit, Northville Community Recreation and the University of Michigan Health Center, Northville.
Registration applications are available by calling 349-0203. Other Earth Day programs include:
• A two-hour children's program, featuring a concert by the music group Mustard's Retreat. Other activities include jugglers, face painting, a Big Wheel/tricycle race, petting farm and visit from Smokey the Bear.
• A salute to Desert Storm troops, sponsored by the Westside Chapter of the Michigan Military Family support Group, 2 p.m.
• Educational programs and presentations on environmental issues, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the park.
A calendar of events is available by calling Peg Campbell of the U.M., 936-9538 or Traci Gottschalk, Northville Community Recreation, 349-0203.

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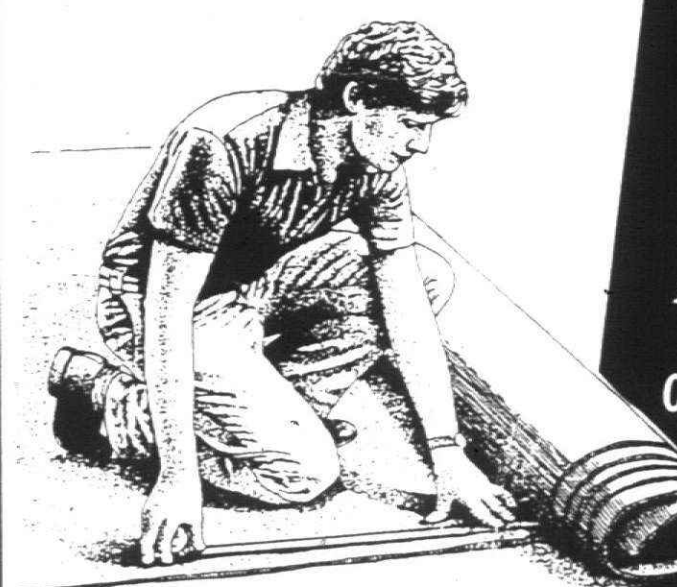
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CHAD M. BAKER is among the following Canton residents to receive a scholarship at Eastern Michigan University. Kelly M. Kaye, Tamara M. Santomero, Ann Patrick and Stefanie A. Turk. Plymouth residents are Matthew R. Hader, Joanna M. Liller, Jeannette C. Martin and Michael R. Teiler.

DEBORAH GOLDSMITH is among the following Canton residents to receive undergraduate assistantships at Eastern Michigan University. Lisa Lewandowski and Elizabeth Masella.

SARAH KUHANECK is among the following Plymouth Canton High School students to participate in Eastern Michigan University's Washburn Regional Competition of the Michigan Citizen Bee. Brian Sample and Paul Wisniewski. Plymouth Salem High School students are Nick Dazer, Jack Gatlin and Gwen Steffen.

COLLEEN QUINN, a 1988 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, appeared in Eastern Michigan University's February production of "The Bakshi."

JASON FORRESTER of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list at Ferris State University.

DEBBIE DEJOHN, daughter of

Paul and Lynn DeJohn of Plymouth, recently gave a clarinet solo performance in concert at Grand Valley State University. She graduated in 1987 from Plymouth Canton High School.

ANN KOTCHER, formerly of Canton, graduated magna cum laude from Hillsdale College. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David E. Kotcher of Rochester Hills.

JIM DAVIS of Canton was recently named to the All-MIAA team as a Hornet swimmer at Kalamazoo College. He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School.

RICHARD B. LYONS of Plymouth is a student at Northwestern University's J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He is a 1987 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

LISA JACKSON of Canton recently appeared in the Mercy High School play "The King and I."

ROBERT J. ZAMBIASI, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Zambiasi of Plymouth, has been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at Michigan State University. He is a 1988 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

RENEE ROTHERMEL, daughter of John and Irene of Canton, has graduated from Michigan State University. She is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

THE FOLLOWING Canton residents have graduated from Michigan State University: Kimberly L. Coleman, Jeffrey J. Edward, Andrew W. Orr and James B. Young.

THE FOLLOWING Plymouth residents have graduated from Michigan State University: Leanne M. Becker, Gregory R. Buck, Christopher Carl, Paul J. Graza, Karen S. Holmstead and Kimberly D. Reeves.

KYLE AUSTIN and **JAMES SHUPE** have been included in the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Austin is a 1986 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford and is the son of Jack and Barbara Austin of Canton. Shupe is a 1985 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and is the son of Richard and Betty Shupe of Plymouth.

NAMED TO the dean's list at Northern Michigan University are Jennifer L. Pye of Canton and Plymouth residents Jo Ann E. Baldwin,

Janet L. Holmstead, Scott A. Rama and John M. Stocker.

TIMOTHY J. TSIANG of Canton is a co-op student with Chrysler Corp. through Oakland University.

THE FOLLOWING Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high school students have been honored for superior achievement in mathematics by the Mathematical Association of America: Kevin Holmes, Leon Hong, Kaori Sage and Wilson Lee. Lee received a bronze medal.

THESE FIFTH GRADE students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have received Plymouth Township awards for DARE essays on preventing drug abuse: Patrick Belvitch, Kristin Gordon, Stephanie Groth, Katie Luick, Lisa Perry and Becky Smith.

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton won first place in the 15th Congressional District in a National Map Contest.

ERIC NIELSON of Plymouth has been nominated by U.S. Rep. Carl D. Pursell to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

ROBERT W. ZENS, son of Tom and Carole Zens of Canton, was

placed on the honor roll at the University of Dallas. He is a 1990 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central. He was inducted into an international honor society in history (Kappa Rho).

THE FOLLOWING Canton residents have graduated from Western Michigan University: Philip Bocketti, David A. Duda, Lynda J. Dudley and Laura L. Ernst.

CHARLES D. PACKARD of Plymouth recently appeared in the lead role of "Torch Song Trilogy" at Western Michigan University.

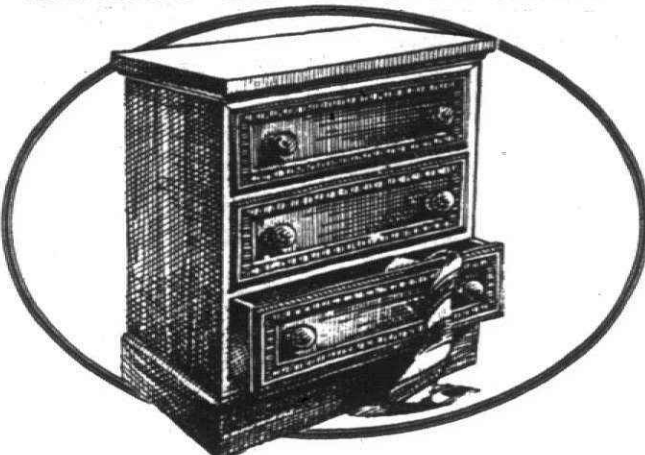
ANDREW S. FLOWER, son of Sally Flower of Plymouth, graduated from the University of Kansas.

THE FOLLOWING Canton residents have been nominated for the Tandy Technology Scholars program

of outstanding math/science/computer science students: Lynn Biberdorf of Plymouth Christian Academy, Kevin L. Holmes of Plymouth Canton High School and Trisha N. Bussell of Plymouth Salem High School.

THESE STUDENTS have been nominated from their schools for the Tandy Technology Scholars program of top 2 percent academic students: Raymond J. Adamaki, Andrew M. Albus, Eric F. Bannera, Marco Corridore, Nayan Hajratwala, Meera C. Kataria, Heather L. Kaye, Esther Y. Kim, Kevin K. Kim, Patrick G. Meyer and Kal-Ann P. Sang. From Plymouth Canton High School: Jason C. Behnke, Prakash Chinnaiyan, David J. Donaldson, Douglas A. Fry, Sandra L. Hersman, Jennifer L. Horste, Payal Parekh, Jeffrey A. Reardon, Craig J. Rice, Amy E. Sullivan and Rebecca A. Wu. From Plymouth Salem High School:

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Area Dems are upbeat about party's future

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young were noticeably absent at Saturday's major fund-raiser for the state Democrat party, but other big guns joined rank and file during the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner to celebrate "a party on the move."

Two of Bloomfield Hills' newest residents, former governor James Blanchard and wife Janet, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, and U.S. Reps. Sander Levin, John Dingell and John Conyers were among those attending.

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, thought by many in the crowd to be a strong possible presidential contender in 1992, delivered the keynote address of the evening, calling notions that Democrats may be in trouble pure "bovine scatology."

In spite of soaring popularity for President George Bush and Michigan's election last year of Republican Gov. John Engler, spirits soared.

Many perceive Engler's controversial cuts in the state budget to be the best campaign possible for Democratic victory in 1992.

"THE GOVERNOR'S budget cuts reflect a bankrupt philosophy and a lot of innocent people, women and children, are being cut out," said state Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, co-chair of the event.

"Right now, it's very, very distressing. My real concern is, it's going to get worse and not better."

Sid and Diane Lutz of Farmington Hills are also concerned. "It's very easy to cut the disadvantaged, until you know someone who is disadvantaged, or until you become one of the disadvantaged," Diane Lutz said.

Berman chairs the state House committee on redistricting, an important factor in upcoming elections, according to Lou Miller, former chair of Oakland County Democrats and the first black to hold the position. Miller is now an officer at large in the state party.

Redistricting is especially crucial in Oakland County suburbs, accord-

McNamara, Young are no-shows at dinner

ing to Miller, because there are pockets of Democrats who, if geographically positioned correctly, could swing election outcomes in predominantly Republican territory.

Dennis Shrewsbury of Plymouth handed out cards reminding those present there were only 1,311 days left to elect a Democratic governor on Nov. 8, 1994.

"As far as I'm concerned, we have nowhere to go but up," Miller said.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Picano, a Livonia native and admitted lifelong Democrat, said: "Democrats are in a position to forge a program based on domestic issues. And I want to see the same commitment and re-

sources that went into the Gulf war to now go into the war on crime."

LUTZ, A BUSINESSMAN in Farmington Hills, predicts Picano might well get his wish, suggesting the euphoria of the war's aftermath will give way to economic frustration and demands for change on the domestic scene.

At a reception prior to the dinner, Gov. Blanchard visited with party faithful. "Michigan has a bright future, regardless of who is in office. Obviously, I think the Democrats have done the most for the state. Later, he received a standing ovation."

Ron Thayer of West Bloomfield, a former fund-raiser for the governor, said "the pendulum swings back and forth. I wouldn't concede anything between now and November 1992."

Attorney Bill Brodhead of Bingham Farms also concedes little. "Look, Democrats control both houses of Congress. A majority of governors in the country are Democrat. We control the state house and we're two seats short of controlling the Michigan Senate. It's not as good as we'd like but we're not doing that bad."

Barbara Johnson of Livonia surveys the scene. "I see many, many of the same people and some new faces. That's good," said Johnson, accompanied to the event by Ann Mastey, also of Livonia.

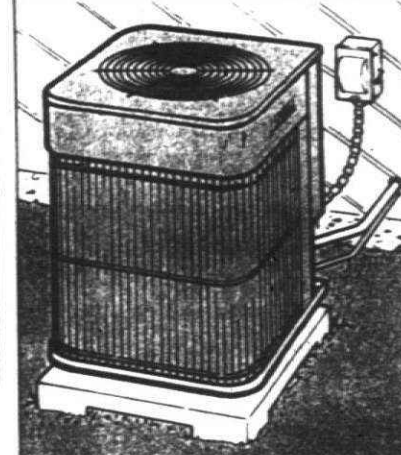
Across the room, Richard Hammer, a district judge in Garden City, and Lathrup Village Mayor Pat Dickinson held forth. "I'm non-partisan," Hammer said with a laugh. Dickinson discusses a \$10 million sewage bond recently passed in the village.

"The Democrats are still here," concludes Roger Winkelman of Bloomfield Hills.



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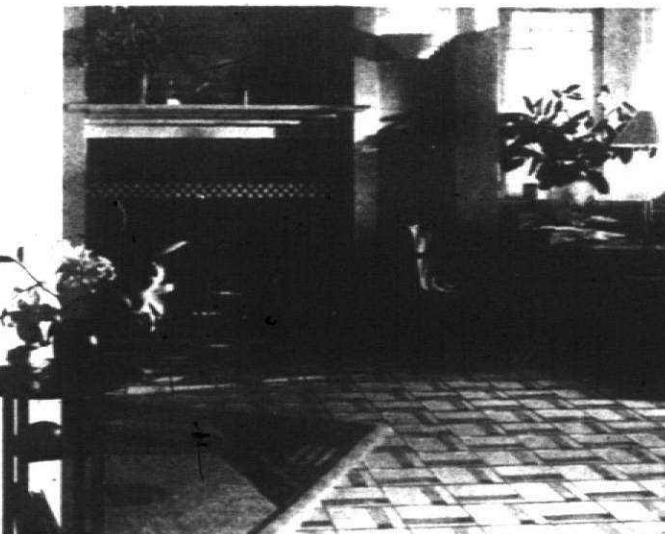
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Lawmakers unmoved by lure of retirement windfall

AP — A decade ago, then-Rep. James Blanchard spared his Democratic colleagues considerable agony by leaving Congress to run for governor.

The 1980 Census had decreed that Michigan would lose one House seat, and Blanchard's departure made it easy for the state Legislature to craft new districts without pitting incumbents against each other.

Now the task is doubly difficult: by 1992 the map must be redrawn to reflect the state's loss of another two seats. And this time none of the 18 House members appears willing to step aside.

"Nobody's volunteering," said an aide to one of the senior Michigan lawmakers. "Whoever leaves will go kicking and screaming."

Ordinarily, members of Congress wanting to keep their jobs would be about as surprising as, say, the sun rising in the morning. These folks try to entrench themselves so firmly that potential opponents will decide it's not worth the trouble to challenge them.

Even so, it had been widely predicted that dozens of veteran lawmakers would head for home before a law takes effect barring

House members from pocketing their unspent political funds.

UNDER THE law, any member who was elected before 1980 and quits before 1993 can keep whatever was in his campaign kitty at the end of 1989.

Twelve of Michigan's 18 House members are eligible for this financial windfall. Leading the way is 34-year veteran Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, who could keep \$655,652 if he retired.

Broomfield's district stretches from Rochester to Farmington and includes Troy and the Birmingham/

Bloomfield area.

Other Michigan eligibles are Reps. William Ford, D-Taylor, \$223,616, and Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, \$154,564.

Ford's district includes southern Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Canton. Pursell's district includes northern Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Sander Levin, D-Southfield, was first elected in 1982 and isn't eligible.

Why isn't anyone taking the money and running?

Love of the job appears to be the biggest reason. Michigan's delega-

tion is perhaps the nation's most powerful for its size, with three members — John Conyers, D-Detroit, John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Ford — chairing major committees. Most of the others hold key committee or party leadership posts.

For this breed, the trappings of politics and government simply are more alluring than money. Broomfield, whose office walls are covered with photographs of himself with world leaders, relishes being the top-ranking Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee. "I'd still like to be chairman of the committee some day," he said.

BUT DON'T feel too sorry for your representatives. By the average American's standards, they're a long way from the poor house: Rank-and-file House members will earn \$125,100 this year.

And most would have no trouble earning solid incomes after leaving Congress — as lobbyists, lawyers, teachers, lecturers or business people.

Finally, there's the little-publicized matter of congressional pensions. They are two to three times more generous than most in the private sector, according to the non-partisan National Taxpayers Union.

The group estimates that pensions will make millionaires of 254 current representatives and 77 senators. The study was based on the lawmakers' age, length of service and life expectancy according to standard mortality tables used by the insurance industry.

If the study is accurate, Conyers could expect to receive \$3 million in retirement benefits if he retired in 1993. Ford likely would take in around \$2.3 million. Eight others probably would top the \$1 million threshold.

Retire? This crowd is just getting started.

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Learning can be fun, West teacher demonstrates

Tom Williams of West Middle School has been named "Outstanding Middle School Teacher" for Wayne County in the Intermediate School District's Newsweek-WDIV Teacher Recognition Program.

The award recognizes teachers who excel at teaching, encourage students to attain their potential, and demonstrate good leadership and citizenship qualities.

Fellow teacher Cynthia Ontko nominated Williams, calling him "a masterful teacher."

"His students appreciate and seek learning because he makes learning fun," she said.

"Tom Williams believes in his students, and he never misses an opportunity to remind them of that," she said. "He is a man of warmth, compassion, sensitivity and empathy. These qualities, blended with his keen sense of humor, give him a charisma, which draws people to him."

Williams, who has coached almost every sport offered at the middle or high school level, will be recognized at a ceremony at the Wayne County Intermediate School District. That will be followed by a dinner banquet

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— Cynthia Ontko
fellow teacher

May 15 at the Roostertail Club. Williams will receive a \$2,000 award.

Williams has taught at West since graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 1974. He has taught sixth-grade and seventh-grade language arts. He also serves as sixth-grade department chairman.

Gary Balconi, athletic manager at Plymouth Salem High School, strongly endorsed Williams' nomination.

"Tom grew up in Plymouth, having lived here since his family relocated from western Pennsylvania when he was 9. His leadership skills were evident at an early age, as he was his class president in grades seven through 12," said Balconi.

"Tom continues to be actively in-

involved in the community," said Balconi. "He is a Mason and Shriner and has served as president for the Wayne County Masons. He has coached both recreation and A.A.U. basketball teams. Two years ago he spoke before various groups on behalf of the school district's successful 'I Care' campaign. Additionally, he and his family are actively involved at the First United Methodist church of Plymouth where Tom is an usher."

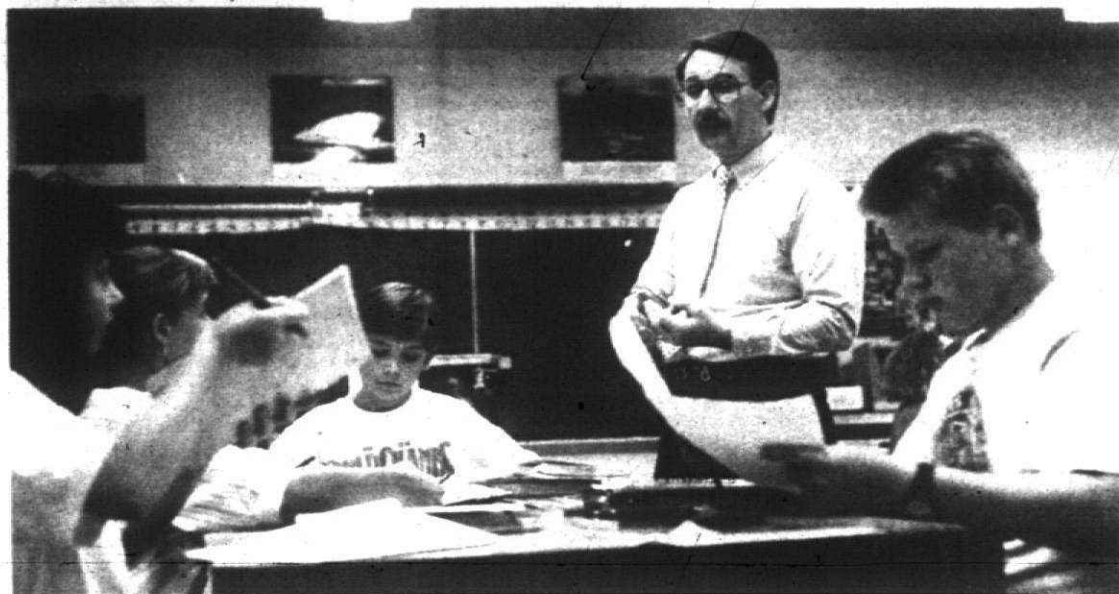
Williams was saluted by the Plymouth-Canton school board at a recent meeting.

A thankful Williams said "it's been unnerving to be recognized by your peers, and also you." Williams said working to meet the needs of middle school students had been a team effort involving other teachers, administrators, support staff and "last but not least, my students."

"They challenge me each day. Through their eyes, I've learned a great deal about myself."

"We as a board certainly appreciate having people bring such credit to the district," said Swartzwelder.

WDIV-TV plans to air a segment on Williams the first June 1.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Students say Tom Williams — honored as the Outstanding Middle School Teacher for Wayne County in the Newsweek-WDIV Teacher Rec-

ognition Program — encourages them to work to their potential.

Pen pal, home from the sea, visits Plymouth-Christian Academy

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Third-graders at Plymouth-Christian Academy had a vested interest in the Persian Gulf War — Navy man Carlton June of Garden City.

Students in Sharon Hay's classroom wrote to June while he was in the Red Sea aboard the U.S.S. Kennedy in Operation Desert Storm. The 1989 graduate of Garden City High School is a friend of the family of third-grader Amber Jbara.

Tuesday was a special day at the academy.

Home from the Persian Gulf and on leave from the Navy, June was expected any minute in Sharon Hay's classroom to meet and visit with his young pen pals.

STUDENTS WERE ready with a list of questions and a poem for June.

Mike Kwek wanted to know "what made him join the Navy?"

Rachel Sumner wondered "if he made any friends on the ship."

Danny Fick wanted to ask June "if he worked with torpedoes."

Leigh Archibald wondered "if he liked being aboard ship."

Ellen Gallerini wanted to know if June "used any torpedoes in the war?"

Did June "meet any one new on the ship?" wondered Eric Garham.

Other students wondered whether the oil spill in the Persian Gulf affected the U.S.S. Kennedy; what June did in his free time; and what the food and bathrooms were like.

SHORTLY AFTER 10 a.m., June and his new wife Heather, of Westland, arrived and the students got answers to all their questions. But not before Amber read June the poem she wrote with her class:

"Thank you to a special soldier," wrote the students. "Thank you dear Carl, for fighting for freedom. We think what you did was loyal and true."

"The U.S.S. Kennedy was strong and helpful, and kept you safe on top of the blue."

"We're glad you're home safely, your family is, too."

"With happiness and thankful hearts, may God bless you."

In a chair much too small for his six-foot frame, the lean and uniformed Navy man sat as students

gathered at his feet. He thanked them for their letters — "They really cheered me up" — and began answering students' barrage of questions.

ABOARD THE U.S.S. Kennedy, which launched the first aerial mission of the war, June worked on machinery that propels the ship, the length of three-and-a-half football fields with capacity for 5,000.

Three times a day after the war began, 30-40 planes took off on missions over Iraq.

"It hurt your ears, even though you wore ear plugs," said June, who got seasick just once.

Sometimes, soldiers were blown off the ship the wind was so strong. "We'd go pick them up with small boats," June said.

"Did the Iraqis get close to your ship?" asked a student. "We wouldn't let them," replied June. The oil spill didn't affect the Kennedy, as it was based in the Red Sea, not the Persian Gulf, June said.

ONE DAY there was a fire on board, caused by a fuel leak. Luckily, it was quickly extinguished.

June didn't meet President George Bush, but said Vice President Dan Quayle came aboard.

June told the youngsters he slept in a room with 150 men, with narrow beds stacked "three and four high."

June said he didn't work with torpedoes; "we have missile launchers on our ship. We shot down 25 planes. Torpedoes are in submarines."

Meals consisted of fish, chicken

and hamburgers "that weren't too good," said June, who is being honored with several medals and badges including a presidential citation. "We didn't have milk for seven-and-a-half months."

THAT DIDN'T sound particularly bad to one student, who said, "I hate milk."

June said he joined the Navy, as did his father, "to see places. We visited Egypt, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Egypt was really dirty, but the people were nice, because we were spending our money," he said.

June said everyone on ship was glad once the war started. "When we were over there so long with nothing happening, people were getting kind of irritated. But once the war started, we knew we'd be home soon."

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Dirt roads

Paving would improve safety

THE DEATHS of two local high school students have some Canton and Plymouth residents and law enforcement officials wondering about the safety of dirt roads.

Five local youths were traveling between 40 and 50 miles an hour when their car went out of control and hit a tree, according to Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies.

Napier Road is the suspect. And Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro last week asked Wayne County to study a portion of the road north of Warren. He wants to determine if road conditions caused the accident.

We applaud Santomauro's request. However, a look at the problems of dirt roads should go further. There are rural dirt roads in both Canton and Plymouth townships.

Officials have told us that many of those roads carry more traffic than paved roads in other parts of the state. That prompts us to suggest that Plymouth and Canton townships take the initiative to study the roads.

Since Napier, Ridge and Joy roads, all of which have dirt stretches, run through both townships, Plymouth and Canton should work together on a solution.

Our suggestion is to pave the remainder of Joy Road and all of Napier Road. That should be done as quickly as possible for the benefit of residents and drivers.

Paving may anger some residents who insist that dirt roads and a rural atmosphere go hand in hand. But leaving them in their present state is unacceptable.

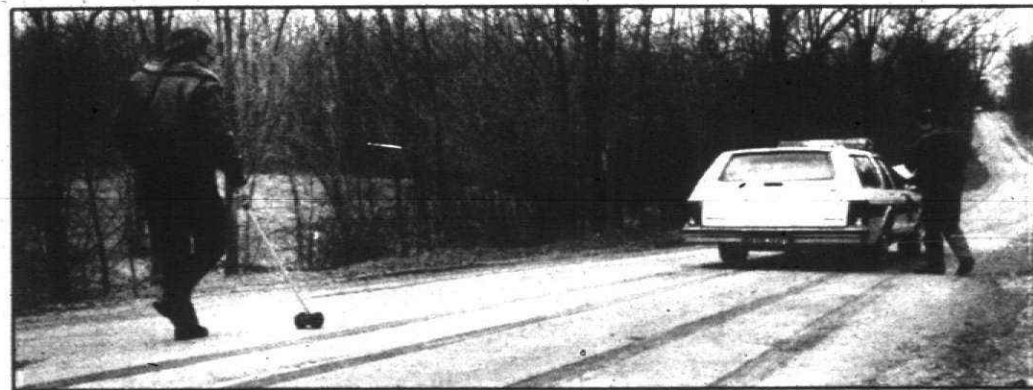
Rapid development in the more rural areas of Plymouth and Canton townships is putting pressure on dirt roads that weren't designed to handle so much traffic.

There are road blocks to paving. Money is one. It's an expensive solution. There's another, residents. They often want to retain the rural atmosphere of their neighborhoods and keeping their roads dirt is a key element in that quest.

However, Napier, Ridge and Joy have become key thoroughfares and should be paved.

Rural may have described this area 20 years ago. Today, the suburbs are creeping up on what was once rolling hills and farm land. Traffic volume must be a consideration.

It's time for the two communities to get together on the issue before any more lives are lost.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies measure the skid marks on Napier Road.

Striking out

Urban sprawl feeds on move

THERE ARE many unanswered questions, but we encourage Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara in his efforts to keep the Detroit Tigers downtown.

Keeping the Tigers in Detroit is in everyone's best interest.

It's in the best interest of the city. Losing the major league baseball team would severely damage Detroit's redevelopment.

It's in the best interest of the suburbs. Keeping the Tigers in the city would go a long way toward halting urban sprawl.

It's in the best interest of fans. Downtown Detroit is easily accessible, even from the most far-flung corners of our sprawling metropolitan region. The objective is to show Tiger management it's in their best interest, too.

McNamara is trying to do just that. Armed with county bonds, McNamara is trying to convince the Tigers to remain in the city.

The county executive is promoting an ambitious plan that would tie stadium development to redevelopment in its surrounding neighborhood.

Thus far, many details remain unexplained. It isn't known whether Tiger Stadium would remain, or whether the Tigers would move to a new stadium elsewhere in the city.

Likewise, it isn't entirely known how the project would be financed.

But based on what we've heard to date, we believe McNamara is on the right track.

Several years ago, before any stadium plans had been proposed, we strongly expressed our preference for private financing. That is still our preference.

But we realize this isn't a perfect world. Even if the Tigers were to move somewhere else — Washtenaw County, for instance — it's extremely likely public money would be used to expand

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roads and add water and sewer lines. The end result, more urban sprawl, is hardly in the best interest of our region.

The financing plan promoted by McNamara, using a ticket surcharge and, possibly, a hotel/motel tax appears a lesser evil.

That doesn't mean we have no concerns about using public financing for stadium construction or renovation.

We know its track record isn't good. Toronto's new Skydome is already running heavily in the red, even though its turnstiles have been whirling with a record number of baseball fans. Likewise, the sorry tale of the Pontiac Silverdome hardly needs retelling.

McNamara, however, has built his career on fiscal responsibility, on balancing county budgets after years of debt.

At least to this point, it appears unlikely he would risk sending the county back into debt — even for a project as important as this.

So, in baseball terms, we're giving McNamara the signal to swing away.

He might strike out. But he just might hit a home run — for the city, for the fans and for our region.

Insurers must cover adoptees

STATE SENATORS in the Commerce Committee have a chance to help Michigan make good on President George Bush's pledge to promote adoption over abortion.

The Michigan House of Representatives has passed three bills sponsored by Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, to remove an impediment to adoption. The bills would require health insurers to cover adopted children the day they enter their new homes — the same as birth children.

Currently, health insurers require a one year waiting period after an adoptee enters the home. They also deny coverage for pre-existing medical conditions for adoptees, although children born to the family are covered. All kids should be treated the same — and will be, if Berman's bills pass the Senate.

One-fourth of couples adopt children with "special needs" — emotionally or physically impaired, minorities, siblings that need to be adopted together. It doesn't follow that those kids will be medically fragile — just a few.

Where they are adopted in well-to-do suburbs or rural areas where medical services are scarce, it may be difficult to find a practitioner who accepts Medicaid patients.

House Bills 4119-21 are back in the Senate Commerce Committee where, in the 1990 shuffle, similar bills died. Hopefully his panel will get them passed with bipartisan support.

Our leaders may disagree on tax cuts and spending, but they ought to agree that adoption is good. Especially for kids.



Federal tax cut game hurts states' budgets

QUESTION: Is our state budget crisis unique to Michigan?

Answer: Nope. Lots of other states are in big trouble. In fact, some experts say that today's national, state and local budget crises are the worst since the Great Depression.

Question: Michigan's budget is \$1.1 billion in the hole, according to Gov. John Engler. Is Michigan's crisis worse than other states?

Answer: Not at all. Michigan is only one of a dozen states where the 1991 shortfall is more than 10 percent of the total budget. Others: California, Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Mississippi, New York, Rhode Island, Virginia and Connecticut.

Question: How did things get like that?

Answer: Ah! There's a good one.

A PARTIAL answer, of course, is the recession, which has cut tax receipts over all. But there's another very important cause, one that most politicians in Washington would rather keep hidden.

What really happened in the 1980s was a federal-state tax cut shell game in which the states came out losers.

Here's how: Under the spell of Reagan rhetoric, Congress cut income tax rates, especially for those with big incomes. Then the pea of raising taxes to pay the bills was quietly switched from the feds to state and local government.

The top federal income tax rate dropped from 70 percent in 1981 to

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31 percent this year. Meanwhile, state and local taxes soared from 17 percent of national income to 19 percent. Last year's total state-local tax revenue exceeded federal receipts.

To make matters worse, the feds kept dumping program requirements on the states but refused to fund them. Take Medicaid, which helps pay for health care for the poor. Medicaid took \$3 of every \$100 that Michigan spent in 1970, while it could take as much as \$15 this year. But the feds contribute no more.

And you wondered why the taxpayer revolts are taking place in the states? Engler knows. His last-minute tax score TV ads played a role in defeating former Gov. James Blanchard.

WAIT, THERE'S more. Not only were taxes shifted from federal to state and local units during the 1980s, but there was also a change in incidence. That's a polite way of saying the middle class and poor were gored while the rich made out good.

Why? Because the federal income tax the one that decreased — is basically progressive. The more you



Phillip Power

earn, the higher percentage you pay. But state and local taxes — on property and sales, for example — are regressive. They fall as "hard" or harder on the poor.

Result: a massive, largely unnoticed shift in tax policy in America over the past 10 years. Taxes have shifted from federal to state and local, have increased overall and have become more regressive.

This is the real reason why Gov. Engler is so vulnerable to charges that he's "mean spirited" in his budget proposals. Not only is he proposing to cut back on a large range of human services such as job training and welfare which benefit the middle class and poor, but he is also in office at a time when national tax policy is reopening the old debate over sticking it to the working people while the rich get off easy.

This may not always be apparent in the daily headlines. But in a state like Michigan with a populist tradition where most folks describe themselves as "working people," it spells long range trouble.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

You see, teachers in Michigan are

from our readers

Concerned citizens are childish

To the editor:

I agree with Dr. Stephenson of Plymouth in his view of Plymouth Concerned Citizens. I don't know the man, but he is certainly a shrewd judge of character. They are, in my opinion, a bunch of childish, ignorant, loud mouthed, bad-tempered nincompoops, the whole lot of them.

I have followed their antics in the Mettetal issue since their formation and their actions seem to follow a certain pattern time and again.

The same few loud people who call themselves "concerned" introduce various negative issues at public hearings about the airport.

Most of the points are rebutted and proven to be incorrect by various federal, state, and local officials as well as other informed sources who are versed in the specifics of the issue.

Claims immediately follow from the "concerned" citizens that "officials just won't listen (read agree) to the will of the people (read 'concerned citizens')."

Letters written to local papers filled with innuendos and twisting of the facts — often with the same questions raised that were answered the night before at the public hearing completely and accurately. They seem to want to confuse, not clarify.

public perception and gain momentum on their confusion and anger. Drives to recall public officials that don't listen (agree) to the spoiled busybodies, trying to cause so much turmoil that the elected officials will give up — often repeating their unformed (and not likely to change) opinion not fact to any who will listen.

Enough is enough. You claim outside aviation interests — how about the major stockholder of a competing airport (that has a lot to lose when Mettetal goes public) giving you assistance in your fight? How naive can you people be? You are smearing your own duly elected, and I feel, exemplary officials. These people were elected by a majority to make these kinds of non-property tax decisions — not you. I wouldn't trust any of you to be in charge of reporting when the sun came up.

You have cost the city of Plymouth a fine and honest mayor with your confusion bandwagon, lawsuits, threats of recall, and general rudeness. God help us if the likes of you had that man's responsibility of office and the hard decisions that come with it. Plymouth would be vacant.

Take a rest. You've done enough damage. Surely your sun doesn't rise and fall on the Mettetal issue. For some strange reason you seem fixated on it at the expense of all else. I don't know how much money you've spent on your full page newspaper ads airing your public concern or your expensive recall petition drive — or your lawyer that represents you in your gadfly lawsuits

or whose money it was. (you folks are so concerned about "tax dollars" I'd be shocked if the money came from you) but people are not stupid. We know you are not looking out for "the poor little old taxpayer" you are looking out for your own interests. And I'm sure they will never be publicly aired.

Bill Herrick
Canton

An endless tirade on Mettetal

To the editor:

Where are the so "Concerned Plymouth Citizens" when the neo-Nazi demonstrators parade in their "neat little picture postcard" city? Where is their outcry? Perhaps they were too busy helping one of their "outside aviation interests" (a stockholder in a competing airport) restore one of his expensive flying Nazi war machines complete with swastikas.

Just asking!

Perhaps the citizens of Plymouth should take a good physical look at "concerned citizens" who claim to speak for them and endlessly tirade about the Mettetal issue and no other.

Carol Herrick,
Canton

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Shame on the ravages of Iraq

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

While we Americans coped with the terrible stress of war, gratefully turning to instant support groups and hot lines, and debating at length how best to shield our young lest they be marked by unfolding events, something escaped our attention altogether.

From 100,000 to 200,000 Iraqis died.

A spokeswoman for the Southfield-based Chaldean Federation narrows the figure to between 112,000 and 135,000, counting both civilian and military deaths.

Now I know that Saddam Hussein started it all, and that advanced technology has virtually assured only military targets were bombed. But still, one hundred to 200,000! Certainly that counts for something, at least a touch of compassion. As somebody pointed out, we're not talking about rabid dogs here.

WHAT HAPPENED? What's happening?

I think the answer partially lies in what may well be the greatest public relations spin of the century, or perhaps ever. The great fiction.

First, we said Operation Desert Storm was necessary to protect the oil. That didn't wash well with the American public who had the good sense to realize oil is hardly worth a war.

Next, we said it was necessary to provide protection against a pending invasion of Saudi Arabia. When that didn't come to pass, the correct formula for arousing American passion was found by comparing Saddam Hussein to Hitler.

Dictator that he is, Hussein simply is no Hitler. Today, there are only two Hitler clones, Uganda's Idi Amin who lives quite comfortably in the country of our close ally, Saudi Arabia, and Cambodia's Pol Pot who is our political ally. Both murdered an

estimated one-third of their own people. Idi even ate some of his.

NO, SADDAM is not a Hitler. Not a nice guy with a conflicting political agenda to ours, but certainly not worth decimating an entire nation for or, in the words of President Bush, showing who's in charge.

While we Americans bravely faced the war with our yellow ribbons, and in the process also rid ourselves of residual guilt over Vietnam, a nation comparable to New York or Texas in population lost in less than 60 days two to four times the number of Americans killed in Vietnam over 15 years.

I suspect it's going to take a bit more than a support group or a hot line for Iraqis to come to terms with that in years to come.

So aptly put it on March 21, "Americans aren't going to feel guilty" because Saddam started it all.

After all, Iraq was a military

might, an awesome, fearsome threat ready to devour its neighbors. Odd, isn't it, they barely got off a shot.

FROM THE beginning, I was puzzled by the depiction of Iraq's military prowess. Anyone who has ever traveled to a developing nation knows full well there is little comparison to the industrialized west. This is not discrimination. It's fact. Developing nations are just that, developing.

Don't get me wrong. I don't object to a good fight, so long as it's fair. And so long as it's not based on a great fiction. Once war is declared, I say fight to win.

But indifference to the suffering of the magnitude now ravaging Iraq is shameful. Shame on us!

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School finances curb education

QUESTION: Our school district has not been able to pass a much-needed millage vote in its last five attempts. They are talking about cutting out all athletic events. I know money is tight but cutting football bothers me. My son plays on the team. Don't educators believe sports are important for a good program?



Doc Doyle

ANSWER: I am a great believer in the value of athletics, music, art and other enriching experiences for students. But cutting football is the least of the educational problems in a district that is "going down the drain" due to lack of financial support.

For instance, lack of operating money means not only cutting programs but cutting teachers, especially over the past 10 years. Taxes have shifted from federal to state and local, have increased overall and have become more regressive.

This is the real reason why Gov. Engler is so vulnerable to charges that he's "mean spirited" in his budget proposals. Not only is he proposing to cut back on a large range of human services such as job training and welfare which benefit the middle class and poor, but he is also in office at a time when national tax policy is reopening the old debate over sticking it to the working people while the rich get off easy.

This may not always be apparent in the daily headlines. But in a state like Michigan with a populist tradition where most folks describe themselves as "working people," it spells long range trouble.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

devastating classroom situations in districts that are financially strapped. Situations such as:

• A junior high physical education teacher, after years in the gym, was reassigned to teach first grade because the first grade teacher had less seniority and was released.

• I remember a great second grade teacher with five years experience who was reassigned to teach English at the eighth grade level because of a lack of money and the release of less senior staff.

• How about the high school chemistry teacher with 2 years experience who was told he would now teach junior high English?

BECAUSE OF state certification and teacher contract language, you literally could have a kindergarten teacher bump a junior high shop teacher with less seniority.

So to answer your question, cutting football is unfortunate. But the damage to the K-2 education because of a lack of local financial support far exceeds the reduction of football.

I coached for several years. Athletics, music, art, play production and other enriching experiences develop student confidence and help round out young adults.

But so can teachers positively mold young adults in the classroom if they are teaching in the area for which they were prepared.

YES, FOOTBALL is important. But long periods of financial instability in districts with quality educational programs is far more damaging.

James "Doc" Doyle, a former teacher/school administrator/university instructor, is president of Doyle and Associates, an educational consulting firm.

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Suburban habitats endanger large birds

Not too long ago the predominant heavy bodied buteo hawk in southeastern Michigan was the red-shouldered hawk. Large tracts of undisturbed forest were the ideal habitat for the red-shouldered hawk.

As a result of man's arrival in large numbers throughout southeastern Michigan, and a subsequent change in land use, the red-tailed hawk is now the predominant buteo hawk in our area. Red-tailed hawks and great horned owls prefer wooded areas for nest-

ing, while using the meadows or open land for hunting.

Man's encroachment in southeastern Michigan has not only altered the habitats but has caused many other problems for hawks and birds in general.

Windows in houses and buildings are estimated to kill 3.5 million birds per year. Tall buildings, radio towers, utility wires and automobiles are just some of the other sources of bird mortalities in the United States. One researcher estimates that 197 million birds are

killed as a result of man per year.

Not all birds are killed, many are injured. Throughout Michigan and the United States there are trained people who rehabilitate injured birds. Most do this because of their love for the animals and receive no compensation for their efforts — except the rush that comes when their rehabilitated bird flies away.

Large birds, such as hawks and owls, are often the victims of man's development. Their large size and diet also make them good

nature

Timothy Nowicki

candidates for rehabilitation.

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



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How to write perfect resume

Writing the perfect resume is the goal of a new computer program offered by the Schoolcraft College Career Planning and Placement Center.

The program guides participants through the process in step-by-step fashion and helps answer participant questions.

Program designer Tom Jackson is author of several books, including "Guerrilla Tactics in the Job Market."

The program also includes meetings with career counselors to help define employment objectives.

Fee is \$15 for students currently enrolled at Schoolcraft, \$25 for non-students.

Additional information is available by calling the college career planning and placement center, 462-4421.

Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Class targets office skills

A Schoolcraft College office skills seminar will be offered on Secretary's Day, Wednesday, April 24.

Tips will be offered on improving office etiquette, communication skills, goal setting and motivation.

Blazing New Trails Into the '90s, a live video conference featuring internationally known management consultant Natasha Josefowitz, will also be presented.

The seminar meets at 10:30 a.m. in the college Waterman Center. The \$50 fee includes seminar materials, refreshments and lunch.

The Waterman Center is on the main college campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Additional information is available by calling the college continuing education services division, 462-4448.

Special ed services told

This month, the State Board of Education is participating in Project Find — a national program to assist parents of handicapped youngsters from one month to 5 years old.

Project Find provides information about special education services offered by area public school districts. It also helps arrange free comprehensive testing to establish individual testing programs. Services are free.

Local Project Find contact people are:

• Oakland County — Cherrill Flynn, Oakland Intermediate Schools, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Information is available by calling 858-1899.

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S'craft offers parenting class

How to Talk and Listen to Kids, a seminar for parents, is scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Schoolcraft College.

The program offers tips on raising a child's self-esteem. It stresses mutual respect, self-discipline and acceptance of feelings. It teaches parents how to diminish fights, relax tension and enjoy their children.

Fee is \$20. To register, or for additional information, call the college continuing education services division, 462-4448.

Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Blood drive set

An American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Schoolcraft College-Radcliff Community Room, 2:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

Area hospitals need approximately 1,200 pints of blood per day to meet their needs.

Those who wish to donate blood can make an appointment by calling 462-4400, Ext. 6012. Walk-in donations will also be accepted.

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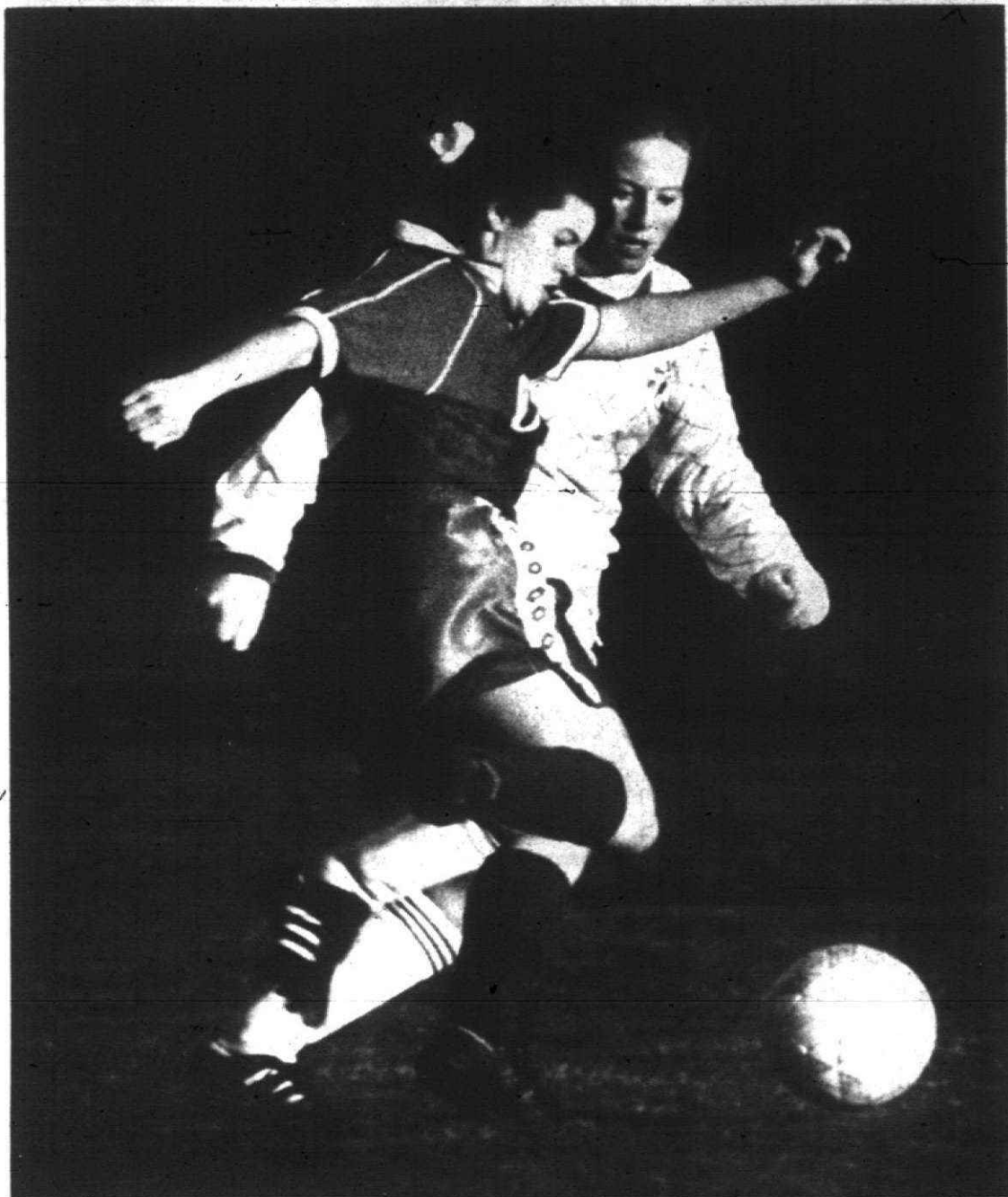
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SHERRIE BUZBY/staff photographer

Canton's Colleen Connell winds up to take a shot while being shadowed by Salem defender Lisa Ferguson. The Rocks began the season with a 1-0 win. Canton is 1-1.

Rocks debut with win at expense of Canton

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Centennial Educational Park soccer rivals Salem and Canton will undoubtedly meet again before the 1991 girls season is over, but the Rocks took Round 1 with a 1-0 victory Wednesday night.

Junior Mandy Drummond's goal at 32:00 in the first half was the game winner as Salem prevailed in the traditional first-week clash between perennial state powers.

The deciding goal occurred on Salem's first venture into Canton territory in an evenly played first half.

Drummond, playing a new position at center striker in place of the graduated Michele Minton, shot the ball past Jori Welchans as the Canton goalkeeper came out in an attempt to stop the play. Kris Goff had an assist.

"When we scored against the wind, I thought it was a good omen," Salem coach Ken Johnson said, adding junior goalkeeper Jenny Emmett, who recorded a shutout in the season debut, made several nice saves in the first half.

EMMETT DIDN'T have to worry too much about stopping Canton shots in the last 40 minutes.

After a balanced first half in which there were few good scoring opportunities and the play was centered in the middle, the Rocks dominated.

Except for two occasions, once at the 10-minute mark and again in the last minute, Salem controlled the ball in the Canton end. With the wind at their backs, the Rocks peppered the opposing goal with shots.

"They outplayed us," Canton coach Don Smith said. "They beat us to the ball, badly. But that won't hurt us. We needed to get a good game under our belts."

The Chiefs opened the season Saturday with a 7-0 victory over Adrian, which failed to present Canton with much of a challenge.

"They never got it out of their

end," said Smith of the Maples. "We got used to doing things easily and haven't had anybody run at us yet. (The Rocks) ran at us and kept running at us."

DRUMMOND HAD the first quality shot of the second half for Salem, and Goff, Amy Krajewski and Erin Harvey followed with near-miss attempts. Welchans later managed to cover a loose ball with 6 1/2 minutes to play before either Goff or Harvey could get a shot.

"It would have been nice to get one more," Johnson said, "because it's always scary with Canton when you go down to the end with only one goal."

"I thought the goals would come but they didn't. (The Chiefs) move well; they're quick. Canton doesn't let you settle too much."

"You're always wary of Canton fighting to the end. They never give up, and that's why you need the good defense."

Salem defenders Lisa Ferguson, Shelby Carey, Michele Cronan and Gwen Gibbish smothered the ball on all but a few Canton trips into the Salem end.

Cronan took Canton's Colleen Connell off the ball in the corner with less than five minutes remaining, and Carey cleared the ball twice when the Chiefs threatened with a rush in the last two minutes.

"THE NICE thing was Cronan's play at right fullback," Johnson said. "I thought she played excellently in her first varsity game. Gibbish, Ferguson and Carey played well, too. They are the returning players. You expect it of them, and they did well."

Considering the way Salem's offense dominated the second half and the Chiefs gave up only one goal, Smith was pleased with the play of his defenders, too. Laurie McNamara, Danielle Meyka, Kathy Bahr and Britta Anderson were kept busy fending off the Rocks.

"We hustled but didn't play as well as we could," Smith said. "I think we'll play much better. I think we'll play much better as a team."

"The girls ran hard. We just didn't do a good job of anticipating and being a little more aggressive, not dirty but aggressive."

Salem plays host to North Farmington at 4 p.m. Friday, and the Chiefs travel to Farmington for a 5:30 p.m. game Friday.



SHERRIE BUZBY/staff photographer

Kathy Bahr steps in front of Salem's Erin Bagozzi to drive the ball in the opposite direction.

'Gentleman on Ice' wins over Swedes

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Nobody who knows professional hockey in Sweden will associate Pete Podrasky with the Ugly American image.

Not the employees manning the penalty box at The Icehall in Visby, where Podrasky of Canton Township spent the last seven months playing for the Roma IF team.

"I was never in the penalty box," Podrasky said, "so they started calling me the 'Gentleman on Ice' and named a trophy after me. I won this big silver cup."

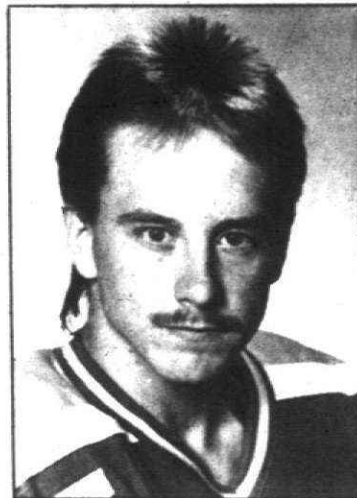
Podrasky, who returned March 28 in time to see his alma mater — Northern Michigan University — capture the NCAA championship, enjoyed a successful first season of hockey abroad. Podrasky graduated from NMU last spring and had been in Sweden since late August.

He played a key role in his team's finest season in recent years, which culminated in Roma IF earning the right to move up to the Division I ranks next season.

"THE TEAM has been trying to get to Division I the last five years and failed," Podrasky said. "It was a real big thing for the town (with a population of about 25,000). It was like Northern winning the NCAA and what it did for the people in Marquette."

Roma IF finished third in the Division II East and defeated Osteroker, the first-place team from the West, in the playoff round.

That sent Roma IF to the qualification round where three surviving teams from Division II competed with the last-place Division I team in a round-robin tournament. Podrasky's team won all six games, finished with a 43-4-2 record and started preparing for the Swedish big



Pete Podrasky
back from Sweden

time.

Podrasky, who played defense but spent as much time on offense, plans to return to Visby and play for Roma IF again, but he is waiting to receive a new contract before his plans become official.

"Before I left, they told me they definitely wanted me back," he said. "Because we're moving up a division, the money will be a little different. My salary will probably have to double, going to Division I and considering what I did for them this year."

Podrasky was third on the team in scoring, accumulating 66 points in 49 games. He scored 25 goals, which included 15 on the power play.

Podrasky describes the European game as being more relaxed compared to the way it's played in North America, allowing him the freedom to roam the ice and participate in the offense.

"AS FAR AS competition, the peo-

hockey

ple from the president down to the coaches take it very seriously," he said. "It's a business and they expect the players to do what they have to do."

"Next year it will be even more serious, but the game on the ice is more relaxed. It's more skating, puck skills, a lot of passing the puck back and forth, swinging around for position. It took me about a month to get used to it."

"(The quality of hockey is) very good. Some teams we played wouldn't be able to play here, but the top six teams in Division I could compete against the top teams in college and minor pro hockey."

Few penalty minutes might be considered an indication a player isn't tough enough by North American standards, but that isn't the case in Sweden. The 5-foot-9, 170-pound Podrasky expected the European style, with less emphasis on checking and hitting, would suit him and he found that was true.

"It was perfect for me," he said. "I had so much fun, because it was more the game of hockey instead of getting bashed around. I didn't have to sit back there all night and strictly play defense."

"I was up on the rush all the time, too. I was up with the forwards, and that's what they wanted me to do because of my offensive skills and the way I could move the puck."

PODRASKY WAS the only American in the league, but he was accepted by his Swedish teammates from Day One, he said.

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Rocks pursue crown

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

After finishing second in the Western Lakes Activities Association last year, Plymouth Salem expects to be a contender for the girls track and field championship again.

The Rocks are optimistic despite the loss of several talented athletes, most notably Jennifer Harris and Tammy Hickey, both of whom graduated, and Yolanda Jackson, who moved out of the district.

Salem, 4-1 in Lakes Division dual meets and 6-1 overall, boasts plenty of quality performers among the 32 returnees on its 64-person squad.

"We were second in the conference (and division behind Livonia Stevenson) last year with a real talented group," fourth-year coach Mark Gregor said. "This team is a little deeper with more potential point-scorers. We'll spread it around more and give some kids a rest, so we can get better performances later on."

"We'll be going to a lot of invitations, and we'll get a lot of experience on Saturdays. That combined with our dual meets will get us ready for the conference meet."

DESPITE THE loss of Jackson, the WLAA champion in the 100-meter dash who now attends Willow Run High School, the sprints remain an area of strength.

Senior captain and fourth-year runner Andrea Kinnelly is the top returning sprinter, having finished second in the 200 dash and third in the 100 at the league meet.

Senior Tracy Livermore, sophomore Dana Driscoll, Tonya Wheeler and Cyndi Platter and freshmen Alyssa Sofios and Sarah Makins are dependable runners.

Kinnelly, Wheeler and Livermore return from last year's 400 relay team that won the WLAA title, and Wheeler and Livermore were on the championship 800 relay team, also.

Jackson is gone from both relays and Kim Ploucha the 800. Kinnelly will probably take the place of Ploucha.

"We were young last year and were conference champs," Gregor said. "It's only a matter of finding a fourth, and I don't think that will be too hard."

"We have about 18 kids working with the sprint group, and I don't see that much difference between No. 1 and No. 12. We're very versatile."

THE ROCKS don't have Hickey in the distance runs anymore, but those events remain a source of Salem strength, too.

Sophomore Stacey Witthoff is the top 1,600 runner with junior Marcia Woodburn and freshmen Jeanne Rag and Nicole Zavisa leading support. Sophomore Kory Gulkiewicz and junior Beth Thronholm return in the 3,200 and will be joined by freshmen Julie Cutting and Emily Farrell.

"Most of them qualified as a team for the state cross country meet," Gregor said. "Assistant coach Mike (Kraus) has added a few runners, and that is going to be a solid group for us, too."

"This is the best distance team we've had. Once they learn to run on the track instead of the ground, they're going to be as good as any group around."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Dana Driscoll returns for his sophomore season of track and field at Plymouth Salem. She will compete in the long jump and sprint relays.

The graduation of Harris left big shoes to fill in the hurdles. She was a league champion in the 100 and runner-up in the 300, but Gregor expects junior Theresa Giaccherio to be as good as Harris eventually. She was fourth in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the 100 at the conference meet.

Platter, Makins, sophomore Amanda Parrish and Kate Lyons and senior Tracie Clemente will run the hurdles, also.

"WE WERE seventh in the shuttle hurdle relay at the Spartan Relays, and we didn't have Platter in there," Gregor said. "We're going to be solid in the hurdles."

Gregor expects the Rocks to be improved in the open 400. Wheeler, Driscoll, Platter, junior Carla Kehrer, Giaccherio and freshmen Jessica Moyer and Tere Bonkowski will help in the shot put and discus.

The Rocks begin their dual-meet season Thursday, April 18, at home against Farmington.

Platter, Bernhard and senior Krista Freese return in the throwing events, and Salem hopes Westland John Glenn transfer Kathryn Ryan will help in the shot put and discus.

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Junior Jill Czaplinski, sophomore Kelly Morante and freshman Katy Held have 800-meter ability.

Livermore is the two-time defending WLAA champion and reigning all-area selection in the long jump. She won the league title at 16-7 and shared top honors in Oberlinland with Plymouth Canton's Jessica Souther at 16-11 1/4.

Driscoll was eighth in the WLAA, and Sofios, an all-state gymnast, will compete in the long jump, too. Sofios has a wide range of athletic ability and also has the potential to jump more than 16 feet, according to Gregor.

Harris and Jackson were good high jumpers. Harris won the WLAA title and Jackson was third — and their losses left the Rocks without any experience in that event. Wheeler, sophomore Shelby Sockow and freshman Lynda Sebestyen are the primary high jumpers.

"The kids we have are going to get better," Gregor said. "Hopefully, we can get Wheeler over 5 feet. She has the physical ability; she just has to learn the event."

Salem 11th at Spartan

Plymouth Salem placed in the top five in four events Saturday in the girls competition at the annual Spartan Relays.

The Rocks scored 12 points and tied for 11th place in the 35-team meet.

Salem's Stacey Witthoff was fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a 5:58.1 time, and Dana Driscoll was fourth in the long jump at 15-1 1/4.

Theresa Giaccherio took fifth place in the 55-meter hurdles with an 8:45 time, and the distance medley team of Kristen Bernhard, Tonya Wheeler, Julie Cutting and Kory Gulkiewicz was fifth in 14:37.8.

DEA agents nab former area star

By C.J. Rieck
staff writer

Throughout his basketball career, Parish Hickman was often disappointed, in high school at Redford Bishop Borgess, and in college at Michigan State University.

"He wasn't exactly satisfied here," said his former coach at Borgess, Mike Fusco. "But any problems we had were confined to the basketball court. Most of the time, he wanted to shoot his jumper and I didn't want him to."

Hickman's life flip-flopped Monday. A criminal justice major at MSU, he found himself facing a criminal charge when he was arrested by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials on a charge of attempting to sell a kilo of cocaine — with an estimated street value of \$1 million — to an undercover agent outside MSU's Hubbard Hall.

Another man, Maurice L. Pointer of Detroit, was also arrested by the DEA, in cooperation with local law enforcement authorities. A third man, who reportedly escaped with the cocaine, is being sought. According to federal authorities, the arrests were part of a six-month, ongoing investigation.

Further arrests are pending, but officials would not indicate if other MSU athletes were involved.

HICKMAN APPEARED at a hearing Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Hugh W. Brennenman, where it was determined he would be held without bond. Federal prosecutors were hoping it would be the first step in obtaining an indictment.

Whatever problems, whatever disappointments Hickman experienced on-court will pale in comparison to the troubles he appears headed for in court.

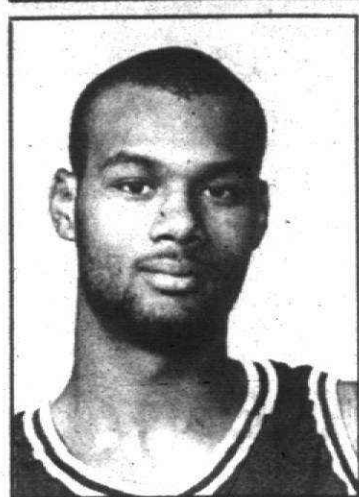
"It's very unfortunate," said Fusco. "I don't know the entire situation, so I can't really speculate. But I'm very disappointed, very shocked, very dismayed."

"I think the people who knew him at Bishop Borgess are all very disappointed."

MSU spokesman Terry Denbow said Tuesday no action had been taken by the university against Hickman, who — according to reports — was being held in Kent County Jail in Grand Rapids on charges of attempted delivery of a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver narcotics.

"He's still a student, he's still a member of the basketball team and he's still presumed innocent," said Denbow. "I know he hasn't been suspended from school, and I talked to people who have talked to (MSU bas-

basketball



Parish Hickman arrested by DEA. Hickman was the 1991 basketball season opener with a pair of impressive victories over formidable Catholic League opponents Saturday.

"In a day or two it may, but we have to wait until we have all the information in."

A 21-YEAR-OLD junior, Hickman was the Spartans' first frontcourt reserve on this year's team, averaging six points and 3.7 rebounds a game. Although he was just 6-foot-7, he often filled in for 6-11 center Mike Peplowski. Hickman was counted on more for defense than offense.

At Borgess, he was a pivotal part of a team that captured the Catholic League championship his junior year and reached the 1988 Class B state final when he was a senior. Borgess lost to MSU teammate Matt Steigenga's Grand Rapids South Christian team.

Still, more was expected from Borgess because it featured three additional NCAA Division I players: Dwayne Kelley, the University of Detroit-Mercy's leading scorer last season; Shawn Respert, who was signed by MSU (but has yet to play, due to a knee injury); and DaJuan Smith, who played at Eastern Kentucky.

Fusco insisted he had no off-court problems with Hickman. "None at all," was Fusco's reply. "I think Parish was a normal high school student when he was here."

On Sunday, the day before Hickman's arrest, former MSU football player Carlos Marino was arrested on drug charges near Lansing by Michigan state sheriff's deputies. Officials have stated there is no connection between the two cases.

Chiefs seek 4th straight title

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Canton managed to do last year in boys tennis what the Detroit Pistons as yet can only hope to do: three-peat as league champion.

The Chiefs will try to win their fourth consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association title this year. They return six players from a team that was 11-1 in dual meets and qualified for the state tournament.

Veteran coach Jim Hayes has his top three singles players back in seniors Brian Schmidt, Rod Jesena and Scott Jones.

Schmidt and Jesena were 8-5 in duals at Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. Jesena also was a regional finalist.

"(Schmidt) has got Seth Hoffman (of North Farmington) and the Northville boy (Mark Schwagie) to contend with, and those are two pretty good competitors," Hayes said.

"THIS IS his fourth year, and we expect him to have a good year. He's improved and he's a better

tennis

division honors and were regional semifinalists as were Hart and Owens.

Senior Dan Rasario and junior Stu Levenbach will play No. 2 doubles. Rasario is a fourth-year player who was 11th on the depth chart last season, and Levenbach was in Israel as an exchange student last year.

Senior Eric Mitchell and sophomore Eric Baden comprise the No. 3 doubles team. Both are returning players.

"I'D LIKE to think (the Chiefs can contend again), but last year the doubles teams were very successful," Hayes said. "This year it looks like the singles players will have a little more responsibility. We'll be doing a good job with the doubles teams. If we get solid."

Hayes expects Plymouth Salem, North Farmington, Livonia Stevenson and Northville to challenge the Chiefs for the title. The Canton-Salem match on Monday, April 22, should be a dandy, he said.

The Chiefs began the dual-meet season Wednesday at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Salem baseball debut impressive

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— John Gravin
Salem baseball coach

Notre Dame. He allowed only two hits, struck out eight and walked five.

Davey's three-run homer in the bottom of the first inning wiped out a 1-0 lead for the Fighting Irish. He had two hits and four RBI in that game.

Gundry collected three hits (a double and two singles) and knocked in three runs, and Scott Niemiec, Eric Nielson and Jeff Coleman chipped in two hits apiece.

Rodgers was the big hitter in the

nightcap with five RBI, three coming on a home run. He also had a sacrifice fly and fielder's choice that drove in one run each.

"He's so important to us on the mound," Gravin said, "but he still swings a mighty strong bat."

Scott Bailey slugged a two-run homer while going 3-for-3. Davey was 2-for-3 with three RBI and Niemiec had two hits and one RBI.

"I think we knew we were going to swing the bats well," Gravin said. "But I don't think anybody expected

us to swing them that well. Maybe we can get stuck on that No. 13 for total hits."

THE QUESTION marks are still there. We didn't make all the plays defensively we could have or should have.

Dan Hutchinson was the winning pitcher in the second game. He went four innings and allowed five runs on eight hits. Kurt Singleton pitched the next two innings and Nielson the last.

Scott Rodgers was magnificent for Opening Day," Gravin said. "If he can stay consistent on the mound, we'll do OK. But the young guys still have to pitch. As we start getting more and more games, those guys are going to have to pitch well."

"(The players) love the game of baseball. We had some inconsistencies last year, but I'd be surprised if we see it this year. We're going to show up to the ballpark ready to play."

Salem plays host to Farmington Hills Harrison, another team expected to contend for the Western Lakes Activities Association title, at 4 p.m. today.

CC capitalizes on Ypsi pitching woes

By Ray Setlock
staff writer

baseball

In the bottom of the first, Shamrocks' starting pitcher Steve Ross retired Ypsilanti in order.

CC TALLIED three more runs in the top of the second inning, increasing its lead to 5-0.

The Braves scored three runs off Ross in their half of the second, narrowing the margin to 5-3.

"My back started to hurt out there," Ross said. "In a couple of days, I'll be feeling better, but right now it's really sore."

Despite a lackluster second inning,

Ross earned the win for CC. He pitched two innings, allowed three hits and struck out two.

The Shamrocks added a pair of runs in the third inning, extending their lead to 7-3.

Ypsilanti scored runs in the third and seventh inning, but it wasn't enough.

"We're still hoping to get better," CC coach John Salter said. "We're a young team and made a lot of mistakes out there. But it still feels good to get that first win of the season."

DAN GUSOFF, who relieved Ross in the third inning, gave up one run and scattered three hits in two innings. Junior Scott Kapla hurled the final three innings for the Shamrocks, adding just one run and striking out two.

Matt Roney and Joe Vondracek each scored two runs for CC, while Dennis Pirronello, Tom Chanley and Brett Walters crossed the plate once.

The Shamrocks tallied just three hits against the Ypsilanti pitching staff.

"They had some guys that threw the ball hard," Salter said. "Ypsilanti has a good team."

C.J. Elswick and Chris Dessellier followed Patterson on the mound for Ypsilanti. Dessellier managed to blank CC in the final five innings.

"He threw nothing but strikes," Keller said. "That was a bright spot for us today."

But when you walk 12 guys like we did early in the game, you're going to have a tough time winning."

Madonna wins tourney

Dave Racer is a bit perplexed by his Madonna University softball team's performance during its first-ever season.

For one thing, he said before the season his pitching might be questionable — and that was before he lost his ace, Kristen Wasil, to academic woes.

The Lady Crusaders' pitching hasn't been overpowering, it's true. But it's been more than adequate. That was evident when Madonna won the Albion College Tournament Saturday, collecting four-straight victories, including an 8-5 triumph over the host team in the championship game. The Crusaders are now 12-6 overall.

Joann Donehay got the pitching wins in three of the four games, including the final. "She doesn't get a lot of strikeouts, but she's keeping us in the game," said Racer.

DONEHAY GAVE up five runs on 10 hits and one walk in the final, striking out one. Madonna had the early lead, thanks to Jill Burt's two-run double in the first inning, but Albion went in front 5-2 with a run in the second. Albion then scored four runs in the fifth.

Holly Brachel's two-run single in the fifth pulled Madonna to within a run, and the Crusaders took control with four runs in the sixth. Megan Armstrong singled in one run and stole home to score another. A passed ball accounted for a third, and Burt's grounder netted a fourth.

In pool play, Madonna beat Nazareth College 12-3 Friday and Earlham (Ind.) College 11-1 and Albion 13-8 Saturday.

In the win over Nazareth, Hughana Wilkie went 4 for 4 with a two-run triple and scored two runs. Armstrong also had two hits and three RBI. Donehay stopped Nazareth on five hits and three walks, fanning four, to earn the victory.

IN THE five-inning mercy of Earlham, Janet Hietil got the win with a two-hit, one-walk performance. She struck out two. Jenny Marquette, Brachel and Wilkie each had two hits, with Wilkie clubbing a three-run double and a triple, and Marquette and Brachel each getting two RBI and scoring twice.

The first win over Albion featured an eight-run seventh inning by the Crusaders that erased an 8-5 deficit. Marquette, Burt and Brachel had run-scoring singles, followed by Wilkie's two-run double. Armstrong later added a two-run single to the rally.

Armstrong finished with two hits, three runs scored and three RBI, while Wilkie and Brachel each had three hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Marquette had two hits and scored twice.

Donehay was the winner, allowing eight runs on four hits, three walks — and six Madonna errors. She struck out two.

Eagles have veteran team

By Darren A. Nichols
staff writer

Steve Ritchey walked into the perfect position in his first season as Plymouth Christian Academy softball coach.

Ritchey has an experienced team with shortstop Ilanya Baisch being the only graduation loss from last season's 4-12 squad.

PCA, which plays in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, will turn to senior shortstop/pitcher Tamara Tilley and senior pitcher/third baseman Joy Simon to lead the team. Both were all-league selections last season.

Joining Tilley and Simon are returnees Christen Thomsen, a junior catcher, and Rhonda Copeland, a junior second baseman.

ITCHEY CAN add to that six outstanding newcomers, one of whom is Baisch's younger sister, Terah, a freshman left fielder.

Other newcomers who will make an impact will be junior center fielder Felicia Wroblewski, freshman pitcher/first baseman Kristina Tilley, freshman outfielder Stacey Churan and senior second baseman Ann Beibord.

"Felicia Wroblewski has a shotgun arm. Tilley is dynamite and Baisch is very good," Ritchey said.

PCA's strengths will be the infield, pitching and catching while the outfield is a little suspect.

All of this may add up to a good season, which Ritchey is expecting. "We got four pitchers, two are very good," he said. "We have the potential to win our league, and we believe we can with this team. We have a lot of good players who want to win."

Ladywood sweeps Rocks

Livonia Ladywood swept a double-header from Plymouth Salem in the season-opening softball games for both teams Monday at Bicentennial Park, 13-1 and 11-7.

In the first game, Ladywood sent 13 batters to the plate and scored nine runs in the first inning. Four of those runs came from a grand slam by designated hitter Allison Brenny.

Senior left-hander Staci Kowalczyk hurled the victory for Ladywood. Jenny Garvey took the loss.

Brenny led the Ladywood hitters, going 3-for-3. Junior third baseman Gerylyn Kephire was 2-for-2 with two RBI. Rachelle Campeau 2-for-2 and senior center fielder Andrea Crichton was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Amber Trombetta had Salem's only RBI on a triple.

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ABC meeting results in changes

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Representing our local communities were Gene Gendall and Joseph Gendall of Livonia, Joe Gostana of Westland, Frank Pietras of Farmington, Frank Verbeke of Garden City and Warren Teubert of Redford.

Considerable attention was given to the System of Bowling concept, which is to be implemented everywhere next season. This has to do with the way lanes will be oiled and inspection procedures.

Perhaps the most noteworthy is the increase in annual dues. This was supposed to be a hot issue, but it passed easily. If you haven't guessed, there will be an increase in the sanction fee next year.

Let's face it, along with the increase in rates from most houses, it will cost a bit more for league bowling next season. Still, it's the biggest bargain in town for your sports dollar and substantially below bowling rates for most other parts of the country.

There is a new move to establish a joint ABC/WIBC rule book, this to be decided upon by the ladies of the WIBC. This convention turned out to be one of the best organized ever. The delegates were very well impressed with the way it was organized, the facilities and the entire conduct of all proceedings.

Also tied in with the convention was the induction ceremony for the Bowling Hall of Fame with five new inductees. The total number is now 145 with only 56 of them still living. Of the 66, 45 turned out, including a name that all old timers remember, that was Joe Norris, formerly from the Detroit area and all rolled in the ABC Tournament, his 62nd.

The ABC convention next year will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas.

There are many new and more sophisticated bowling balls out. The U2 by Columbia had such a strong recommendation that I decided to try one for myself.

I had it drilled by Mark Mohr at the Right Approach in Farmington Hills. Although I had a little trouble adjusting to the ball, I made a few adjustments and found a little different line to the pocket last week at Plum Hollow Lanes.

Crusaders' persistency pays off

The final game Madonna University's baseball team played last weekend, an 11-9 win over Northwood Institute, provided insight into what type of team this is.

The Fighting Crusaders wasted a 9-4 lead, surrendering five runs in the sixth, but didn't give in — they scored twice without a hit in the bottom half of the inning to pull out the victory.

It was their fourth-straight NAIA District 23 win of weekend and left them alone atop the district with a 6-0 record (18-51 overall). Aquinas Heights is second at 4-2, with Siena Heights third (5-5) and Northwood fourth (4-4, 9-12 overall). The two-game sweep provided Madonna with its first wins ever over the Northmen.

The game-winning rally in their comeback win over Northwood started with a walk to Mike Wozniak. Sean Maloney followed with a walk, and a wild pitch moved the runners up to second and third. Kevin O'Connor's ground out scored one run, and a Kevin Learned squeeze bunt scored another.

Bill Terski, John Bonham and Joe Brusseau each had two hits for Madonna, with Terski scoring three times, Bonham twice (and stealing two bases) and Brusseau knocking in a run. Jeff Pendell had a hit and three runs batted in, and Wozniak

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Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Greenfield Mixed — Ryan Wilson, 300/747; Jay Markell, 278/618; Sherry Petke, 212/558; Bob Mertz, 239/607; Ron Blanchard, 238/640; Tom Kiri, 278/692; Tony Van Meter, 244/680; Clara Jamerson, 201; Jim Jamerson, 245/658; Steve Mathias, 247/663; Bobbie Gooding, 207; Barbara Turner, 204/590; Shirley Fokke, 202; Jim Harwood, 247; Bernard Harwood, 239/645; Jeffrey Burg, 233; Steven Hoberman, 230/633; Richard Glanz, 238; David Margolis, 218; Lawrence Garfinkle, 236; Jerome Superstine, 233; Mitchell Epstein, 225; Morton Margolis, 218; Joseph Silver, 216.

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Ladies Classic — Pat Pennington, 298/704; Sunday Kings — 6/93s — Paul Castellano, 290/710.

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Brusseau's heroics weren't over. In the game-winning rally, he followed a Pendell single and walks to O'Connor and Terski with a base hit to drive in the winning run. Brusseau hit .583 for the week (14-of-24) with two doubles, two homers, 12 runs scored, 10 RBI and 12 stolen bases to earn district player of the week honors.

Bonham, Terski and Brusseau each had two hits in the game.

It was the Crusaders' fourth straight NAIA District 23 win of the weekend and left them alone atop the district with a 6-0 record (18-51 overall).

ROB KOWALSKI got the win, allowing a run on three hits in 1 1/2 innings in relief of starter Mike Coleman (5 1/3 innings, eight runs). Kiri was the losing pitcher, in relief of starter Jason Backus.

The first game against Northwood Sunday ended in an eight-inning, 4-3 triumph for Madonna. Chris Kloc went the distance for the Crusaders, allowing one earned run on five hits and three walks, striking out three. Kloc upped his record to 5-1. Dave Burde was the losing pitcher, in relief of David Haskins.

Northwood led 3-0 after three innings before Madonna rallied. Ernie Bowling slugged a solo home in the fourth, and the Crusaders added two

In the second game, Rich Roy cracked a two-run home run in the first inning.

more in the fifth on singles by Terski, Bonham and Brusseau, with Brusseau's scoring one run and another run coming in on a wild pitch.

Brusseau's heroics weren't over. In the game-winning rally, he followed a Pendell single and walks to O'Connor and Terski with a base hit to drive in the winning run. Brusseau hit .583 for the week (14-of-24) with two doubles, two homers, 12 runs scored, 10 RBI and 12 stolen bases to earn district player of the week honors.

Bonham, Terski and Brusseau each had two hits in the game.

It was the Crusaders' fourth straight NAIA District 23 win of the weekend and left them alone atop the district with a 6-0 record (18-51 overall).

ROB KOWALSKI got the win, allowing a run on three hits in 1 1/2 innings in relief of starter Mike Coleman (5 1/3 innings, eight runs). Kiri was the losing pitcher, in relief of starter Jason Backus.

The first game against Northwood Sunday ended in an eight-inning, 4-3 triumph for Madonna. Chris Kloc went the distance for the Crusaders, allowing one earned run on five hits and three walks, striking out three. Kloc upped his record to 5-1. Dave Burde was the losing pitcher, in relief of David Haskins.

Northwood led 3-0 after three innings before Madonna rallied. Ernie Bowling slugged a solo home in the fourth, and the Crusaders added two

265/663: Rick Williams, 236/608; George Sammut, 236; Tom Johnson, 243/684; Angie Hansen, 223; Scott Briggs, 265; Fred Grier, 245/615; Ray Yager, 257/671; Diane Anderson, 242-234/643.

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Merri Bowl (Livonia): Ladies Invitational Doubles — Colleen Baker, 240/600; Bobbie Stock, 251/629; Cathy Hunter, 211/613; Gerry Levy, 211; Pat Lesiak, 223/586; Cindy Draganski, 204/671; Carol Weis, 217/561; Kathy Sierczak, 217; Debbie Betham, 226/585; June Buck, 206/569; Pat Sockow, 195-159/559; Sue Schneider, 210/551.

Men's Senior House League — John Bryngel, 257/701; Garrett Nagle, 267/696; Gary Hansen, 231/654; Steve Paulie, 227/657; D. Archer, 225/662; Greg Cohen, 289/697; Gary Nadel, 245/656.

Bumper Bowlers — Mark Eggert, 94; Anthony Shifflet, 117; Kristen Tapella, 92; Ben Robinson, 84; Nicky Wozniak, 113; Brad Licata, 110.

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• TENNIS LESSONS

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The fee is \$25 for Canton residents, \$30 for non-residents. Age groups are youth (8-12), juniors (13-17) and adult (18 and up). Kristin Harrison and/or her staff of assistants will give the lessons. Register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

• TYPHOONS ARE 2ND

The Van Buren Typhoons under-12 boys soccer team was the runner-up in the Soccer America National Indoor Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Typhoons lost to the Udinese Legend of Kansas City in the final, 4-1. They started the tournament by beating the host team and favorite Der Bullen 4-3. Van Buren defeated the Columbus Cosmos 4-3 and the Seramblers of Maryland 9-1 in its next two games.

In the quarterfinals, the Typhoons edged Der Bullen again 3-2, getting the winning goal in the final minute, and they beat the Columbus Force 4-1 in the semifinals.

Team members are Andy Neal, Tate Travis, Sammy Perrine, Eric O'Neill, Jason Viers, Ryan McGinnis, Zach Wilkinson, Jim Bullock, Scott Babinski, Seth Heinrich, Andres Lopes, Mike Elser, Matt Horlings, Jason Bennett, Matt Smith and Eric Sarraut. The coaches are Dale Travis and Rick Viers.

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'Dames at Sea' is a splashy musical

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dance like Benton. In her "The Echo Waltz" she even covers the beat in her voice with a puffy air sound, more mocking of the '30s genre and very, very sexy.

Michael Scott's Captain "Kewpie Doll" Courageous matches Benton's mimicking in their terrific take-off on "Begin the Beguine." Their dancing, their head movements and body angles just of the serious routines they cleverly imitate. You need never see a Ruby Dele and Dick Powell movie to enjoy this.

"DAMES AT SEA" is not what we would expect from off-Broadway in 1988. It is too much fun. It has none of the disheartened antagonism of that Vietnam era. Ruby is a tap dancing wizard (Trisha Gorman) from Centerville, Utah, who arrives at the Hippodrome on Broadway with a pair of shoes and a lost suitcase. Popeye-sailor/songwriter Dick (Don Goodspeed) falls in love at first sight with her in "It's You" before he realizes she is the waitress who sold him an Eskimo Pie back in his hometown of Centerville. He shows his love with more dancing and songwriting.

The show's star is prima donna Mona Kent who is really Grace Topolski from Flatbush who finds "Popeye" Dick the irresistible next Broadway Beethoven. Ruby learns the chorus routines, finds a place to live, falls in love, has two fights with lower Dick, learns lady Mona's dance parts, sees the Hippodrome razed, moves to Dick's battleship for opening night, is kicked out of the show, makes up with lower Dick, steps in for sick Mona and becomes a star.

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● SINATRA FESTIVAL
The Livonia Mall Classic Film Series is every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. No tickets are necessary for the free movies at Livonia Mall Cinema for the Frank Sinatra Film Festival which continues Tuesday, April 16, with "Some Came Running" with Shirley MacLaine. Tuesday, April 23, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with Gene Kelly, and Tuesday, April 30, "High Society," with Bing Crosby.

● MUSICAL COMEDY
Plymouth Theatre Guild will present its last production of the season, the musical comedy "Once Upon A Mattress," based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea." Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$7 seniors (62 and over) and students (18 and under). Tickets may be purchased at the door or at Plymouth's Pennington Deli. For reservations or additional information call 349-7110.

● 93RD SEASON
Boblo Island will open for its 93rd season Saturday, May 25. New attractions this season include "Back to Bones" live animal show and the International Sports Pub. "Back to Bones" highlighting unique creatures with a backbone, will make its debut on a new outdoor stage in Fort Fun, Boblo Island's activity area for children. For adult visitors, the International Sports Pub will provide a place to relax in air-conditioned surroundings on weekends. Video screens will provide sports events televised all day. Also new for the 1991 season are upgrades to existing buildings, a new water ski show and a video game center. Mark Wilson's "The World's Greatest Illusions" and the Simpsons will be returning. Boats begin sailing Saturday, May 25, from all three docks including Detroit and Gibraltar and Amherstburg, Ont. Sailing schedules, dock locations, park hours and other information may be obtained by calling 843-0700.

● IRISH DRAMA
"Translations," Brian Friel's Irish drama, opens at 8 p.m. Friday, April 12, for a two weekend run, at the Bonstelle Theatre in Detroit. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through April 21. A special performance at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Tickets can be purchased at the Wayne State University theatre box office, Hilberry Theatre, for all regularly scheduled performances. The telephone number is 577-2960. For tickets to the April 14 performance, call 343-2566. Door sales for all performances begins one hour before curtain at the Bonstelle.

● STRING QUARTET
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Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme appear Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. For more information, call 567-6000.

● JERRY SEINFELD
Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is presented in concert by Total Health Care on Saturday, May 13, at Clubland (the State Theatre). The show starts at 8 p.m., and doors open at 7 p.m. Seinfeld, who stars in his own NBC television series, was voted America's "Funniest Male Stand-up Comic" at the 1988 American Comedy Awards. His show "Seinfeld" airs following the top-rated NBC series, "Cheers." The concert will feature Las Vegas-style cabaret seating. Also appearing will be local comedian Ken Brown. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at 645-6666.

● DETROIT YOUTHEATRE
"Jekyll and Hyde," a new musical on substance abuse, will be presented at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Detroit Youth Theatre in the auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The contemporary musical explores one reason for teenage drug abuse and is geared to children more than 8 years of age. Accompanied by a rock rap score, "Jekyll and Hyde" draws upon Robert Louis Stevenson's classic thriller.

The production is presented by Theatreworks USA. Tickets at \$5 per child and adult are available by calling the Ticket Office at 833-2323.

● PREMIERE SEASON
Matrix Theatre Company will launch its premiere season with a major new production of Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot." Running Thursday, April 11, through Sunday, April 28, at 1515 Broadway in downtown Detroit, this production

is based on the late playwright's manuscripts, production notebooks, and correspondence. Matrix Theatre Company has drawn together an international company of voice, movement and comedy specialists. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster (645-6666) or by calling 1515 Broadway (965-1515). For more information, call Matrix Theatre Company (964-4529). Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays.

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● THEATRE COMPANY
Final production of The Theatre Company's 20th anniversary season opens Friday, April 12, with "In the Belly of the Beast," conceived and adapted by Jack Henry Abbott and Seymour Mergerson. Performances run through Sunday, April 28, at the Earl D. A. Smith Theatre on the University of Detroit Mercy's McNichols campus. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. New this season is a Sunday matinee performance, for this show at 2 p.m. April 21. Tickets are \$8 reserved and \$6 for senior citizens and students. For more information call The Theatre Company at 927-1130.

● JERRY SEINFELD
Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is presented in concert by Total Health Care on Saturday, May 13, at Clubland (the State Theatre). The show starts at 8 p.m., and doors open at 7 p.m. Seinfeld, who stars in his own NBC television series, was voted America's "Funniest Male Stand-up Comic" at the 1988 American Comedy Awards. His show "Seinfeld" airs following the top-rated NBC series, "Cheers." The concert will feature Las Vegas-style cabaret seating. Also appearing will be local comedian Ken Brown. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at 645-6666.

The production is presented by Theatreworks USA. Tickets at \$5 per child and adult are available by calling the Ticket Office at 833-2323.

● PREMIERE SEASON
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table talk

Gourmet Club

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class reunions

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person and a telephone number.

• AHMEK/INTERVALE (NEW SCHOOL)
All-school reunion July 6. Information: Ahmek School Reunion, Box 338, Ahmek, Mich. 49001, or Julie Simala, (906) 337-1767.

• ANDOVER
Class of 1971, July 20, Troy Marriott, Troy, Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803.
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• ANN ARBOR HURON
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• BENEICTINE
Class of 1971, Sept. 27, Information: (313) 773-8820.
• BERKLEY
Class of 1971, Aug. 10, Information: (313) 773-8820.

January and June classes of 1951, September or October. Information: Karen (Fleming) Churay, 545-8724, or Janet (Smith) Bartz, 375-9037.
All-school reunion, 7:30 p.m. April 27, American Legion Hall, Royal Oak. Information: Barbara (Oak) Ross, 543-9367, or Sharon (Bowman) McCarthy, 642-3229.

• BETHANY
Class of 1941, Sept. 21-22, Information: 523-3327 or 852-8931.

• BIRMINGHAM BALDWIN
Class of 1941, June 21, Birmingham Community House. Information: Patty Lewis, 644-2095, or Gippy Turner, 646-4981.

• BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Class of 1971, Aug. 10, Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803.
Class of 1986, June 14, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM
Class of 1971, July 13, Northfield Hilton, Troy, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1971, Nov. 30, Information: 256-1100 or Bishop Burgess High School, 11685 Appleton, Redford 48239.

• BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Class of 1966, Aug. 17, Clarion, Farmington Hills. Information: Barb Smith Olshesheimer, 645-1573, or Ellet Shimmick Rees, 782-5809.

• BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER
Class of 1971, June 22, Information: (800) 397-0010.
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• BRABLEC
Class of 1971, Oct. 12, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• CAMP MAHN-GO-TAH-SEE
Staff reunion, June 29, Hale, Mich. Information: Ron Metzger, 318-888, Nettingwood, Farmington Hills 48334 or 553-9138.

• CHIPPewa VALLEY
Class of 1981, July 27, Mirage Banquet Hall, Mount Clemens. Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803, or Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

• CHERRY HILL
Class of 1970, Sept. 20, Information: 360-2460.
Class of 1981, Dec. 21, Livonia Marriott. Information: Denise (Smith) Coffin, 471-6533.

• CLARKSTON
Class of 1981, June 27, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• DEARBORN
Class of 1966, Aug. 2, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Class of 1942, Information: 277-1814.
January and June classes of 1941, Aug. 2, Dearborn Inn. Information: Sue Lynch, 483-7857.

• DEARBORN EDSEL FORD
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.
Class of 1971, Aug. 10, Information: Carol, 525-5752, or Janine, 278-7125.

June class of 1966, Sept. 2-3, Information: Dan Nelson, 594-1680 or EFHS Class of June 1966, P.O. Box 2405, Dearborn 48123.

• DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1956, Information: Diane (Stephens) Rader, 563-9224, or Dolores (Wojcik) Loos, 582-5254.
Class of 1941, Aug. 2, St. Clement Hall, Dearborn. Information: Dale Johnson, 336-3191.
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• DEARBORN LOWREY
Class of 1966, Aug. 10, Information: Toni Sudut, 562-3103, or Bob Lakey, 563-3296.

• DEARBORN WOODWORTH JUNIOR HIGH
Class of 1971, May 3, Tremors, Livonia. Information: 582-4167.

• DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1950, Sept. 21, Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy, Information: Reunion Planners, Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046, or 465-2277 or 263-8803.
Class of 1951, Information: 626-4521 or 549-1102.

• DETROIT CENTRAL
January and June classes of 1946, May 11, Novi Hilton Inn. Information: Allen Weiss, 737-9313, Marcia (Goodgall) Abel, 537-5422, Norma (Karbal) Sklar, 626-6750, or Chuck Stone, 358-4800.
January and June classes of 1951, Oct. 26, Roostertail, Detroit. Information: Allen Schechter, 838-0083, or Joel Lubin, 332-3100.

• DETROIT CHADSEY
Class of 1941, Information: Irene (Kosowski) Wyonik, 382-8962, Jean (Bahrie) Feges, 282-4864, or Leonard Bartosik, 937-0425.
Classes of 1950-52, Oct. 5, Information: Chadsey Class Reunion, P.O. Box 20826, Ferndale 48220.

• DETROIT COMMERCE
Classes and staff of 1937-39, May 5, Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Information: Vinita (Riley) Morton, 545-2511, or Rita (Scaglion) Pavlick, 777-7657.
Classes of 1950-53, Information: Commerce Class Reunion, Classes of 1950, '51, '52 and '53, P.O. Box 20836, Ferndale 48220.
Classes of 1913-66, April 20, Cobo Hall, Detroit. Information: 963-4710 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), 934-3065 (after 5 p.m.) or 537-6971 (after 5 p.m.).

• DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1951, Oct. 5, Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy, Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803.
Class of 1941, Sept. 15, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Class of 1981, July 19, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• DETROIT DENBY
All-class reunion for through 1942, Oct. 11, Polish Century Club, Detroit. Information: Tom Bolis, 758-0777, Luella (Olmstead) Forbes, 539-4678, Leo Moses, 542-3081, or Gusie (Elch) Greenwald, 755-6196.
Classes of 1960-62, Information: P.O. Box 20826A, Ferndale 48220.

• DETROIT FINNEY
Classes of 1970-72, Oct. 26, Information: 746-9643.

• DETROIT HENRY FORD
January and June classes of 1971, Information: Gail, 453-0613, or Mary, 538-8593.
Classes of 1960-61, June 29, Troy Marriott. Information: Fred Mengel, 464-3163.

• DETROIT MACKENZIE
Classes of 1964-67, April 27, Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. Information: Rita Whitley, 746-9643.
January and June classes of 1945, Information: Evelyn Dienes Mayer, 24306 Simmons Drive, Novi 48374, or 349-5245.
January class of 1961, Nov. 9, Information: Sharrie (Kozel) Branton, 661-0215.
Class of 1956, Sept. 7, Novi Hilton. Information: Joel Johnson at 478-9539.

• DETROIT MUMFORD
Class of 1961, Nov. 30, Novi Hilton Inn, Novi. Information: Lorraine Silverman, 399-5309, or Laura Silverman, 399-5464.
Class of 1981, Aug. 24, Information: Miss Carter, 331-9965, or (313) 773-8820.

• DETROIT NORTHERN
Classes of 1963-1968, Sept. 21, Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. Information: 746-9643.

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• DETROIT NORTHWESTERN
Class of 1941, Sept. 6, Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy, Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803.
Classes of 1944-49, Sept. 15, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Classes of 1934-36, Sept. 7, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. Information: Ethel Sorensen Luoma, 937-8578, or Don Knapp, 545-3194.
Class of 1966, Aug. 24, Ramada Inn, Southfield. Information: Joe Barber, 837-8373 or 837-7821.

• DETROIT OSBORN
January class of 1966, Sept. 13, Information: (313) 773-8820.
June class of 1968, Oct. 4, Club Monte Carlo, Ulica. Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803.

• DETROIT REDFORD
January and June classes of 1951, Sept. 28, the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Information: Pat Smith, 358-1866, Judy Robertson Neilhoff, 626-6643, or Bob McQuigan, 19561 Mariner Court, Northville 48167 or 348-1113.
January and June classes of 1971, Oct. 5, Roma's of Livonia. Information: Wendy Maine Sielaff, 459-3041, or Kathy Roth Majawskas, 673-7386.
January and June classes of 1940-41, May 17, Roma's of Bloomfield. Information: Bob Johnson, 525-6671, or Virgene Jones Wright, 685-3913.
January class of 1966, June 8, Information: 474-6085.

• DETROIT RENAISSANCE
Class of 1981, Aug. 31, Information: Miss Hardnett, 837-8385, or (313) 773-8820.

• DETROIT ST. CECILIA
Class of 1951, May 10, Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. Information: Kay Hardy, 537-4731 or 255-3666, or Pat Donahue, 477-0445 or 477-5201.

• DETROIT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
Class of 1971, July 27, Novi Hilton Inn, Novi. Information: Dana Marczuk Murphy, 534-6613, or Sam Carroll, 478-1385.

• DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
Class of 1981, Aug. 24, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Class of 1951, Information: Tess (Pappas) Nepi, 884-8858 or 775-0725.
Class of 1956, Sept. 27-29, Troy Marriott Hotel, Information: Rose (Prainito) Greene, 646-3979, or Peggy (Johnson) Nunneley, 649-6032.

• DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN
January and June classes of 1941, Aug. 18, Information: Charlotte, 382-3764, Pete, 38-5336, or Sidonia, 437-0375.

• DETROIT WESTERN
January and June classes of 1947, Information: Jack Tani, 464-1171, or George Zeitz, 563-9452.
January and June classes of 1941, Sept. 14-15, Livonia Marriott, Livonia. Information: Noreen, 737-2482, or Flo, 685-2345.

• EAST DETROIT
Class of 1971, Oct. 12, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• FARMINGTON
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.
Class of 1971, June 29, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• FERDALE
Class of 1966, July 27, Troy Hilton. Information: FHS 1966 Class Reunion, 3128 Walton Blvd., Suite 230, Rochester Hills 48309.

• FERDALE LINCOLN
January and June classes of 1941, Sept. 14, the Holiday Inn, Troy. Information: Bill Moorhead or Ray Rowells, 545-3231 or 549-4319.
Class of 1944, May 25, Information: 543-3256 or 642-4453.

• GARDEN CITY
Class of 1956, Information: Gloria, 422-7777, or Jean, 427-4451.
Class of 1986, July 26, Roma's of Garden City. Cost: \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. Information: 421-1696.
East/West classes of 1966, Oct. 19, Cost: \$32.50 per person, \$65 per couple. Information: Ann Zaron, 471-2358, Karen Dornanicki, 427-7012, or Shirley Polen, 425-6458.

• GARDEN CITY EAST
Class of 1981, Nov. 9, Dearborn Hyatt Regency. Information: 881-0215.

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Class of 1981, Information: John, 427-3016.

• GROSSE POINTE
Class of 1966, Aug. 16, Roostertail Restaurant, Detroit. Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803, or Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

• GROSSE POINTE NORTH
Class of 1971, June 15, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Class of 1971, Aug. 3, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• HAMTRAMCK
January and June classes of 1945 and 1946, April 20, American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. Information: Art Skorpura, 755-2940, Bill Hapiuk, 937-3228, Henry Golota, 278-3711, or Lila Mathamel, 565-0192.
January and June classes of 1939, Sept. 15, Polish Century Club. Information: Ed Gulick, 477-3153, or John Janik, 682-3850.

• HARDING ELEMENTARY JUNIOR HIGH
Class of 1961, in July, Information: June LaPierre Weaver, 525-2695.

• HAZEL PARK
Class of 1971, Aug. 17, Troy Hilton. Information: Vicky Presley, 549-4145, or Ron Nagy, 398-3674.

• HIGHLAND PARK
January and June classes of 1945-47, Nov. 9, Lawrence Technological University. Information: Gayle Gerow, 646-4754, or Mary Ellen Menold, 542-2107.

• HOLY REDEEMER
Class of 1931, May 19, Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. Information: Mary Heitman, 525-9027, or Eunice Kurche, 644-8421.

• IMMACULATA
Class of 1970, Nov. 29, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• JOHN GLENN
Class of 1981, July 6, Roma's of Livonia. Information: (800) 397-0010.
Class of 1971, Information: Mike, 454-4674, or Peggy, 981-4723.

• L'ANSE CRUESE
Class of 1981, July 27, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1971, Aug. 9, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Class of 1966, Send name, address and telephone number to Toni (Maniaci) Knechtges, Dept. 2000, P.O. Box 39114, Redford 48239.

• LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1971, Aug. 3, Information: Kim, 464-6020, or Joanie, 478-0813.
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.
Class of 1986, June 29, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• MILFORD
Class of 1981, September. Information: Darryl Fegan, 229-4923, or Lori Davidge Emme, 685-9859.

• NORTH FARMINGTON
Class of 1971, Aug. 3, Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803, or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

• NORTHVILLE
Class of 1971, Aug. 3, Livonia Marriott Inn. Information: Betty Jo, 453-7752, or Dave, 348-3583.

• ROSEVILLE
Class of 1971, Oct. 12, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• ROYAL OAK
January and June classes of 1941, Sept. 14, Somerset Inn, Troy. Information: Harry Blair, 549-8230, or Bob Dondero, 542-8151.

• ROYAL OAK DONDORO
Class of 1981, July 20, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• TROY
Class of 1961, May 10-12, Holiday Inn, Dearborn. Information: Nancy (Woods) Bryer, 937-3096, or Diane (Curtis) Glatter, 562-1088.

• WARREN
Class of 1971, Sept. 28, Van Dyke Park Hotel, Warren. Information: 465-2277 or 263-8803.
Class of 1986, June 28, Warren Chateau. Information: Cheryl Mendicino, 977-1408 or 828-3290.

• WARREN FITZGERALD
Class 1971 Information: Judy (Adair) Myska, 755-7370, or Lyn (Lemanski) Breen, 755-1737.

• WASHINGTON EISENHOWER
Classes of 1973-75 golf outing, May 11, Partridge Creek Golf Course. Information: 294-6638 or 528-6171.

• WATERFORD TOWNSHIP
Class of 1961, Aug. 8, Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills; warm-up party Aug. 7, Airway Lanes. Information: Suz Steck, 623-6974, or Jim Luzod, 642-7551.

• WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1971, Information: Pamela Connoie, 722-7311.

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Class of 1971, Information: Marie (Smith) Carey, 397-1347 or 772-1620.

• PLYMOUTH
Class of 1971, July 13, Novi Hilton Inn. Information: Pam Cunningham, 347-5632, Phyllis Maycock, 453-6036, Ted Pulker, 788-0621, or Brenda Johnson, 455-5364.
Class of 1956, Sept. 7, Information: Judy, 453-0273.
Class of 1931, June 27 at the home of Nancy Saverg Schmeman. Information: 453-4035.
Class of 1961, June 23-30, Information: Bill Rosow, 42687 Savoy Court, Northville 48167, or 349-3091.
Class of 1941, Aug. 17, Plymouth Elks. Information: Betty Pent, 453-8578, or Bill Wernet, 349-6223.

• PLYMOUTH CANTON
Class of 1981, July 27, Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. Information: (800) 397-0010.

• PLYMOUTH SALEM
Class of 1981, Information: (800) 397-0010.

• PONTIAC CENTRAL
Class of 1966, July 20, Information: (800) 397-0010.
Class of 1971, June 29, Main Event of the Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac. Information: Phyllis McMillen, 682-8800.

• PONTIAC NORTHERN
Class of 1971, Information: Cathy (Loughheed) Lisk, 634-4238, Angela (Webb) Kline, 673-3473, Mark Woods, 628-3326, Cyndy (Lamberson) Brown, 360-0878, or Glenden Rayner, 853-3454.
Class of 1981, Information: 332-7908 or 949-9115, or write PNHS 1981 Class Reunion Committee, 186 Victoria Drive, Pontiac 48342.

• REDFORD DRIVE
January and June classes of 1941, July, Information: 737-6908 or (517) 835-7837.
Class of 1981 is planning a reunion. Information: Brian MacNamara, 535-9437, or Patricia (Mika) Barrowcliff, 455-7747.
Class of 1961, Aug. 17, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Class of 1971, June 28, Information: (313) 773-8820.
Classes of 1955-57, Oct. 5, Information: (313) 773-8820.
January and June classes of 1942-44, fall, Information: Flora (Bather) McDonald, 433, 476-3188, Virginia (Waite) Egan, 442, 442-9452, or Bill Manchester, 421, 421-6624.

• REGINA
Class of 1961, April 21, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Information: Nancy Smith, 647-9003, or Sue Tobbe, 882-7144.
Class of 1966, Jan. 18, 1992, Alcamo's, St. Clair Shores. Information: Kathy (Czarnik) Gallaher, 885-3636, or Dot (Woodley) Martin, 331-7917.

• RIVER ROUGE
Class of 1981, Information: Kim (Flanery) Haupt, 928-9384, or Melanie (Balogh) Abair, 582-9443.

• RIVERVIEW
Class of 1971, July 27, Grecian Center, Southgate. Information: Linda (DeGuire) Dodd, 427-3702, or LouAnn (Thomas) Durand, 479-2710.

• RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD
Class of 1981, Nov. 29, Information: 381-1164 or 476-6709.

• ROBICHAUD
Class of 1971, Aug. 10, Information: (313) 773-8820.

• ROCHESTER/ROCHETS ADAMS
Class of 1971, Oct. 26, Petruzzello's, Troy. Information: (800) 397-0010.

• ROMULUS
Class of 1971, Information: Deborah, 981-3266 after 6 p.m.

• ROOSEVELT/ROBICHAUD
Classes of 1960-61, May 10-12, Holiday Inn, Dearborn. Information: Nancy (Woods) Bryer, 937-3096, or Diane (Curtis) Glatter, 562-1088.

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Class of 1966, Aug. 10, Fairlane Manor, Dearborn. Information: Dona, 978-2160, Nina, 363-3317.

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Law firm is now offering checkups for businesses

By Mary DiPaolo
special writer

Too often, it seems that the only time a small business seeks legal advice is when something has gone wrong. When that something thrusts the business into a courtroom, the legal profession is often viewed as a necessary evil, or, at best, a friendly adversary.

Richard Bruder, a Southfield business attorney and partner with the firm of Seyburn, Kahn and Ginn, claims that attitude is changing, thanks to business owners who have discovered the value of legal business checkups.

"JUST AS we all have physical examinations to avoid hospital visits, legal business checkups help to avoid courtroom visits," Bruder said.

His firm began offering the checkups about six months ago.

"By design, our checkup identifies areas where the business may already be exposed to a lawsuit as well as those areas where exposure may exist."

The checkup helps companies plan transactions and design their busi-

focus: small business

Mary DiPaolo

ness's conduct to minimize its exposure to potential litigation while identifying opportunities for increased revenues.

IT SPECIFICALLY examines five areas: employee relations (making sure employment laws are not being violated and that the business follows proper procedure in hiring and firing); IRS relations (testing whether the business is set up to take advantage of tax planning opportunities); owner relations (how the business plans to continue in the event of partner disability or death); customer and supplier relations (whether the company's business forms adequately measure payment for goods and services rendered); and miscellaneous relations (evaluating the adequacy of the business' recordkeeping, insurance coverage

and operational permits).

BUSINESS OWNERS who are looking for financing or who plan to sell their business will be ahead of the game when dealing with lenders, investors and business buyers.

Bruder believes the checkup also functions as an educational tool. "Business professionals shouldn't be expected to know all the right questions to ask their lawyer regarding the legal health of their business, so the checkup does it for them," he said. Bruder can be reached at 353-7620.

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."



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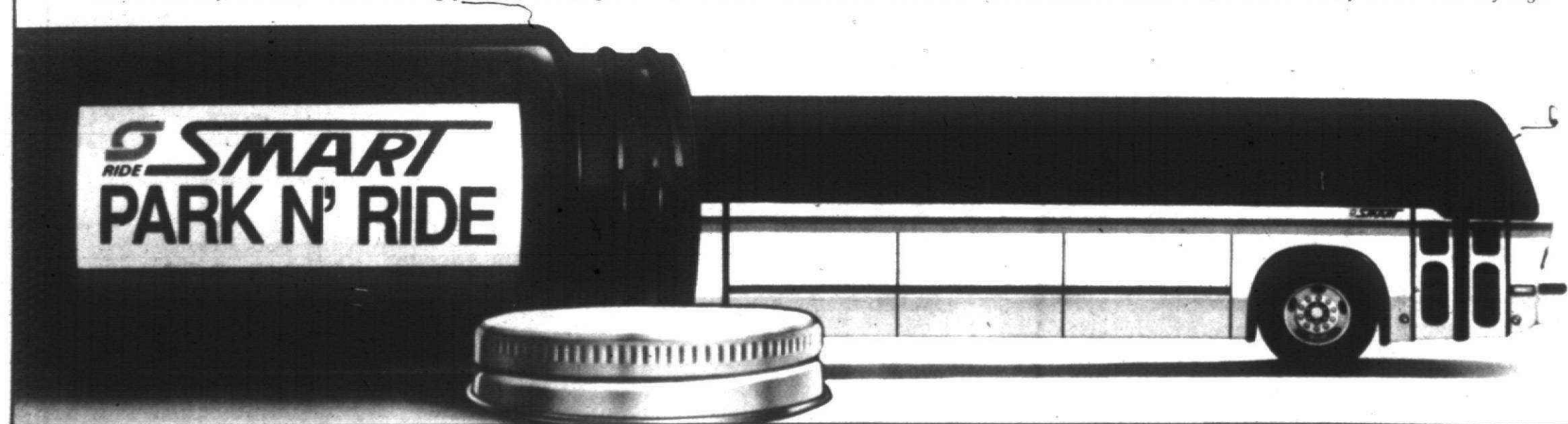
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average cost	If you do not specify anything at the time of sale, the IRS assumes that you sold the shares in the order in which you bought them.	This method is perfect for situations in which the oldest shares have the worst performance record.	This method maximizes the tax liability for investors whose oldest shares have been the best performers.
	The IRS does allow you to average your cost by totaling your total investment in the mutual fund, including dividends and capital gains reinvested in the fund, and dividing it by the total number of shares you hold in that fund. Also, if you wish, you could separate short-term shares and long-term shares and figure out the average cost for each group.	This method can be the best in those situations where the average costs would be higher (and therefore the gains lower) than if the FIFO method were used.	A lot of detailed bookkeeping might be involved with this method, especially if frequent trades are made.

Don't pay too much

By Sid Mittra
special writer

Recently I received a phone call from John Jones, who had become a client a year ago. Terribly frustrated by his inability to figure out how to report his taxable income from mutual funds, John wanted to know if there was a simple way to determine his gains and losses from his mutual fund holdings.

John is not alone. Most investors in mutual funds experience similar frustrations at tax time, especially if they have sold part of their holdings. There are several reasons for this. First, the IRS allows three different methods for determining taxes on gains and losses from mutual funds.

SECOND, EVEN assuming that one of these methods was preselected, in certain situations figuring out what income is taxable may be difficult. For instance, if dividends were declared during the fourth quarter of 1990 but were not distributed until 1991, they are still treated as taxable income for 1990.

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Barter exchange geared to entertainment clients

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With a trade exchange geared especially to the hospitality industry, with a membership limited to hospitality industry-related businesses, the playing field is a bit more equal, Mitchell said.

SAM SCLAFANI, director of Marketing for Metro Traffic Control, said if he has any complaint with the Entertainment Exchange, it's that it isn't national.

Metro Traffic Control of Troy provides the helicopter traffic reports heard on many of southeastern Michigan's radio stations. The company then sells sponsorship of the traffic report.

"We like to use the Entertainment Exchange because it is so focused on the hospitality industry," he said. The benefit to business travelers of having a national exchange would be fantastic.

Imagine entering a town and being able to go to any number of good restaurants without having to worry

about having cash on hand, he said.

"It would be like having a bank account of money in every city," he said. As it is, the Entertainment Exchange makes local exchanges of services more convenient than carrying cash.

"It eliminated having to do cash expenses," he said. Having another company handle the transactions also saves time for the department that handles company expense accounts.

Rather than having to do individual accounts or cash reimbursements, the Entertainment Exchange does the work for you, he said.

TRADE EXCHANGES do two things — they save cash flow and save money. Entertainment Exchange president Mitchell said.

Cash flow is saved by providing goods and services of an equal value later, Mitchell said. Instead of paying for a hotel room on the evening of travel, the exchange member uses trade exchange credits and holds onto his money.

Aristocrat Limousines of Farmington Hills president and owner Susan Jarvis said she uses the exchange to obtain trade credits for use in member restaurants.

"I use it a lot," she said. "I highly recommend it."

Jarvis said limiting membership to the hospitality industry in the Entertainment Exchange hasn't reduced its usefulness for her. In fact, it's been useful in getting customers she may not have normally had.

Obtaining new clients is exactly the reason why CPA Norman Oshelski in Royal Oak uses the service. "It provides a source of clients that you probably wouldn't otherwise have."

Oshelski provides accounting and tax services and uses his trade credits for business lunches and dinners.

A veteran of several other bartering associations, Oshelski said members tend to be very loyal. "Some of the clients I had in a trade exchange that no longer exist are still with me."

Ombudsman tries to open doors

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WHAT WOULD she tell a student contemplating a career?

"The most critical kind of training is people skills — drawing people out to get the information you need and the sense of where they're going."

"The other skill is negotiating. Often the people have already called the agency and have a problem. They call us to resolve it. We need to deal sometimes with a hostile situation."

"I don't know of any college curriculum. The college of hard knocks is what it is."

Her staff? "They are plain, ordi-

nary people with a desire to serve and the people skills. One has been in the office since its inception. One came from another department. One came from the governor's office at one point.

"We're doing staff development all the time in terms of building communications links with other agencies in state government."

ENGLER HOLDS open office hours for public input and wants his appointees to do the same. Miller handles the chore differently from the rest.

"I try to take one day a week and go out — to different areas of the

state and meet with business folks and organizations.

"Next week I'm going up to Traverse City for a couple of days. I've spent considerable time in Detroit visiting chambers. I'm scheduled for the Upper Peninsula later in the spring."

"We've begun meeting with trade associations. There have been a lot of concerns about the way insurance rates are set, and they never thought to call the ombudsman's office to help with that process."

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BUSINESS LECTURE

Thursday, April 11 — Quality control expert Edwards Deming will speak at 7 p.m. at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Free. Information: 591-7579.

RETIREMENT INVESTING

Saturday, April 13 — Free seminar on investment strategy for retirement planning 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. Information: Greg Wright, 1-800-852-6228. Sponsor: PaineWebber.

LABOR LAW

Monday-Tuesday, April 15-16 — "Labor Law" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

BARGAINING

Tuesday-Thursday, April 16-18 — "Target-Specific Bargaining" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

12 OAKS MERCHANTS

Wednesday, April 17 — Twelve Oaks merchants meet in Novi. Information: Elaine Kah, 348-9438.

ADMINISTERING A CONTRACT

Wednesday-Thursday, April 17-18 — "Administering the Labor Contract" in Livonia. Information: Per-

sonnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

CPA TAX UPDATE

Thursday, April 18 — "Tax Update for CPAs in Industry" at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Fee: \$215. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

REACH YOUR GOAL

Thursdays, April 18 and 25 — "Techniques for Planning and Achieving Your Goals" 6-10 p.m. Ann Arbor and Dearborn. Fee: \$129. Information: 800-472-6439.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Monday, April 22 — "Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Tuesday, April 23 — "Developing and Implementing the Affirmative Action Plan" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

STRATEGIC BUDGETING

Thursday, April 25 — "Strategic Budgeting" at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Fee: \$215. Information:

855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING

Thursday, April 25 — "Managerial Accounting: How to Guide to Management Decisions" at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Fee: \$215. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

TRADE FAIR

Thursday, April 25 — Trade fair at Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Information: Rose Beal, 596-0379. Sponsor: Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce's council of small enterprises.

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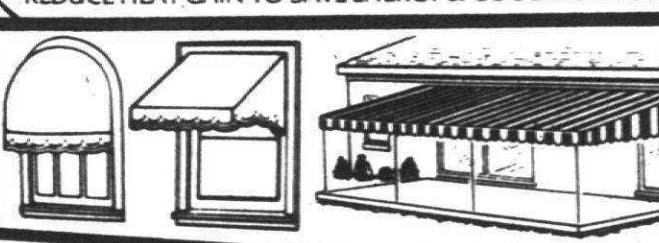
Monday-Friday, April 29 through May 3 — "Personnel Management for the Newly Appointed Human Resources Specialist" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Monday-Friday, April 29 through May 3 — "Negotiating the Labor Contract" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

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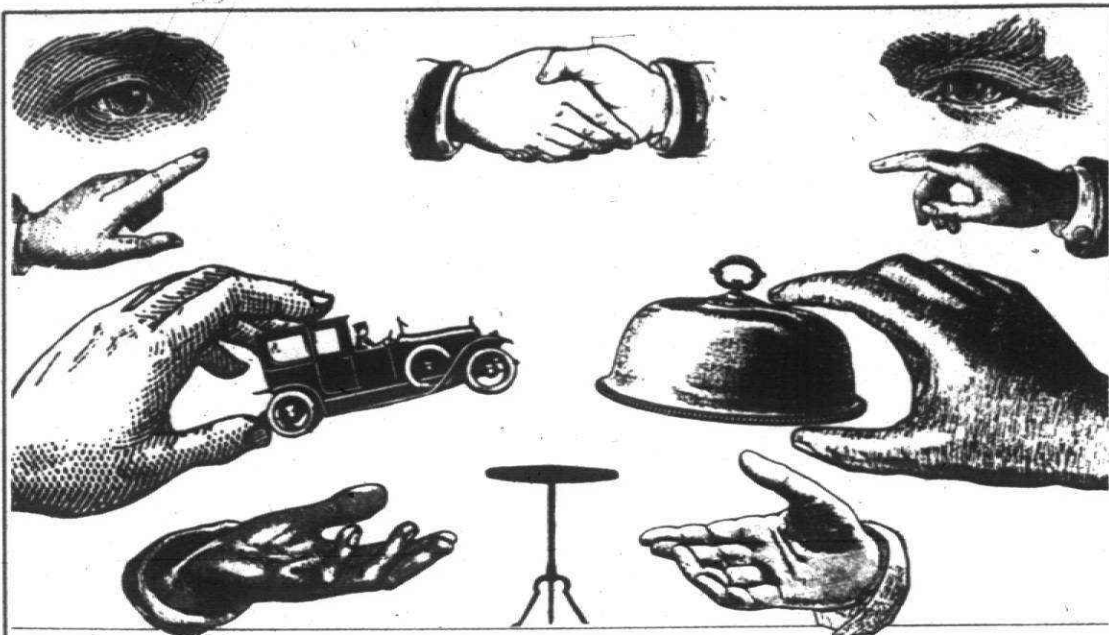
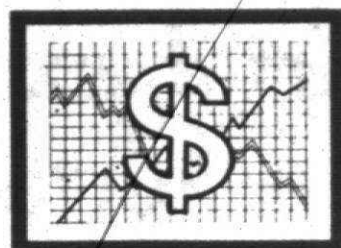
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O&E Thursday, April 11, 1991



Barter exchange geared to entertainment clients

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

I'll trade you a side of beef for a two martini lunch and an evening of dining and dancing pleasure.

Improbable? Nonsense, it's bartering — one of the fastest growing business segments in the country today, according to trade publications.

Bartering is nothing new. It predates currency. When the cavemen gathered together in prehistoric times, it probably wasn't uncommon to see a skilled weapons maker exchange, say, a stone ax, for a slab of mastodon meat.

Currency was established to facilitate the exchange of goods and services.

But now, in currency short

times, bartering is gaining a new foot hold. Trade exchanges like the Metro Trade Association and Michigan Trade Exchange have flourished by serving its general memberships.

"That works fine for the majority, but what about the people who need more specialized service?" Anthony Mitchell, president and owner of the Entertainment Exchange in Livonia said.

Three years ago, Mitchell saw the need for a specialized type of bartering — exchanging travel, hospitality and entertainment services and goods. Related businesses that cater to the hospitality industry — like advertising and service providers the hospitality industry can use — are also permitted entry.

General membership trade exchanges don't work as well for businesses in the hospitality industry, Mitchell said. "I've been in the restaurant business all my life and I've dealt with other exchanges," he said.

Just about any business can use a meal or a hotel room, but hospitality businesses may not be able to use a widget designed for manufacturing more widgets, he said.

"Basically, you end up with more trade credits than you can use."

The hospitality businesses' trade accounts swell and go unused, Mitchell said. "Eventually, the hospitality industry members have too many credits they can't use."

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Ombudsman tries to open closed doors

By Tim Richard
staff writer

In the budget crunch, Judy Miller's staff was cut from 12 to five, but the Michigan business ombudsman is landing on her feet.

"One thing this office used to do was provide start-up information and permitting for new businesses," she said. "We've put that information on a (computer) data base, and people will be able to access it in their local areas."

"We'll announce it within the month. The information will be in libraries, chambers of commerce, trade associations, community colleges and universities. We'll develop a list of business centers. They (new entrepreneurs) will be able to get counseling at business centers, too, if they need it."

Thus, someone starting a new business will be able to get permit information in two to six places close to home. That will leave ombudsman Miller and her surviving staff freer to help with the more demanding problem.

"We are the customer service window for business in state government. We handle all their complaints in terms of dealing with state agencies."

"I LOVE the job. It's an extension of being a legislator," said the former three-term state representative from Birmingham.

"It's dealing with constituent problems. Only now I have a little different constituency, and the geographic area is wider."

Miller, 54, ran a dressmaking service and was a city commissioner before going to Lansing. After missing a bid for a state Senate nomination, she was tapped by now-Gov. John Engler to challenge Democratic Secretary of State Richard Austin.

She trimmed Austin's vote margin to the 60 percent level and was rewarded by Engler with the ombudsman job. She commutes from her Bloomfield Township home to Lansing.

"Most businesses we help are small — sole proprietorships. Most are service businesses, but some are manufacturing — like the closing down of a furnace works in the Kalamazoo area and the problems they had with DNR (Department of Natural Resources)," she said.



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THE JOB is eight years old. Engler would like to see improvements in state dealings with business so that the ombudsman's workload doesn't grow.

Miller is working on it. "Before the expanded staff left, I had a number of specific problems identified," she said. Samples:

"A lot of concerns have to do with MESC (Michigan Employment Security Commission) — delayed response to protests and requests, inheriting another business' account, application of penalty rates, the need to simplify forms."

"In DNR, one concern has to do with the way they determine what small businesses will sell hunting and fishing licenses."

"Another is the sales tax and withholding tax in the Treasury Department."

"We have a law that requires (state) inspection of salvaged vehicles to make sure there aren't stolen parts. We're having difficulty implementing that act because those who are supposed to be doing the inspections won't do them. That's the State Police. They have some reasons."

"There was a problem with reimbursement to vendors in the WIC (women-infant-children) program."

"In Civil Rights, it's taking eight months to process recertifications for women and minority-owned businesses."

What does the future hold?

"I don't think there will be a need to eliminate this function. We may change some of the problems we deal with."

"The case work in this office has not grown in the eight years it has been in existence. It's not varied more than a couple hundred cases a year — 1,200 to 1,500. Maybe the state departments will become more sensitive to constituent needs."

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Inner banking operations not so mysterious after all

By Doug Funke
staff writer

This article, the fourth in a series about banking in southeastern Michigan, addresses several questions about the general mechanics of the industry.

Q: What are the differences between a bank, a savings and loan, and a credit union?

A: Practically, not much, nowadays.

Banks and savings and loans, owned by stockholders, are taxed on their earnings. Credit unions, considered non-profit cooperatives owned by members, aren't taxed.

Consequently, credit unions, with fewer expenses, may offer slightly higher savings rates and slightly lower loan rates.

"Banks tend to be general purpose financial institutions," said Murray D. Lull, a national advisor for the American Bankers Association.

"Savings and loans and credit unions historically have special niches. S&Ls were designed to make home loans. Credit unions' specialty was blue collar workers... who may have been alienated from banks," he said.

Justin L. Moran, a consultant to the banking industry and spokesman for the Michigan Bankers Association, doesn't agree that banks are always better capitalized and more strictly regulated than competing institutions.

But all three are pretty much into the same lines of business now, Moran said. "They have very much blended and blurred. Now, everybody does everything."

Banks, S&Ls and credit unions all offer checking, savings and money market accounts. There are no interest caps on savings instruments, although regulators would step in if someone were to offer an outrageous rate, Moran said.

All make loans for a variety of purposes and all offer credit cards. Michigan usury laws cap interest rates at 18 percent on credit cards. There's no functional limit on mortgage rates.

Q: Speaking of credit cards, how does that process work?

A: "People are used to the convenience. They know it works. They don't know how it works," said William Davis, a vice president for Security Bank & Trust of Southgate.

A merchant will sign on with one bank — a merchant bank — and pay

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a fee of 2-5 percent of net business transactions to process all credit purchases.

If a card from another bank is used by a consumer, the two banks split the service fee based on several factors including the discount the merchant bank negotiates with clients, volume of transactions and value of ticket items.

Visa and MasterCard are credit information and processing interchanges. They receive licensing fees and periodic transaction fees from banks for serving as credit conduits in commerce.

Here's a theoretical example.

Ace Television selects Bank A to be its merchant bank and service its credit card business at 3 percent per transaction.

Customer Joe, whose credit card is through the same Bank A, buys a TV for \$400.

Bank A credits the account of Ace Television for \$388 and bills Joe \$400 at the end of the month. Bank A keeps the \$12 for a service/processing fee and will collect interest from Joe if he doesn't pay for the TV by the due date.

Bank A also is out \$388 if Joe never pays.

Customer Jane, whose credit card is issued by Bank B, buys the same TV for \$400.

Bank A credits the account of Ace Television for \$388. (To keep things simple, let's say that Bank A and Bank B will split the 3 percent service fee evenly.) Bank A bills Bank B \$394 through the Visa or MasterCard network. That's \$388 for the TV and half of the \$12 service fee.

Bank B, which gets half of the service fee for providing credit to Jane, bills Jane \$400 at the end of the month. Bank B also will earn interest from Jane if she doesn't pay by the due date.

Bank B is stuck for \$388 if Jane never pays.

The benefits of a credit card system:

- The merchant gets his money immediately and doesn't have to worry if the customer never pays.

- The customer has access to another layer of consumer protection laws if something goes wrong with the purchase. He or she also can pay for the TV over time as long or short as they desire.

- Banks earn money from credit

from service fees alone. Many also earn interest when consumers don't settle accounts in a timely fashion and by charging annual user fees.

Q: What happens when a bank fails?

A: "There are two levels of defense banks have to protect deposits — capital accounts (stockholders' equity and retained earnings) and FDIC insurance," Lull said.

Banks pay into the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation reserve fund twice a year. The current rate of 19 1/2 cents per \$100 of deposits rises to 23 cents per \$100 July 1.

More than 90 percent of banks which fail are absorbed by other banks rather than closed, Lull said. Banks bid through the FDIC for the right to acquire a failing bank.

Individual deposits under \$100,000 — and maybe more in some banks, currently, if they're judged to be too big to fail — are safe regardless of what happens.

Here's a theoretical, oversimplified example.

Failing Bank, a small institution with \$1 million in deposits, goes belly up because it doesn't have enough liquid assets to cover current obligations or its capital fund dwindles to zero.

Failing has an outstanding loan portfolio of \$900,000 consisting of good and bad lendings.

Rescue Bank, believing that it can make money by acquiring Failing, bids \$10,000 for the rights.

The FDIC accepts and collects the \$10,000 for its reserve fund. The FDIC and Rescue then huddle over Failing's loan portfolio. They agree that \$100,000 of the loans probably are bad and aren't collectible.

Because Rescue acquired \$1 million in liabilities when taking over Failing's deposits and acquired assets of only \$800,000 (viable loans minus bad loans with no capital), the FDIC will pay Rescue \$200,000 out of its reserve fund to balance.

The FDIC then acquires the bad loans.

If no one were to bid, Failing would be closed. The FDIC would quickly pay off the depositors with \$1 million from its reserve fund.

The FDIC would acquire all the assets, including loans, and sell them to other institutions or hire someone to service them. Proceeds in either case would replenish the FDIC reserve fund.

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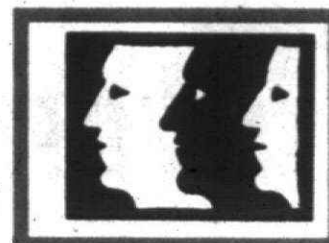


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To live and to die Living will addresses end of life

THERE WAS A TIME when health care meant staying home and death was a shared experience.

Long before hospitals and today's medical technology, a loved one spent his last days at home with family members. There were no machines to help him breathe; no tubes to provide nutrients and antibiotics.

Today, death, for the most part, takes place in a sterile environment. The marvelous medical advances of the 20th century have radically changed the way we live... and the way we die. And at a time when physicians can preserve and prolong life, patients are taking a closer look at their definition of life.

Through living wills and durable powers of attorney, they are deciding their own fate, putting themselves at odds with age-old state laws and medical ethics.

In Death By Choice, we will take a look at the issue of who shall decide when and how death comes.

This is not an easy subject to address. It is a far-reaching national issue that may forever be locked in a legal struggle between opponents and proponents.

— Sue Mason

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Victor Bleimeister's legs are weak. He has arthritis and hardening of the arteries. He also experienced congestive heart failure once.

In the past year, he's been to the doctor several times.

"I've got a lot of problems," said Bleimeister, 85, who lives at American House Retirement Home in Livonia.

Such recurring ailments can give cause for thoughts of the future. Things such as the consequences of a long, debilitating illness would have on loved ones — both emotional and financial.

Lately, many people have been pondering those issues. Mainly with the recent furor surrounding Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his suicide machine. The issue of a person's right to die has also led to heated debate in

the courtrooms and the legislature.

Bleimeister's been keeping up on the assisted-suicide case, something he doesn't agree with.

"It's absolutely wrong," Bleimeister said. "That's the Christian viewpoint."

"That's wrong, deliberately helping someone take their own life."

But as that controversy rages on, Bleimeister has acted on another option somewhat lost in the tumult of Kevorkian's extreme methods.

Bleimeister has drawn up a living will. Such a document states, in essence, that no mechanical means would be used to prolong his life if he's incapacitated and admitted into a hospital.

WITH A living will, Bleimeister would refuse the use of such things as a respirator or tube feedings. He would be allowed to die naturally.

"Why?" asked Bleimeister rhetorically, sitting in his living room.

"For a matter of convenience. To save expense on the survivors."

"I've been thinking about it for a long time. It's not anything I've just started thinking about."

There are a few things to consider, such as the legality of such a document. Currently, living wills are not valid in Michigan — one of only nine states not to recognize them.

Although state law does provide for a health care proxy. In certain situations, a patient advocate is chosen by the person to make medical care decisions if that individual becomes incapacitated (see related story).

Bleimeister believes it's not a decision of the courts, rather an individual's right to choose.

"That's the way it should be," he said. "A person should have that option to do that (have a living will)."

His two daughters, Corrine Leh-

man of Westland and Lois Willis of Taylor, only recently learned of his decision. He added both are aware of his feelings on the issue.

ANOTHER consideration was the living will itself. There are several different types.

In his possession are a couple of samples, including one from his church, St. Matthew's Lutheran in Westland. His pastor signed as one of the two witnesses required.

"It (the example from church) takes it more from the moral aspect," he said. "It (says) not to use mechanical means to prolong your life. Situations where they have to pump food into your stomach or blood... That type of thing."

"Of course, there are borderline cases," he added. "That's a problem, too, where you have a gray area."

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—Victor Bleimeister

Personal decision vs. public dilemma



"I don't believe the majority of people are murderers..."

—Ann Thomas

To Ann Thomas, president of Right to Life/Lifespan, the right-to-die issue is potentially bigger than Roe vs. Wade (the Supreme Court decision on abortion) because of an aging population.



JIM RIDER/staff photographer

Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger also believes the right to die is a once in a generation issue like Roe vs. Wade and its "enemy" is the right to life movement.

Death: God's decision

By Susan Steinmueller
staff writer

The definitive law on death by choice has yet to be written in the American courts.

But for religious institutions in general, the law has been written for centuries. In traditional Judeo-Christian laws, death is a matter to be left in God's hands.

"We have a very standard position as far as that goes," said Brenda Marshall, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Detroit. "The position of the church has always been that God is the giver of life and that he is the only one that can take a life. So one person cannot assume that responsibility even if it is for one's own life."

Marshall said the church teaching goes back to the Bible and the 10 Commandments, which include the commandment "Thou Shalt not Kill."

"Judaism believes in the sanctity of every minute of life," said Rabbi David Nelson of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park. "There is a great reverence for life in Judaism, so it insists on prolonging life. Certain-

ly, to assist in suicide is a grievous sin in my mind."

Religious convictions are among the more powerful reasons for opposition to using medical technology to end life for the terminally ill.

But opponents cite many more reasons to be against the practice, in a debate sparked last summer by Dr. Jack Kevorkian's helping Alzheimer's patient Janet Adkins, 54, take her own life with a "suicide machine."

SOME SAY simply that there are better and more peaceful ways to die, without prolonging the process through extraordinary and heroic measures.

Hospice, which allows a still receiving patient to die at home while still receiving medical support, is often cited as the best solution.

"I think the answer is hospice and leave it in the hands of the Almighty," is the opinion of Dr. John W. Finn, medical director of the Southfield-based Hospice of Southeastern

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Choice: A civil right

By Shirlee Rose Iden
staff writer

Americans overwhelmingly favor active euthanasia, assisted suicide, death by choice, whichever label is applied.

And, according to many polls of the medical profession, a plurality of physicians believe in helping those who suffer choose death over pain and profound disability.

Who says so? Doctors, lawyers, faith healers, and mothers, sons, brothers and sisters. And Socrates, Plato, and the Stoics.

"Lawyers are hired guns in an adversary position with one another," said Geoffrey Fieger, a Southfield attorney who represents Dr. Jack Kevorkian, whose suicide machine accomplished the death of a 54 year-old Alzheimer's disease sufferer Janet Adkins last June. "I believe lawyers favor Kevorkian."

Unlike most attorneys who maintain a low profile in such controversial matters, Fieger has become deeply involved with the issue of death by choice. He has a book in the works on it and keeps "Dr. Death's" \$30 suicide machine in his car while traveling

between speaking engagements.

"Privately, there are thousands of Dr. Kevorkians," he said. "There is no reason to oppose death by choice for the terminally ill. A living will and assisted suicide are exactly the same."

FIEGER BELIEVES the application of death by choice should be a highly controlled medical specialty. "A person's mental competence would have to be determined," he said.

The "enemy" to death by choice legislation is the right to life movement who are "really dangerous people who don't believe in civil rights," according to the attorney.

"Lawyers and doctors won't decide this issue, it will be people," said Fieger who considers death by choice a once in a generation issue as important as Roe vs. Wade (right to abortion).

Karen Haydu, of Southfield, a manicurist and healer, said diseases such as AIDS and cancer are so painful and debilitating they distort the very quality of life.

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Doctors deal with lethal decisions

By Rebecca Haynes
staff writer

The question of death by choice is not a new one for those who ponder medical ethics.

"People who opt for it do so because they are afraid of losing control," said Tom Tomlinson, author and ethics professor at Michigan State University who helps run the Medical Ethics Resource Network out of the school's Center for Ethics and Humanities.

The option to refuse aggressive treatment and let the disease take its natural course has a strong history of respect in the medical field, both legally and ethically, he said. But the option to end a life before a disease takes it, however, is not so clear cut.

"Patients have long had a right to refuse medical treatment," Tomlin-

son said. "In fact, physicians who do things against a patient's will are committing a crime, a form of assault."

And although there are physicians who favor euthanasia, Tomlinson said they are in the minority.

"It's an issue of active debate and has been for some years, many years before Kevorkian made the news," he said.

TOMLINSON SAID he believes that the more palliative care is offered to terminal patients, the less need they'll feel for euthanasia.

And because of the legal liability, even physicians who may agree with a patient's decision to forego treatment or to opt for euthanasia may be reluctant to do so. It's for that reason that hospitals have had to implement policies governing treatment of these patients and legislatures are

adopting laws on living wills and durable power of attorney.

Dr. Calvin Kay, medical director at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, said the hospital's policies have been revised almost every year for the past three years, staying in line with the Presidential Commission on Medical Ethics.

"Part of the problem has been to develop policies that people understand," he said. "We have to make things simpler, more direct."

Hospitals run into the most trouble when a patient becomes incompetent to make his or her own decisions. There may be a disagreement among family members about what should or shouldn't be done.

"Finding out who has the legal right to make the patient's decision is one of the hardest issues," Kay said. "People tend to put off the de-

cision-making process until it's too late."

AND THE family is trying to deal with the trauma of the illness and the guilt that comes from making a decision.

"The single most important thing to do is to sit down and talk to your loved ones about what you would want if something should happen to you," Kay said. "And it isn't just an issue for older people. Sometimes it's the young people who've been in accidents who are on respirators the longest."

Sister Dinah White is vice president for mission effectiveness at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She said the hospital asks physicians to let it know the wishes of seriously or terminally ill patients they admit.

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Suicide and the law

Suicide is not a crime in Michigan. A bill prohibiting assisted suicide, introduced by Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, was voted out of committee March 7. SB 32 would amend the penal code to make it a four-year felony for a person who helps another person attempt or commit suicide. If adopted, it would take effect in 1993. But suicide and assisted suicide has been a part of the legal system for years:

■ English common law held suicide to be a serious crime, an offense against God, nature and the king, who was deprived of a subject. Penalty was forfeiture of property. Because suicide was a crime, so was an attempt. Incitement and conspiracy also were a crime.

■ In early U.S. history, forfeiture of property as punishment was never accepted. Thus there were no traditional punishments for suicide.

■ As recently as 1986, no state statute criminalized attempts to commit suicide. Although not a crime, a minority of states theoretically punish suicide assistance as manslaughter or murder.

Assistance is differentiated by facilitating or aiding. A majority of states impose criminal liability other than murder or manslaughter. In practice, however, assisted suicide has been ignored or sporadically enforced by police and prosecutors.

There are six basic fact situations concerning assistance statutes. That are being addressed in model penal codes:

1. Passive assistance—failing to prevent.
2. Facilitation—relatively slight assistance, not necessary to accomplish the act. Examples are doctors who provide advice on fatal dosages, persons who address suicide notes for the victim, allow their homes to be used, or yell "Jump!"
3. Providing the means—the act, like hooking up a hose to a car's exhaust system, against which most statutes are aimed.
4. Active participation—helping the person, such as depressing the plunger of a syringe.
5. Causing suicide—brutality, for instance, incitement or psychological coercion.
6. Suicide pacts—although suicide is not punishable, the surviving member of a suicide pact can be charged as an aider and abettor of suicide.

—Source: Columbia Law Review

Paradox

Collusion with illusion a modern reality

It seems as though the more sophisticated we become the sillier we appear. Among the many places in which this paradox raises its head to say "hello" is in the grocery store.

Most of us by now have been in a supermarket or two that proudly presents a "health food" section. My question, of course, has to do with what this says about the rest, and indeed the majority, of the food offered for our consumption.

In the days before supermarkets, I was one of those kids who was sent to the store on the corner for a loaf of bread, a box of cereal, a can of



moral perspectives

Rev. Robert Schaden

soup or a bottle of milk. I don't remember a health food section. There was simply a grocery store.

MAYBE NONE of it was that healthy. We didn't worry about it, we just bought it and ate it. What we didn't know didn't hurt us — or did it?

Along with our progress and our sophistication has come a kind of collusion with illusion. Long before Billy Crystal captured the notion in suggesting that looking marvelous was all that mattered, Machiavelli stated it in more academic terms: "The great majority of mankind are satisfied with appearances, as though they were realities and are often more influenced by the things that seem than those that are."

Madison Avenue has picked up on the idea with gusto. Thus the principle that it is easier to sell the pack-

aging than the contents remains operative and productive.

So in the marketplace what is healthy does not matter as much as the illusion of health. Check the tobacco commercials. By the same token, packaged religion may often be more popular than spirituality. Personality takes the place of character. Politicians continue to be marketed at the cosmetic counters of political society. Schools are often equated with education. Many are led to believe that peace exists because some of the troops have come home.

EVEN THE face of war itself was changed in the recent presentation of *The Gulf War: A Mini Series*. Pictures of smart bombs screaming across the night sky all but blotted out in the viewer's mind the screaming victims on the ground.

The reason that most of us are sat-

isfied with appearances as though they were realities is that we have come to believe that the appearances are reality. That, of course, is the point at which we have been bought.

And because none of us wants to admit to having been bought, it is all the easier to convince us to continue putting the stuff in our baskets, defending it and even swallowing, often before we pay for it.

All the baskets of life are not to be found in supermarkets. The ideas and convictions we stash into our minds, the slogans that drive our behavior and the official behaviors we have come to accept can all be categorized as healthy or unhealthy.

To pick up on Billy Crystal, what would really be marvelous would be to find the health food sections in the supermarket of life taking up more square footage than the rest of the food. But if Machiavelli is correct then we probably believe that it is that way already. No wonder that it has been said the most enslaved person in the world is the slave who thinks he is free.

The Rev. Robert Schaden is with the Newman House campus ministries at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

engagements

Moores-Abdulkabi

Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Moores Jr. of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann, to Ramzi Rafic Abdulkabi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rafic Abdulkabi of Livonia.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is also the daughter of the late Marie C. Moores.

Her fiancé will graduate in May from Wayne State University, where he is studying engineering.

A mid-May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.



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Weight Loss Surprises Researchers

WASHINGTON - A nutrition organization was hopeful that a nutritionally complete "hi-tech" food tablet would help ease world hunger problems, until a study revealed that one of the ingredients could cause significant weight loss.

Researchers in Europe found that an ingredient in the aptly named product Food Source One actually caused people to lose weight, even though specifically instructed not to alter normal eating patterns, according to one study published in the prestigious British Journal of Nutrition. Researchers in an earlier study had speculated that the weight loss was due to a decrease in intestinal absorption of calories.

While the development of Food Source One, a project of National Dietary Research, would not be used to successfully fulfill its original goal, the discovery has been a windfall for overweight people.

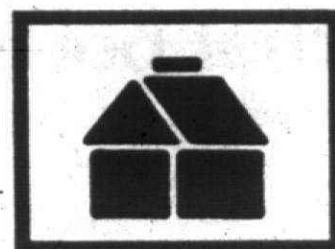
A Daytona Beach, Florida woman fighting a weight battle for 12 years used the product on the recommendation of her physician and lost 30 pounds. She stated, "Not only have I lost 30 pounds, but my cholesterol has dropped from 232 to 143. I have two closets full of clothes which have not fit me in two years that I can now wear." In a separate report, a telephone interview revealed that a Wilmington, North Carolina pharmacist lost 14 pounds in 15 days on the product and was never hungry.

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Night boasts blend of music, history

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Music and history of the local variety will share the spotlight Friday, April 12. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Historical Museum will team up to present "A Night of Music and History."

The evening begins at 8 p.m. when, under conductor Russell Reed, the Plymouth Symphony presents its final concert of the 1990-91 season, "Cello Primo," in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

The performance will festively conclude the orchestra's 45th anniversary season. Cellist Norman Fischer, a former Plymouth resident who last performed with the orchestra in 1971, will be guest soloist.

"It's a real thrill for me to have contact with the orchestra after all these years," said Fischer during an interview from his Ohio home.

After the music ends, a special afterglow, "A Celebration of Musical History," will be held in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth.

The afterglow will feature the grand opening of new museum exhibits: "100 Years of Carnegie Hall," an exhibit saluting the Plymouth Symphony's achievements over the past 45 years; and a display of antique musical instruments.

ON THIS evening celebrating music and history, the concert program will include "Suite No. 3" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "Cello Concerto" by Sir Edward Elgar and "Concerto for

Orchestra" by Bela Bartok.

Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra" is pure tour de force. "Unlike most concertos, which focus on a single instrument, it features virtually the entire orchestra," Reed said.

"Written in the 1940s, it's a brilliant work, a rhythmic and powerful piece."

Highlighting the evening's performance is the return of Norman Fischer, originally from Plymouth. He'll be featured soloist in "Cello Concerto," written by Sir Edward Elgar.

"It's a wonderful, romantic concerto written in the late 19th, early 20th century," Reed said. "Elgar's 'Cello Concerto,' it isn't really performed, but only by the finest of cellists."

"This particular piece by Elgar is unique, one of his last works and greatest masterpieces," Fischer said. "It is autobiographical in nature. It represents an individual's yearning for this time gone by, the passing of an era."

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AFTER COMPLETING studies at Interlochen Arts Academy and Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, Fischer founded the Concord String Quartet. For 16 years, he concertized in the United States and abroad.

Recording more than 40 works as the quartet's cellist, Fischer appeared on television and radio. His honors include the Naumberg Chamber Music Award, an Emmy Award and Grammy nominations. He performs on a Florentine cello dated 1760.

Fischer now performs with his wife, pianist Jeanne Kierman Fischer, as the Fischer Duo.

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Norman Fischer
guest cellist



"Innocence," a graphite drawing, focuses on the face as do many of Gwen Dietrich's sensitive portrayals. Dietrich enlarges and emphasizes the eyes in her work. She believes there is truth in the words of American sculptor Hiram Powers, "The eye is the window of the soul; the intellect and will are seen in it."

Artist depicts everyday life in pastel color

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

ARTIST GWEN Dietrich creates sensitive portrayals of dogs and people in everyday situations, using layers of transparent color pastel.

Dietrich's one-woman show, "Dogs and Dames," is on exhibit at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia through April 20.

Dietrich, a graduate of Parsons School of Design in New York City, works with pastel, colored pencil and watercolor. "Degas was the master of pastel. All one has to do is study his work



Gwen Dietrich

to learn its versatility," Dietrich said in her Canton Township studio.

Surrounded by boxes of pastels that included hundreds of reds, blues, blacks and flesh tones, Dietrich talked about her art.

"BECAUSE OF my love and familiarity with dogs, I felt I could be very sensitive in my rendering of the subject."

It took Dietrich a year of working nights and weekends to complete the 21 works in the "Dogs and Dames" series on display at Nelson's, she said.

Forty hours a week, Dietrich works as a graphic designer for A.R. Brasch Advertising in Southfield, creating ads and promotional brochures.

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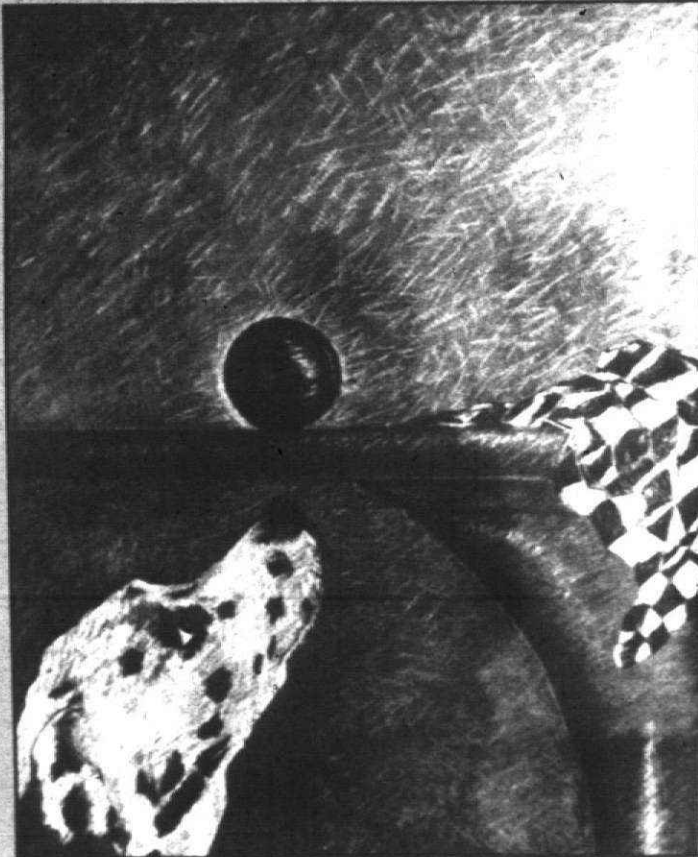
"Walking the Dog" recalls the busy sidewalks of New York City on a warm, sunny day. Shades of gray dominate the picture plane. The lines of the concrete sidewalk lead the

viewer's eye to the center of the work; a brown and white English Springer Spaniel, lazily basking in the sun. The pastel, 30-by-36 inches, is priced at \$575.



This pastel, reminiscent of the Art Nouveau period, is entitled "Starstruck." It's priced at \$400. The black and blue rendering of the lady's long evening glove makes it appear as if cut from lush black velvet.

Staff photos
by
Jim Jagdfeld



Left: Artist Gwen Dietrich has exhibited work in Detroit and New York City. The artist keeps her compositions clean and straightforward with a minimum of shapes, forms and overall color. "Juxtaposition" depicts an anxious scene between a Dalmatian and a coveted ball. Dietrich used an impressionistic background to create tension within this pastel, priced at \$550.

Farmsite, crossroads — reminders of pioneering days

NEWSBEAT NUGGETS:

• The Livonia Historical Commission hopes to stabilize 10 farm buildings at Greenmead Historical Village during the early '90s.

The commission goes before the Livonia City Council Monday, April 15, to seek support for the \$70,000 stabilization project. Detroit architect Mike Kirk, noted for historical restoration, has drawn up plans.

The Hill House is the farmsite's centerpiece. The Greek Revival-style house, a national historic site, dates back to 1841. That's when Livonia Township pioneer Joshua Simmons, a master builder himself, commissioned Farmington architect Sergius P. Lyon, husband of his niece Lucinda, to design and build it.

The landmark home was the Simmons' third residence on their 160-acre farm, Meadow Brook. The

farmsite, including a barn built in 1829 and a farmhand's house built about 1930, stayed in the Simmons family until 1915.

In 1920, Sherwin and Jean Hill acquired the farmsite to raise dairy cattle. They renamed it Greenmead, after her childhood home in Baltimore. They hired Farmington architect Marcus Burrows to remodel the main farmhouse.

Also slated for stabilization are a second barn, two corn cribs, a chicken coop, the north carriage house, the caretaker's cottage and a three-car garage. The ramshackle south carriage house is expected to be dismantled and rebuilt using original materials.

Improving the outbuildings is especially important.

As Sue Daniel, who chairs the historical commission, put it: "If some-



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thing's not done to these buildings soon, they're not going to be here. They're what makes Greenmead so special. There are lots of old farmhouses but without the outbuildings."

With 1991 the 150th anniversary of the Hill House, it's nice to hear that Greenmead's gravel entrance off Newburgh will be named Joshua Simmons Drive.

The prosperous farm he knew as Meadow Brook was a testimonial to

his pioneering spirit. He brought his new wife, Hannah Macomber, here from New York, when he was just 25 and built a three-sided log shanty.

• It's now a residential gateway to one of southeast Michigan's fastest-growing cities. But its roots are as a farming crossroads dating back to Farmington Township's early days.

So it's fitting the Farmington Hills Historical Commission has posted a historic marker at Buckhorn Corners, once a bustling hamlet at 12 Mile and Inkster Road.

That's where carpenter Timothy Tolman built the township's first frame house in 1828 from timber probably bought from Tibbits Sawmill, a water-powered mill a half mile south along Lee's Creek at today's I-696 and Inkster Road.

Two of Buckhorn Corners' more notable sites were the old Coleman School, at today's Middlebelt and I-696, and the Utley Burying Ground, a former Indian burying ground on 12 Mile near Middlebelt.

Coleman School educated kids into the mid-20th century.

Peleg Utley gave part of his farmland for the 217-lot cemetery. His mother, Patience, was buried there in 1824. She died from injuries in a fall from a wagon as her family arrived here from New York. Hers was the first death in the new community of Quaker Towne, later named Farmington after Farmington founder Arthur Power's hometown in New York.

From 1906 to 1932, the Mystic Workers, a group of local women, kept up the cemetery. Farmington's oldest. They staged fund-raisers and

recruited volunteers. Later, upkeep fell to the East Cemetery Association, Farmington Township, even the Boy Scouts. Farmington Hills took responsibility when it became a city in 1974.

Buckhorn Corners was named after the unusual locked deer horns adorning a post at 12 Mile and Inkster.

Timothy Tolman and George Brownell shared a shotgun to kill two fighting deer. Friends and neighbors admired the prized antlers so much, they were displayed for all to enjoy. Ruth Roth Moehlman tells us in her 1980 history book, "If Walls Could Talk: Heritage Homes of Farmington."

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Artist portrays life in pastels

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"My work in graphic design aided my competition, the balance and interplay of large and small forms."

AS DIETRICH sat at a six-foot oak drawing board working on her latest watercolor, "The Lone Wolf," she spoke of the masters who influenced her art.

"Matisse (has been my inspiration) for color, Degas and Van Gogh for technique."

While the majority of her backgrounds are rendered in impressionistic style, Dietrich's portrayal of her central forms, "Dogs and Dames," remains realistic.

"I like working with pastel because of the softness, blending qualities, that create transparencies, and the building of color."

MANY OF Dietrich's scenes recall the sidewalks and streets of New York City.

Gray dominates the picture plane in the pastel entitled "Walking the Dog."

The lines of the city sidewalk lead the eye to the center of attention, a brown dog, lazily basking in the warmth of the sun as he lies in the middle of a concrete walkway.

The people's legs walking past him create movement within the picture, contrasting his "just resting, peaceful pose. The work is priced at \$575."

DIETRICH CREATES a tense sensation in the pastel entitled "Juxtaposition."

In this piece, the upturned head of a Dalmatian leads the eye up along the path of his nose to a co-

veted ball on top of a dining table. Dietrich keeps her scenes clean and straightforward with a minimum of shapes, forms, and overall color.

She balances the black and white spots coloring the Dalmatian with a black and white checkered tablecloth on the opposite side of the scene.

"I was trying to create tension between the shape of the dog's nose, the direction heading the onlooker into the picture, and the shape of the ball."

"Juxtaposition" is priced at \$550.

"ASLEEP AT the Wheel" focuses on a black puppy lying under the front end of a big red car from the late 1950s.

The pup's eyes seem closed until you step up close to the picture and realize his dark brown eyes are alert and awake.

Once again, Dietrich limits her overall colors to the primaries, hundreds of red, yellow and white strokes overlap to create the big red car.

"If you step away, the car is red, if you get close, you see not only the red but yellow and other colors you'd never imagine were there," said Laura Hardy, co-owner and director of Nelson's Gallery.

FOR THE last two years, Hardy has worked to give local artists a forum for their work.

In looking at an artist's work, Hardy said, "I think what I look for is the seriousness of the artist. If someone's not serious, they won't put the effort forth."

"What I loved about Gwen's

work is that when I looked at the black and white spots. When I went back again to look at it, I saw the blue in those black spots."

"Her art work is such that you can hang it on a wall and think you've seen it. Then you walk in the next day and see the detailing, the hundreds of little strokes of different colors which compose the overall color."

"I like to refer to the way I handle it as painting with pastels," Dietrich said.

MANY OF her ideas come from "creative thoughts before I fall asleep at night," Dietrich said.

"Sometimes they're inspired by a photograph I might see. The Dalmatian with the ball was inspired by an advertisement, a photograph by Steban Glass."

Dietrich's "Dogs and Dames" series of works ranges in price from \$150 to \$575.

Dietrich's mother, who died last March, instilled in her strength "to develop all the potential and talent that you have," Dietrich said.

"I completely surround myself with the art world, going to museums, galleries, constantly reading art magazines, taking classes, and disciplining myself to work every night."

Nelson's Gallery is at 16376 Middlebelt, north of Five Mile, in Terrence Corners, Livonia. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Music, history sharing spotlight

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"We've just released a recording of french music from the early 20th century. 'Imagines,' on Northeastern Records with music by Debussy, Messiaen, Ravel and Poulenc," Fischer said.

The Fischers now teach at Oberlin Conservatory. "I am a musician in mid-career, changing over from performing chamber music to a dedication and devotion to teaching chamber music," said Fischer, who will attend the concert afterglow.

THE PLYMOUTH Historical Museum's new graphic exhibit, "100 Years of Carnegie Hall" was "put out by the Carnegie Hall Centennial Committee," said Beth Stewart, museum director. "It runs from 1891 through the mid-1980s."

The commemorative exhibit con-

tains about 40 posters, relating the chronological history of Carnegie Hall, complete with black and white photos and text.

"The posters cover everything from the 1919 women's convention held to get the vote for women, to Judy Garland, Billie Holiday and the Beatles," Stewart said. "There's even a photo of Booker T. Washington with Mark Twain sitting behind him."

The display of antique musical instruments includes strings, cello, viola and music boxes.

"We've been getting together the archival material of the Plymouth Symphony, taping oral histories by longtime members like Edith Schutze and Louise Bradley," Stewart said.

THE CULINARY arts department at Plymouth Salem High School will

provide a dessert bar, fruit and cheese as well as beverages during the afterglow.

Tickets for "A Night of Music and History," including the concert and afterglow, are priced at \$10.

They are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum as well as Belter Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Book-stall on the Main, 116 E. Main and Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main in Northville, and Hammill Music, 15630 Middlebelt, in Livonia.

They also will be available at the PSO Box Office in the high school auditorium, 30 minutes before the performance.

For more information, call the Plymouth Historical Museum, 455-8940, or the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 451-2112.



Musical fun

The Livonia Arts Commission presents the Peanut Butter Players in "Just So," a musical comedy based on Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium. If you've ever wondered how the leopard got his spots or how the elephant got his trunk, you'll find the answers in this production for school-age kids. The Players, under Jo Ann Lamun's direction, are a professional company of young performers ages 7-17. They dance, sing and act. Shown are Ian Kesler (left) of Birmingham, Chris Jones of Southfield, John Sloan of Oak Park and Celia Keenan-Bolger of Detroit. Tickets are \$3 at the library, 32777 Five Mile.

Design seminar focus: remodeling

Schoolcraft College of Livonia will host "Focus on Remodeling," a design seminar, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Michigan Design Center, Troy.

Guest speakers will include experts in remodeling, revamping and renewing homes. Their combined experience covers all facets of remodeling.

They'll show how to make your home into the place you've always dreamed about. Whether it's a new addition or updating a room, you'll find new ideas at this seminar.

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"Art, Architecture & Lifestyle: The Opportunities in Remodeling" will be presented by David Jensen of David Jensen Corp. Come and see and hear how the right remodeling project can improve your lifestyle.

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streamlines vintage homes to reflect today's standards and needs while preserving their elegance.

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"County Fair" is by Jane Wooster Scott, whose bright, uninhibited paintings summon memories of a national heritage: traditions,

holidays, customs. Picnics, parks, kids and cartoon characters are among her themes.



"Cafe Tabac" is by Michael Delacroix. His childhood memories and his exploration of his hometown in the war-torn '30s and '40s

inspired him to create scenes of a Paris shorn of modern conveniences and inventions.

Newcomers art auction to benefit First Step

Proceeds from the Plymouth Newcomers Club's spring art auction will benefit First Step, a Western Wayne County shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The auction, featuring a variety of collectibles in different price ranges, will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The preview starts at 7 p.m.

Featured artists will include Pablo Picasso, Leroy Neiman, Norman Rockwell, Salvador Dali, Michel Delacroix, Steven Klein, Marc Chagall and Wooster Scott.

Media will include oils, graphics, watercolors, cast paper and engravings. All artwork is framed, matted and ready to hang.

Marlin Art Inc. of Deer Park, N.Y., will present the auction. The company does about 600 art auctions yearly for nonprofit groups nationwide.

"You don't have to be afraid to scratch your head, pull your earlobe or tweak your nose at the auction. Just hold up your bid

number," says Lee Canan, of Marlin Art.

ADMISSION IS \$5. For advance tickets, call 451-0486 or 459-9877. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

Hors d'oeuvres and champagne punch will be served. A door prize will be awarded; the winner must be present.

In addition to temporary emergency shelter, First Step provides a 24-hour crisis hotline (459-5900), individual and group counseling, health care assistance, legal, financial and housing advocacy; community aid;

children's programs; speakers; and educational programs.

The nonprofit, 12-year-old service shelters 30 women and children at a time and is almost always full.

It has three work sites, 21 staffers and 65 of volunteers. It serves 35 communities, including Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Redford, Garden City and Westland.

About 2,000 families seek out First Step each year. All fees are charged on a sliding scale based on family income and size. No

one will be denied services because of inability to pay.

Funding, administered by a 16-member board of directors, comes via United Way, cash contributions, in-kind donations and some government support. The Westland office is at 8381 Farmington Road. The phone number is 325-2230.

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Strauss love story opens spring opera season

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

In 1986, Opera News listed Jon Fredric West as the Strauss tenor of the decade.

"I think if I am the Strauss tenor of the '90s, Alessandra Marc and I are going to be the Strauss couple of the '90s," West said. "This is an extremely good cast. The opera will be well sung."

Saturday evening, heiden tenor Jon Fredric West and Alessandra Marc pair off in Michigan Opera Theatre's first spring production the

not-so-well known German opera by Richard Strauss "Ariadne Auf Naxos" at Detroit's Masonic Temple on April 13, 17 and 21. Curtain is 8 p.m.

It won't be the first time West and Marc have sung together. They sang these roles with the Washington Concert Opera last year. Marc sang it in Santa Fe and West sang Bacchus in Vancouver. In California, West even performed in an avant-garde version of Moliere's play "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," upon which this opera is based.

"This is a high-class version of the 'Honeymooners,'" said West a gradu-

ate of Bowling Green State University, Manhattan School of Music and the Juilliard School. "It is beautiful and very, very funny."

STRAUSS'S OPERA "Ariadne Auf Naxos" combines Moliere's play "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" with the

mythological story of Bacchus and Ariadne.

"It is truly beautiful how love transforms Bacchus and Ariadne in the final duet," said the 39-year-old West, who is soon to become a grandfather and travels with his wife Sharon.

"I guess you would say that the theme of the opera is 'if you can't love the one you want, then love the one you have.' It is a spoof on the 'nouveau riche'."

West last sang for MOT in 1986 in "Turandot" as Calaf. Since then, he

has retired that role in favor of heiden tenor parts, making his Metropolitan Opera debut last season. He was a student of opera greats Rosa Ponselle and Jan Peerce.

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DSO chief plays an optimistic tune

By Mary Jane Doerr
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More striking than his jet black hair and the "T.I. try anything" look in his eyes, is Mark Volpe's gentle handshake, like that of a musician.

The new executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is a clarinetist-turned-lawyer who prefers business management to his Eastman School of Music degree and his University of Minnesota law degree.

Volpe, now 33, who enjoys entertaining the artists such as bizarre violinist Nigel Kennedy, is untrusting in his adoration of director Neeme Jarvi and is outspoken in his ideas about music education. Novel are the surprises he is planning for the now growing DSO audiences.

"We are moving the pops out to Pine Knob this summer," he announced excitedly. "Looking around the country, other orchestras plan their summer programs to increase revenues. We have to do that."

HE DROPPED his next bombshell. Twelve performances of the "Nutcracker" were sold out at the

Fox Theatre last winter so he is talking with the Mike Ilitch organization about a week this summer of silent film nostalgia at the Fox Theatre with the DSO and the "grand" theater organ.

"With popcorn and the whole works," he added.

Realistically, Volpe became rudely aware of the challenges that he faces with the DSO his second day on the job. Gov. John Engler froze \$1 million of the DSO's income.

That is less than the 10 percent projections of the orchestra's \$18 million plus budget, but it comes at a time when the organization is innovatively attempting to reduce the accumulated debt of \$5.1 million through more attractive concert scheduling.

"If there had been an executive order a few years ago, I don't know if the orchestra could have survived it," he said. Now he doesn't seem worried.

Revenues are up 45 percent this year. Ticket sales are up 28 percent. The subscription base for the 1990-91 season is up 17 percent to 19,667. There have been 15 sell-outs this season. The next six weeks of concerts



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are sold-out for Friday and Saturday evenings.

VOLPE MAKES his objectives clear. "This orchestra remains under-capitalized." He intends to secure the orchestra's funding.

Next, he said he wants to finish the backstage component and the lobby portions of Orchestra Hall adding a much needed elevator. Third, he will endow the orchestra to insure a more stable future.

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troit?' when I came here," he said. "Despite the risk, there is a fantastic up side to being here. The possibilities are enormous."

Renaissance isn't new to him. He was assistant to the executive director of the Baltimore Symphony early in the '80s during the rejuvenation of that orchestra.

"The best thing that happened to that orchestra was for the city to lose the (football) Colts," he said. He witnessed the business upswing in Baltimore as a result of the Balti-

more Symphony tour of the Soviet Union and Europe. "Some of the GM people told me how the DSO's European tour was one of their most successful marketing tools."

THE 180 recordings Jarvi has made in the last few years have focused international attention on the relationship of this orchestra and their new conductor.

Volpe said Jarvi's arrival is particularly opportune for everyone. "The relationship between a conductor and an orchestra is like a marriage. This one works. I have never seen an orchestra so enamored of a conductor. There is no way to explain the chemistry. To get him meant a breakdown of the traditional barriers between labor and management. The orchestra wanted him. He is very committed to this orchestra."

He held up a full-color picture of the orchestra taken in Orchestra Hall for the poster for the upcoming Chaconne recording. "The picture will be in every major record store in the Pacific, Europe, South America. It translates into business for Michigan."

Volpe is planning meetings with Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young to strengthen the city's alliance with the orchestra.

"I want to let the mayor know that the orchestra can do for this town. Sure we are an elitist organization. But, that is one side. There are 25,000 students who come to our young people's concerts each year. There are the benefit concerts like the ones for the Red Cross and Desert Storm. The Civic Orchestra offers coaching to young musicians. Our musicians volunteer in the Detroit schools."

Volpe correlated the decline of the country's education system with the decline in music education and wanted the arts community to sit back and allowing it to happen. He wants to strengthen the DSO involvement in music education in the schools.

"When our funds were frozen, I got phone calls from every major newspaper in the country. The national press wants to write the obituary for this town," he said.

So, while they are about to play dirigés, Volpe stays in a "strike up the band" mode.

Reds help influence latest in color schemes

"After the Mauving of America: What's Next?" was the subject of Kenneth X. Charbonneau's talk at the Michigan Design Center's Spring Expo '91.

He is the color and merchandising manager of Benjamin Moore, which, he said, is the fifth sales ranking paint company in the nation.

Q. Perhaps you want to give our readers a capsule summary of color trends you've just presented to the designers. Also, let us know how you arrive at your conclusions.

A. Aside from subscribing to various color forecast services, my major involvement is with the Color Marketing Group (CMG) and the Color Association of the United States (CAUS).

Both organizations produce color forecasts separated into the industry categories, but their membership profile is quite different. CMG is made up of 1,200 professional color stylists, while CAUS consists of a 12-member committee that you serve by invitation only.

I GET many color swatches and samples from people within these organizations, letting me know their latest thinking in developing color lines.

We mount these samples on color boards summarizing, as it were, the activity across all home furnishings. Benjamin Moore now has an archive of these boards going back 17 years. Starting with blues as a color family, it becomes quite evident that the

all about color

Helen Diane Vincent

any other part of the country. Macy also recognizes the special vitality of reds and has successfully featured them in its nationwide promotions. It incorporated the reds from Oriental rugs as a key to a room's color harmony.

ALL OF this brings us to the orange family. It has been a high-fashion color for many years, but despite that, we've learned never to say "orange" to a California audience who seems to remember the overuse of orange and gold harmonies from past years.

What we see happening now is more of a coral-orange, something that harmonizes with blues and greens.

The yellow family is also gaining attention and does look fresh after a long absence from the home furnishings market.

The amber-gold looks especially interesting. It shouldn't be confused with the old harvest gold, which had a green cast.

THE NEUTRAL taupes and newer orange-brown are still important to any color line.

They're included with creamy off-whites, soft peach and rose. When colors such as these have been around long enough, they qualify as neutrals because of their familiarity.

The very young who haven't seen actual military service have taken khaki green to their hearts.

Otherwise, green, in a more balanced tone, remains an important color. There are indications we are moving toward the yellow-green, brighter greens, but I don't expect that to happen for a while.

Black and the newer dark grays look especially good when strongly contrasted with the stark, pure whites.

And finally, turquoise, both in its bright and deep versions, is finding its way back into home furnishings.

NONE OF these colors makes much sense unless it is understood that colors are now being used differently from in the past.

We're seeing architects and interior designers put a lot more detailing

into interiors. This and the layered look translates into fresco-like, faux finishes for the wall.

Although for us in the paint industry the light colors have undoubtedly been important, we're now expanded

our technical capacity to achieve a category of shades between pale tints and the brighter pastels.

Helen Diane Vincent is a design writer based in Troy.



JIM JACOBSON/staff photographer

Garfield joins symphony

Garfield, the world's most precocious cat, and his pal Odie the dog, appear in concert during the final 1990-91 performance of the Young People's Series hosted by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Show time is at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, in Orchestra Hall, Detroit. For tickets: 833-3700.

"Cats on the whole are very musical animals," says Garfield's creator Jim Davis. "They almost live in a cadence. So music is a very natural thing for them."

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Suddenly It's Spring

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under conductor Francesco DiBiasi (center), presents its 18th annual cabaret concert, "Suddenly It's Spring," at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the activities center at Madonna University, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Guest soloist is soprano Julie Fitzpatrick (left). Master of ceremonies is Fat Bob Taylor (right).

Guest conductors will be Madonna president Sister Mary Franceline and Ernie Jones, a longtime LSO supporter. Selections will include works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Bizet, Strauss and Lowe. Tickets are \$12, tables of 8 and 10 are available. Tickets are available at the door. For tickets, call Ida Krandie, 851-4524, or Madonna, 591-5044.

Talk topic: roadside graphics

Plymouth resident Dan Hersberger will provide a portion of American roadside graphics in a lecture sponsored by the Scarab Club of the Center for Creative Studies at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

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AFFORDABLE - 3 bedroom ranch in mint condition. Family room with fireplace, basement. Priced to sell, \$86,500.

HERE IT IS! - Large North Canton colonial with large deck overlooking park. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, full basement. Many extras! \$128,900.

BEAUTIFUL - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, built in 1984. In North Canton. Extra large lot. Pride of ownership. \$141,900.

CENTURY 21 SUBURBAN 455-5880 464-0205

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Backs to Woods - Beautiful setting describes this spacious 4 bedroom Colonial. Features include partially finished basement, with walk-in pantry, extra large garage with workshop, 1st floor laundry, cozy family room with fireplace, wood deck, full front porch. All for \$142,900.

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BY OWNER - 4 bedroom brick ranch, 1,850 sq. ft., attached garage, finished basement, 1st floor laundry, 2 1/2 bath in North Canton. \$117,900. Call after 5pm. 397-5265

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CENTURY 21 ROW 464-7111

LARGE BRICK COLONIAL, 2,550 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, living & dining rooms, large kitchen, fireplace with fireplace and wet bar, 1st floor laundry, walk-in pantry, large closets, new carpeting in neutral colors. Stained woodwork. Curb appeal. \$139,900. After 4pm: 453-1396

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OPEN SUN. 2 to 5, 9191 Westbury, Plymouth Twp. E. of I-275, S. of Ann Arbor Rd. 3 bedroom colonial, 1 1/2 baths, attached 2 car garage, Florida room, large lot, sprinkler system. \$129,000. 455-5804

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 42192 OLD POND CIRCLE, PLYMOUTH. Just East of Bradner and South of Five Mile. Linger long looks of appreciation are everyday occurrences for this attractive 2 story condo home. There are two large bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1 car attached garage, private entry, central air, and basement. Preferred location with pond views. Offered at \$84,900.

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COLONIAL, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2300 sq. ft., formal dining, family room w/fireplace, air conditioner & cleaner, new furnace & roof, finished basement. Move-in condition. \$154,900. Buyers only. 420-0965

Entertainer's Delight - Enjoy the openness of this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch. Look forward to Summer with an inground gunite pool, Florida room and cabana in prime Plymouth location. \$173,900. Open Sun. 1-4pm. 44525 Clara Blvd. Ask for...

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DSO POPS

Detroit Symphony Orchestra pops music advisor Erich Kunzel returns for a Weekender Pops Series concert that includes works by Broadway greats Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Leonard Bernstein.

Curtain time is at 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13, and at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

The program will include soprano Blythe Walker, tenor Mark DuBois, baritone Lewis Dahle Von Schlanbush and the DSO Chorale, Eric Freudigman, director.

For tickets: 833-3700.

SOPRANO SINGS

Soprano Elly Ameling will perform under the auspices of the University of Michigan's University Musical Society at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in Rackham Auditorium.

Pianist Rudolf Jansen will accompany Ameling in the Chamber Art Series program. Ameling has drawn from the vocal repertoire of German, French and Spanish composers for her concert in Ann Arbor.

For tickets: 764-2538.

Ameling will host a record signing at noon Sunday, April 14, at SKR Classical, 539 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

ROMANCE WRITERS

A writing seminar, "Tapping the Source III," will be hosted by the Greater Detroit Chapter of Romance Writers of America, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Marriott Hotel, Laurel Park Place, Newburgh and Six Mile, Livonia.

Editors from Zebra Books and Silhouette Books, literary agents and published Michigan authors will critique manuscripts and discuss writing technique, including motivation and research, finding and working with an agent, finding time to write and coping with rejection.

Texas author Sandra Brown, whose novels include the New York Times bestseller "Mirror Image," will sign books at a party hosted by Coopersmith's Bookstore, 5-7 p.m., at Laurel Park Place. Twelve Michigan authors also will be present.

Cost is \$58, including \$12 for lunch. To register, call 254-4053 or 626-8362.

COUNTRY CRAFTS

Homespun Traditions, an old-fashioned country craft show, will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia.

Local crafters will include: Susan Haightcock, Livonia, country home accents; Shari Worth, Northville, reproduction teddy bears; Barb Gentile, Garden City, clay miniatures; Leslie Stolaruk, Plymouth, paper and puzzle jewelry; Faith Tyra, Farmington Hills, country accents.

Admission is \$1.50.

ROSY ENCOUNTER

Friends of Matthaei will sponsor a spring lecture "Older Roses" by Allen Paterson at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, in the auditorium of the botanical gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor.

Paterson is director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Hamilton, Ont. He'll give a slide presentation on 18th and 19th century roses, which winter well in Michigan. They do not require tying up to maintain their form.

Paterson will identify roses that flower more than once a year and recommend modern roses that mimic the old rose styles.

Seating is limited. Admission is \$3. Friends members will be admitted free.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Photographers of all backgrounds will meet for the giant used camera show and model shoot, Photorama USA, April 13-14 in the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave.,

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Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5.

More than 100 dealers will display new and used as well as hard-to-find photo equipment plus antique and collectible photography. Buy, sell or trade.

Workshops on model photography will be offered both days by Allan Lowy, a local fashion photographer. Sessions will include models in studio settings. Mid-West Camera Repair will offer a free shutter check.

The Photorama USA hotline is 884-2242.

ANTIQUE SHOW

Wonderland Mall at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads in Livonia will host an antique show April 18-21.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

The fare will include old pocket watches, fine linens, ironstone tea leaf, oak furniture, china, postcards, jewelry, silver matching service, antique reference books and Depression-era items.

CLASSICAL FARE

Duo Sequenza — flutist Debra Silvert and classical guitarist Paul Bowman — will perform in concert at 8 p.m., Friday, April 19, in the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Silvert, an international award-winning flutist who has studied under Mary Louise Poor, and Bowman, the 1983 winner of the sixth International Competition for Classical Guitar in Puerto Rico and a student of Sharon Isbin, will perform renaissance, baroque and contemporary works.

Cost is \$5. For reservations, call 471-7700.

TEDDY BEARS

A demonstration on crafting an original teddy bear will be presented by artisan Earl Krentz in a workshop hosted by the Detroit Historical Museum's Classic Teddy Bear Workshop at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 20.

The museum is at 5401 Woodward.

Krentz, who has sewn teddy bears for 10 years, will use his own pattern, a basic, no-frills pattern. Participants may provide their own materials or use those provided.

Cost to those with their own materials is \$9 for members of the Detroit Historical Society and \$14 for non-members. Cost for those without supplies is \$28 to members and \$30 to non-members. To register, call 833-1419.

OPERA FRIENDS

Friends of the Opera of Michigan combine music and dinner in an afternoon combine of "From Napoli to Broadway" at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21 in the Edsel Ford High School auditorium, Dearborn.

Dinner will follow at La Trattoria on Michigan Avenue. Activities begin at 3:30 p.m.

Featured artists include soprano Jan Rae of Farmington Hills, Quinto Milito and Jan Rae, performing opera arias, celebrate musicals and neapolitan melodies. Dinner at La Trattoria includes homemade pasta and wine.

Tickets are \$35 a person or \$15 for the concert only. Half of the proceeds benefit Boys' Towns of Italy. For reservations, call 846-2770.

ROADSIDE GRAPHICS

Plymouth resident Dan Hershberger will provide an insightful portrait of American roadside graphics in a lecture sponsored by the Scarab Club of the Center for Creative Studies at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

The Scarab Club is at John R. and Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hershberger, associate professor of Graphic Design for the Center for Creative Studies, will present "Gas, Food and Lodging . . . The Design of the American Roadside."

Cost is \$5 a lecture for members of the Scarab

Club, the Detroit Area Art Deco Society and Preservation Wayne. General admission is \$7. A reception and afternoon tea follows each lecture. For more information, call 577-3559.

ARBOR DAY

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation in April.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The shade trees are Red Oak, Weeping Willow, Sugar Maple, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust,

Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple and Red Maple.

They will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free.

To become a foundation member and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by April 30.

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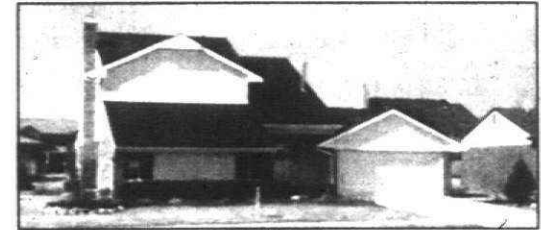
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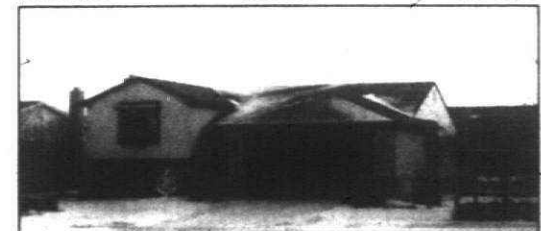
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If the first garden is a success, then future ones will also be. There is always time to experiment with new and unusual varieties as you fine-tune your gardening skills.

Where you place a garden is as important as what you plant in it, perhaps even more so. Well-drained and fertile soil will almost guarantee success. To check drainage, dig a hole a foot deep and let the water drain; the next day, re-fill the hole; if it drains in 6-8 hours, the drainage is good.

Sun is another consideration. Most vegetables and flowers need 6-8 hours of sun a day. If the lot isn't perfectly level, the higher areas will warm up more quickly than the lower areas where the cold air can settle. Be aware that there will be more shade as the trees leaf out.

Remember, a close water source will encourage watering when it is necessary.

IT IS difficult to choose a supplier when ordering seeds and plants through the mail. The Mailorder Association of Nurseries, 8683 Doves Fly Way, Laurel, MD 20707 is offering a booklet "The Complete Guide to Gardening by Mail," which lists suppliers for all types of seeds and plants. Send a dollar to receive it.

Jonny's Selected Seeds, 310 Foss Hill Rd. Albion, MN 04910, is offering a free catalog, and suggests some of the following vegetable varieties for good results: green snap beans, Provider; carrots, Scarlet Nantes; cucumber, Marketmore 80; radish, Easter Egg. For Flowers: blanket flower, Pict Double Mix; Cosmos, Versailles.

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It is advisable to purchase advance tickets (\$8 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and younger) since tickets will designate dates and the time periods to visit the show, so that all will be able to enjoy the exhibits. Although tickets will be available at the gate, only advance tickets guarantee immediate entry.


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