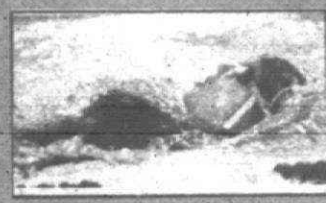


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Abuse charges dropped

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A Dearborn urologist charged with sexually assaulting his children during a one-year period while the family lived in Canton has been acquitted after two of his children refused to testify.

All 15 counts of child molestation against Dr. William Nutting were dropped Monday by Recorder's Court Judge Craig Strong after the doctor's 6-year-old son refused to answer questions in court.

THE BOY'S 5-year-old sister hesitated even entering the courtroom Monday.

"I wasn't surprised by the acquittal. I was surprised of the children's testimony. The oldest said what she said wasn't true. And the younger ones refused to testify at all," said defense attorney Lawrence Brenner.

The case began to unravel when Nutting's oldest daughter, 8, testified last week that she made up some of the abuse stories. She said she didn't like her dad much, because he was mean to her.

She originally told investigators that her father raped her and her siblings. The girl also said he forced them to have sex with each other.

After testimony from his 6-year-old son last May in 35th District Court, Nutting was banned from treating children in his Dearborn practice while the charges were pending.

IN THE meantime, Nutting's practice has "done very well," Brenner said.

"Most of his patients and peers recognized how inappropriate the charges are," he said. "Although it's had an impact it hasn't had a major impact."

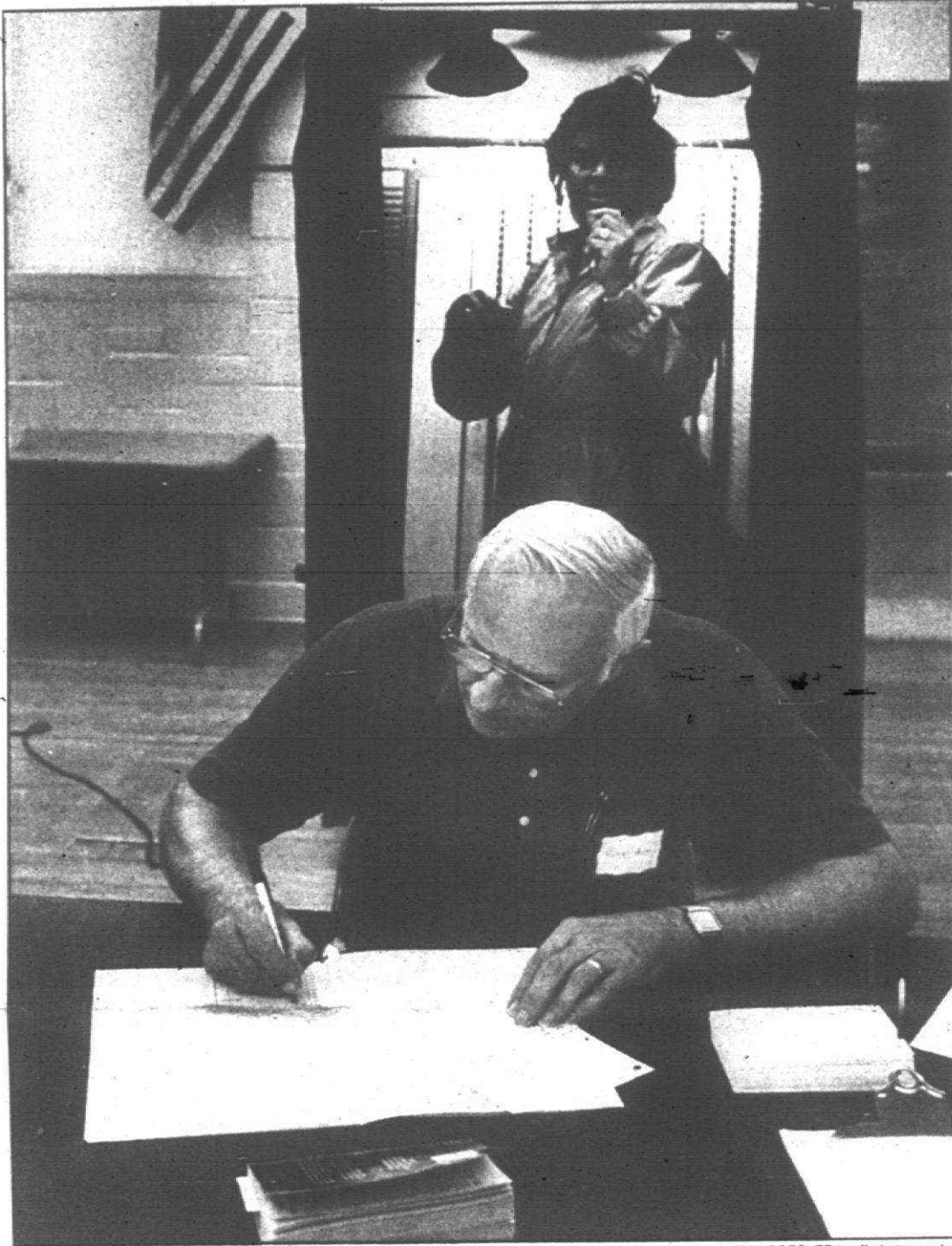
Regarding the acquittal, Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nancy Diehl, said: "I can tell you based on the evidence presented to the judge he made an appropriate decision."

"I can't be specific in this case, but in general it's not uncommon for children in sexual abuse cases to recant stories in an attempt to make things whole again, or make things the way they were. Also kids won't testify, because they are fearful" or don't want to see a parent go to jail.

"And finally some children don't testify, because what they said initially is not true," Diehl said.

During the trial, co-defense attorney Thomas H. Ward said the abuse accusations were spurred by a custody battle.

Diehl denied that claim saying the couple had been married 10 years and were getting along fine until the children told her that their father had abused them.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Plymouth and Canton voters on Tuesday approved a bond issue sought by the schools to raise money for the construction of new buildings. Above, Russ Ash, a poll worker at

Starkweather School, works on voting records while Joyce Okwumabua leaves a voting machine after casting her ballot.

Bond issue passed 3 to 1 in low turnout

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The mood is joyous at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in the wake of voters' three-to-one approval Tuesday of a \$59.7 million bond proposition.

Just under 10 percent of the district's 55,000 registered voters visited the polls. Yes votes totaled 3,930; no votes 1,461, according to unofficial results.

The money will enable the district to build two elementary schools and additions to existing schools, as well as make capital improvements throughout the district.

Over the next five years, the schools also will install high-technology teaching materials, including computers, satellites, and video and laser equipment in kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms.

"This is a great day for education in Plymouth-Canton," said Superintendent John Hoben. "Because of the approval of this bond project, we'll be able to provide both a better learning environment and increased learning opportunities for the young people and adults in our community in the years to come."

GIVEN THE HIGH number of local elections this year, officials feared voter apathy could doom the bond proposition. Instead, it passed overwhelmingly in all 15 precincts. Absentee voters came the closest to defeating the proposal, but the yeses had it, 191-183.

"The way my stomach feels this morning sure beats the way it felt yesterday," said school board president David Artley Wednesday. "What I was afraid of was voter apathy."

For the first time in recent memory, a bond proposition only appeared on the ballot — another factor administrators thought might keep voters away.

'Because of the approval of this bond project, we'll be able to provide both a better learning environment and increased learning opportunities for the young people and adults in our community in the years to come.'

— John Hoben
superintendent

"We're excited to have this kind of a turnout, but the hard work is just beginning," said Artley.

"In the fall of 1993, we will open two new elementaries. That is going to get kids out of the portables. We should have kids closer to their home neighborhoods. This bond should have somewhat of an effect on overcrowding in some schools," he added.

One elementary will be built on land the district already owns on Warren in Canton. The second will be built in northwest Plymouth Township, or in south Canton. "It will depend on demographics and the availability of land, too," said associate superintendent Ray Hoedel.

"When you look at schools like Eriksson, Field and Hulising, we will be able to build additional classrooms," said Artley. "You're going to see better playgrounds and outdoor equipment."

One of the best things about the bond approval is the now possible expansion of the Salem High School cafeteria, Artley said.

"I'm really excited that we'll be

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Health problems force out treasurer 'temporarily'

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton treasurer Gerald Brown announced Monday his intention to take a "temporary" disability leave, although he said it's unlikely he will ever return to work at town hall.

Brown, 60, suffers from an irreversible heart condition and his physician has advised him to stop working.

"What it amounts to, frankly, is that I feel pretty good," he said. "But it's difficult to do anything physical. I get tired kind of easily."

With an admonishment "never to say never," the veteran treasurer said there is almost no chance he will work again.

"Some days I get ready to go to work and I don't leave, because it's too much of a strain."

Brown said he has chosen for the time being not to resign to protect his insurance benefits. He acknowledged the situation is unsatisfactory, but said that at the moment there is no alternative. Brown is meeting with other township officials to address the matter.

While he is on leave, deputy treasurer Sandra Setlock will assume the treasurer's administrative duties. Setlock has served as deputy treasurer for six years.

"She's extremely capable," Brown said.

Brown will retain, nominally, his seat on the board of trustees until he formally resigns and the board appoints someone to fill the seat.

"I'm not shocked that he would be pursuing a disability leave, because it's been pretty obvious that he has found it more and more difficult to carry out his duties as treasurer due to his continuing and escalating health problems," Supervisor Tom Yack said.

"I'm also not surprised that he would choose to leave office, because of his sense of propriety that it wouldn't be appropriate for someone who couldn't carry out his duties to be in a full-time treasurer's position."

Brown, an 18-year resident of Canton, has served as treasurer for seven years. His current term expires in November 1992.

Currently, two of the seven board members have been appointed.

Trustee Phil LaJoy replaced Hank Whalen, who died shortly after being elected in November 1988. And trustee John Burdziak replaced John Preniczky who moved out of the community earlier this year.

Terms expire for all board members, including clerk and supervisor in November 1992.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Gerald Brown, right, talks to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack after announcing he will take a disability leave from his post as township treasurer.

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Remote control plans ready for takeoff

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Sometimes you forget you're not looking at real planes.

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MODEL AIRPLANES of every shape, size and year will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Lilley and Van Born field.

The only cost is a \$2 parking donation that is requested by the Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club, presenting the International Miniature Aircraft Association, Inc. Chapter 31 show.

"A couple of guys coming out of Ohio are excel-

'Spectators get to see the planes do things that they probably don't think they can do. Technology from the space industry has allowed us to have better equipment.'

— Don Kehoe
Flying Pilgrims

lent flyers and one can really ring out a plane," Chapter 31 president Don Kehoe said.

"He flies the living daylights out of it. Spectators get to see the planes do things that they probably don't think they can do. Technology from the space industry has allowed us to have better equipment."

Remote control biplanes, monoplanes and sail planes, some newer models and others that date back to the 1930s, will be among the 60 aircraft driven by 40 pilots from Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, West Bloomfield, Novi, Northville and most other communities from Wayne and Oakland counties.

MOST OF the aircraft must be a minimum one-quarter scale and others are one-third scale of the actual plane size, said Bert Brian, a Flying Pilgrims member.

Due to the size of jets, most models are one-eighth the actual size.

Wing spans go to 10 feet and are run on about 8 horse power, Brian said.

Pop, hot dogs and other refreshments will be sold and may provide a good picnic atmosphere for spectators, Brian said.

For more information call 397-0410.

Pet walk will raise money to help children's hospital

By Kevin Brown staff writer
Kids and their pets will be unleashed on downtown Plymouth Saturday for the Brandy Memorial Pet Walk.

Named for Kathy and Bob Mount's performing poodle Brandy, the 2-5 p.m. event seeks to raise money for Mott Children's Hospital.

"It sounds like there's great enthusiasm out there," Kathy Mount said, as several kids report they're getting far more than the 10 donations required to participate in the pet walk. Mount named the event for Brandy, who died at age 18 in May. For more than 14 years, Brandy entertained kids at the hospital, which is part of the University of Michigan medical complex.

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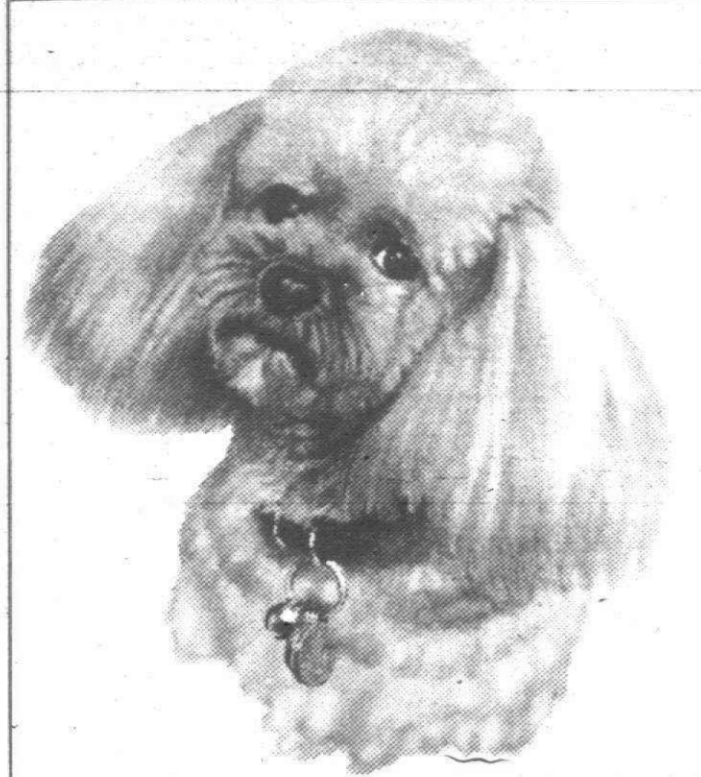
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Brandy the poodle performed for years for kids at Mott's Children's Hospital, and a pet walk in his name on Saturday will raise money for the hospital.

Landlord sends recovering drug abusers packing

By Kevin Brown staff writer
Lowe said sub lease provisions between Light House and its program participants "prohibit more than two adults staying overnight in an apartment, prohibit a child from staying overnight, prohibit alcohol within the apartment, and they are prohibited from having any guest under the influence of alcohol in the apartment."

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Bond issue passes

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able to seat all of our kids during the various lunch periods. That's something we really need.

"We'll also be able to add 12 classrooms at Centennial Educational Park, which will allow us to provide a better learning environment."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS credited parents staff and members of the community for the bond proposal's success.
"Literally hundreds of people worked to consider what the needs of this school district were," said Hoben. "I'm certain they share with me the feeling of pleasure and pride in knowing their recommendations were not only considered, but can now be fulfilled."

Artley thanked the "citizens who worked the phone banks, moms who came down with their kids to make phone calls, and the bus drivers, teachers and principals who came down and made phone calls election day, asking people if they were aware there was an election."

THEY ARE FINDING another (housing) place," he said, adding he did not know if a new site to lodge participants would be in Plymouth.

Andersen said the Light House program was the only licensed program in the city focusing on substance abuse problems in adults. "Yet our program," she said, "has been the focus of much negative bias and prejudice."

Some longtime Roe residents said some program participants drove fast in their neighborhood, made obscene gestures to their kids, and came to their houses seeking food and money.

"We've talked to a number of participants. They said they feel they've gotten nothing out of the program," said Carol Hardy of Roe.

"The key licensure and funding agencies of our state regarded our Light House program as extremely well run and effective," Andersen said.



A squirrel finds an acorn to save for the winter.



The sun sets behind the ponds by the Canton Township Administration Building.

Fall creeps up on us

FALL DIDN'T take long to arrive. It wasn't too long ago that Plymouth-Canton residents were using their air conditioners and fans. These days, furnaces are making their presence known in area homes, and warm clothing is required for people who venture outdoors to savor the season's splendors.

Fall's official beginning earlier this week was greeted in a variety of ways. Squirrels got to work, gathering acorns for the winter. Their human neighbors were equally busy, doing yard work and other outdoor chores.

Some falling leaves are beginning to show up in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Photos by Bill Bresler

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Township adopts budget; \$8.5 million in general fund

Canton Trustees adopted the township's millage rates for the Dec. 1 1991 tax levy.

- Charter millage that goes into the general fund is 1.11 mills.
- Fire special assessment is 2.94 mills; and
- Police special assessment is 4.96 mills.

The total township millage rate is 9.01 mills, which was unanimously adopted Tuesday night. Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter was absent.

THE BOARD also adopted the township budget as follows:

- General fund, \$8.5 million;
- Fire fund, \$2.8 million;
- Police fund, \$5 million;
- Golf course, \$663,500.
- Street lighting fund, \$204,320;
- Public improvement fund, \$1 million;
- Township improvement fund, \$1.9 million;
- Special investigative, \$18,500;
- State projects fund, \$541,413;
- Debt service funds: Haggerty Road paving, \$84,884; Haggerty storm drain, \$100,250; Haggerty paving, \$198,150; Koppernick and Ronda storm drain, \$33,277; Koppernick and Ronda paving, \$182,616 and building authority, \$687,238.
- Capital projects fund, \$1.4 million;
- Water and sewer, \$7.9 million;
- Computer equipment fund, \$287,724;
- Special assessment funds: Haggerty and Elliot Drain Construction, \$580,000; Canton Center Road Drain Construction, \$245,985 and Haggerty Road paving construction, \$918,223.

Superstore will stay in Plymouth

Big ongoing changes for the city's biggest taxpayer, Highland Superstores Inc., won't include a move out of Plymouth, a company official said.

"We have no plans to leave Plymouth," said Danette Wineberg, Highland vice president.

Her comment came Thursday, nearly a week after Highland reported huge losses in the second quarter of the fiscal year.

The losses resulted largely from the company closing 32 stores in Texas and New England, which resulted in a \$63.2 million loss, or \$3.46 per share.

Highland had predicted write-offs of as much as \$70 million in leaving the two markets.

Without the restructuring charge, Highland lost \$5.1 million in its second quarter ending July 31. The company blamed the recession and continued weak demand for home electronics and appliances.

Annually, Highland pays \$525,977 in taxes to the city.

Second quarter sales were \$135.6 million compared with \$305.7 million in the same quarter last year. The company operates 50 stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The 32 stores closed were in Texas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Highland also has closed stores in Minnesota and upstate New York this year.

Asked when Highland will be able to turn the corner toward profitability, Wineberg said, "We're engaged in active discussions with our creditors to restructure our debt."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Youth honored for saving sister

Five-year-old Justin Bailey of Plymouth received congratulations by way of a special letter from entertainer Bill Cosby, honorary chairman of the National Safety Town Center.

The letter, a Bill Cosby T-shirt, sweat shirt and a complete set of Safety Town hardbound children's books were presented by the author of the books, Dorothy Chlad, founder and president of the National Safety Town Center. The ceremony took place at the Plymouth Community Education Center on Wednesday.

At a recent fire in his house, Justin safely led his 3-year-old sister out of the house to safety, and when asked why he did this, he replied, "I just remembered what I was taught at Safety Town."

Justin is a recent graduate of the Plymouth Safety Town.

Cosby's letter said, "Effective training is vitally important, and Safety Town provides this training. Justin is a wonderful example of the effectiveness of the Safety Town program and all of us are so very proud of his actions."

"We are so proud of Justin. It is occurrences such as this that makes all the hard work so worthwhile."

— Dorothy Chlad

Last week was Safety Town week. Chlad, who founded the total concept of Safety Town in 1964, said "We are so proud of Justin. It is occurrences such as this that makes all the hard work so worthwhile. Kelsey is fortunate to have such a caring brother, and we are delighted to honor him for his heroic actions."

Larry Groth, fire chief of Plymouth Township; Pat Maybauer, Safety Town teacher, and the student volunteer instructor are also very proud of "their" student. They were in attendance to honor Justin.

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Community Corner

This week's question: What was your first job?

We asked this question in front of the Plymouth Post Office.



"I worked as a cashier at Burger Chef on Joy Road in Livonia when I was 16." — Kathy Kernohan Canton



"The United States Army in the Korean War in 1950 when I was 18. I didn't mind it. It was something new and exciting, and I got to see the world." — Andy Puckett Dearborn Heights



"I worked in a cotton mill in Brenham, Texas running a machine. It wound up thread on a big spool. It was enjoyable at the time. I was 16." — David Milligan Canton



"I worked in a knitting factory making sweaters in Dublin, Ireland. I was 13 years old, and I liked it, because I was a good knitter." — Sylvia Dixon Canton



"I worked at a 5 & 10 store on West Fort Street. They put me at the candy counter and paid me 35 cents an hour." — Betty E. Palmer Canton



"I was a volunteer at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital working in pediatrics when I was 17." — Carol Simms Canton

campus news

Brian J. Masters, of Canton was among 415 students at Ferris State University to receive summer quarter academic honors. To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 quarter hours of work.

Ellen M. Moyer, of Plymouth was also among 415 students to receive summer quarter academic honors at Ferris State University.

Two Canton residents received bachelors of arts degrees from Michigan State University. They are

Kimberly A. Ponte, in financial administration and William M. Ruane, in MIM-transportation management.

Susan A. Voyles, of Plymouth received a master of arts degree in journalism from Michigan State University.

Kimberly A. Kalisz, of Canton is one of three area residents included in the 1991 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America, selected from more than 73,000 nominations. She has earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and

is currently in their Labor and Industrial Relations Program. Her master's degree will be completed in 1992. She currently serves as a Graduate Resident Advisor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kalisz.

David V. Goodsir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Goodsir of Plymouth, graduated from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. He received his bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 1986. He is a 1982 grad-

uate of Plymouth Salem High School. While at Loyola he was a member of the Law Review, editor-in-chief of the Loyola Consumer Law Reporter, and an advocate on the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Team. He will begin his practice in Chicago with the law firm of Freeborn & Peters, concentrating in commercial litigation.

Nimrod Golovsky, of Canton has become a new member of the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society at The University of Michigan.

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School schedules open house

The Parent Teacher Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel School will sponsor an information night for parents and students wishing to learn more about a Catholic High School on Wednesday, Oct. 9. There will be information given

concerning the High School Placement Test which will be administered in November. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym at 1151 William in Plymouth. All interested parents and students are welcome.

What Better Time Than Christmas? Layaway Now for Christmas! Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts. 620 Starkweather • Plymouth • 453-1860.

Ford wants more money for local school programs

By Wayne Peal staff writer

When it comes to education, one local congressman believes it's time for President Bush to get down from the pulpit and start passing around the collection plate. Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, is calling on the president to use more federal money to support local school programs.



'This administration has a habit of preaching from the pulpit without supporting the money that would make education changes a reality.' — Rep. William Ford

The 26-year congressional veteran is chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor. In that role, Ford said he'll press for more money for Head Start programs, as well as more money for higher education loans. "We've only funded Head Start for 40 percent of the people we've identified in need," Ford said, referring to the federal program for disadvantaged preschool youngsters.

in high school, you address it in preschool." "But Bush recently called on parents to improve their children's education by spending more time with them. Ford said that approach doesn't go far enough. "Saying parents could do more flies in the face of what's going on in the real world," he said. "For many kids, there are no parents there."

you're a working family you're going to be pressed." This is Ford's second year as education and labor committee chairman. Action on appropriation bills for elementary and secondary education, as well as higher education, is likely this fall, Ford said. In last year's session, the committee saw several major education measures become law. The National Literacy Act created a national institute to assist government and private efforts to boost reading skills. The National Education Council Act created a national council for education standards and testing, and authorized a federal study into lengthening the school year.

Tax shift approved Most suburban senators oppose plan

By Tim Richard staff writer

A school property tax sharing bill is on its way to Gov. John Engler's desk amid predictions that signing it will seal his political doom.

vote (26 senators) to give it immediate effect because it got that amount when first passed July 11. Voting yes were 11 Republicans and 11 Democrats, including William Faust, D-Westland. Opposed were nine Republicans and seven Democrats, including Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. Fax-George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn and David Honigan, R-West Bloomfield.

All these are conservative people. They can't believe this is a Republican tax plan," said Faxon, whose home school district will send \$3.45 million of commercial and industrial property taxes across the state this year. Added Senate Democratic leader Art Miller, whose Warren-based district would be another major loser: "Once parents and taxpayers see their dollars flowing out, I predict you will hear a loud roar of protest. The people pushing this idea will find themselves running for cover."

who sees it as a small step in the right direction. "Only about \$27 million will flow out in each of the first two years, according to a House Taxation Committee staff analysis — about one-tenth of 1 percent of the \$7.5 billion Michiganans spend on schools annually. "We're bringing down the top districts and bringing up the lower districts," said Bouchard of Birmingham.

THE SENATE Tuesday gave final 22-16 approval to a conference report passed last week by the House. The law requires growth areas to share half the gain in their commercial and industrial tax bases with poorer districts in effort to reduce the gap in per-pupil spending. Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld ruled the measure didn't require a two-thirds

SUPPORTERS knew they had the votes. They offered little defense as suburban senators denounced the law as "a reshuffle," "tax base stealing," "a scam" (Miller), "hijacking" (Bouchard), "legal robbery" (Faxon), "more central planning" (Doug Carl, R-Utica) and "a tinge of socialism" (Gil D. Nello, D-East Detroit). House Bill 4267 was sponsored by Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City.

It begins to address the gap in spending per pupil between poor and rich districts. No one district will have less money than the year before," said DeGrow, arguing that only half of business tax growth would be shared. "The blow is softened a little by the fact that sharing districts will get back some of their previously lost \$72 million in categorical aid (such as special ed and transportation).

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obituaries

ISABEL D. GEORGE Services for Isabel D. George, 75, of Plymouth Township were Saturday, Sept. 21, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

The Rev. William H. Bunting, of Livonia Church of Christ, of Children's Fund (Spirit) Service.

MARTHA A. SPARKS Services for Martha A. Sparks, 91, of Plymouth Township were Saturday, Sept. 21, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Fire Prevention Week coming

Fire Prevention Week is upon us again, sponsored by the Canton Fire Department and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

'This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait: Plan Your Escape."'

Posters should be submitted to the classroom teacher by Friday, Oct. 14.

Exhibit focuses on school heritage

A new special exhibit focusing on the educational heritage of the Plymouth community and surrounding areas has opened at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

County sponsors student art contest

Wayne County is sponsoring an art contest for junior and senior high school students.

Variety marks SC offerings

From pre-retirement planning to starting your own business, a number of continuing education programs are being offered in October through the Schoolcraft College continuing education services department.

Residents named to planning board

Abe Munfakh, a Plymouth Township trustee, and John Stock of Livonia were among eight people recently appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission.

S'craft business center gets grant

The Schoolcraft College Business Development Center has been awarded a \$77,500 federal grant for 1991-92, it was recently announced.

Local students win Bell scholarships

Schoolcraft College students from Livonia and Plymouth were each awarded a \$1,000 Michigan Bell Scholarship as part of a company program for community college students.

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Churches, schools join together to assist youth

WTVS Channel 56, in cooperation with area youth service agencies, religious institutions, educational organizations and media, will launch October as City for Youth Month.

Throughout the month, the community partnership will conduct view-and-talk groups and pupil exchanges to rally the public as advocates of youth.

This weekend's activities include puppet announcements about the City for Youth community network in more than 100 religious institutions including Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church in Plymouth, Redford United Methodist Church in Detroit and St. Agatha Roman Catholic Church in Redford Township.

The centerpiece of the City for Youth project is a series of three documentaries and a special edition of WTVS's "Club Connect," scheduled to air four times weekly on WTVS and once a week on the network-affiliated commercial stations. More than a camera's observation of young people in crisis, the shows are designed to challenge the community to take action.

The programs were produced by WTVS Channel 56 in association with a metro Detroit coalition of WJBK-TV 2, WDIV-TV Channel 4, WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and WKBD Fox 50.

In addition to providing produc-

tion facilities, the TV stations will broadcast promotion and editorial spots and a special will be simulcast by one of the commercial TV stations each week. All the stations, including WXON-TV 20, will simulcast a "City for Youth Summit Meeting" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Focused on the real life stories of area young people who overcome devastating odds, each of the four programs looks at the positive resources already in place for teenagers and young adults.

The television schedule includes:

- "Psalm For the City," profiles four youths who have persevered through adversity with the help of people and programs. The documentary will be aired at 6:30 p.m. Sunday on Channel 56 and simulcast at 7:30 p.m. Monday with WJBK TV 2. It will be rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1 and 2.

- "The Second Chance Gang" is composed of a group of four Detroit area young men and women who are attempting to turn their energy and talent into new productive lives. The documentary will be aired at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 56 Sunday, Oct. 6. It will be simulcast at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, on WKBD Fox 50 and WTVS Channel 56. It will be rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct.

8, and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 on Channel 56.

- "Connecting to Life: A Club Connect City For Youth Special," will be aired at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. It will be simulcast at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and Channel 56. It will be rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, and Wednesday, Oct. 16. The program will explore ways teens can stop confrontations before they become violent.

- "A Time to Build" attempts to promote understanding of interracial relationships and discourage the development of stereotypes at a young age. It records a diary of an exchange between Bingham Farms Elementary School in Birmingham and Newberry Elementary School in Detroit. It will be aired at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, on Channel 56. It will be simulcast on Channel 4 and Channel 56. It will be shown again at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 23, on Channel 56.

The multiple broadcasts allow for meetings of view-and-talk groups in more than 100 sites in the metro area, including the Dashaira Foundation, 38219 Ford Road, Westland; Gibson School for the Gifted, 12925 Fenton, Redford Township; St. Agatha Church, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford Township; and the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia.

New county group seeks to unite child programs

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

A new Wayne County child care program could mean more money — public and private — for at-risk youngsters in western Wayne communities.

The Children & Youth Initiative announced its strategic plan for 1991-94 Monday. The group is a coalition of some 300 county service organizations banding together at a time when state money for social service programs is shrinking.

CYI members said they not only seek to compete for dwindling state dollars, but also to tap into private sector sources.

In addition to keeping current programs alive, members also seek to create programs for children not served by current child care services.

The new agency won't replace existing agencies. Instead, it will help bring them together for common projects.

"WE'RE NOT a formal organization, we're an idea," CYI president Michael Lott said.

Money will be sought from state

government as well as private charitable organizations. Contributions will be spread on a proportional basis among urban and suburban programs.

That is good news for agencies serving western Wayne County, according to the director of an area child shelter.

"For the first time, there's going to be a specific breakout for out-county programs," said Ouida Cash, executive director of Youth Living Centers. "In the past we've tended to be washed over because the need is so great in Detroit."

Nearly two in every five Wayne County youngsters live in poverty according to some estimates, though needy children won't be the only ones served by CYI programs.

Members seek to build ties and improve communication between public and private child care agencies. CYI seeks to become an information clearinghouse for Wayne County child care agencies.

A major goal is to develop "single point" entry into the child care system. The object is to steer at risk youngsters and families into a variety of programs designed to meet their needs, rather than serv-

ing one need at a time.

Other goals include providing more in-home services to minority youngsters, increasing out-of-hospital health and mental health programs for girls.

BOLSTERED BY a Skillman Foundation grant, the group grew out of a task force that began meeting in November 1987. More than \$1 million has been secured to date for CYI projects, members said.

In addition to the Skillman Foundation grant, the group has received money from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Social Services.

CYI has also received support from the Junior League of Detroit and Detroit Department of Employment and Training Projects already under consideration include "safe houses" in Detroit and Ecorse. Safe houses would provide a variety of services for youngsters 10-14, members said, they would be placed near middle schools in neighborhoods decimated by the illegal drug trade.

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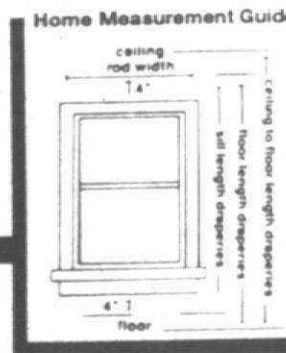


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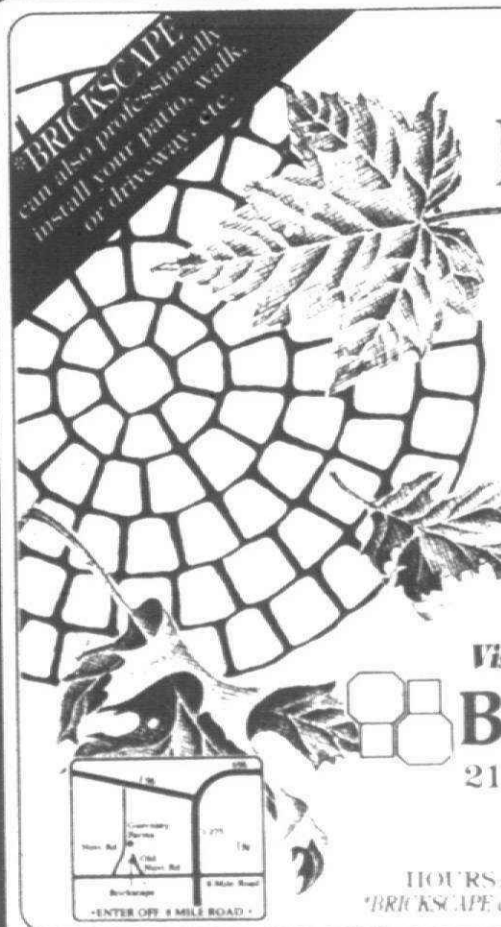
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Water tests pass

TESTS TAKEN by Canton's Department of Public Works Director Jake Dingeldey showed that there was no lead in four samples of drinking water. Beginning January 1992 communities will be required by the Environmental Protection Agency to check lead levels of drinking water. Dingeldey said he wanted to get a head start.

Sell-a-bration on the road

THE SECOND Annual Canton Sell-A-Bration will be Friday, Oct. 4, at the Canton Public Library. The program, aimed at real estate agents, mortgage bankers and title companies, will highlight what is happening throughout Canton.

The program will include information about new residential developments and the industrial tax base and useful demographic data about the community.

The Canton Parks and Recreation programs will be showcased, along with introductions to Canton government officials.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with a breakfast buffet and will conclude at 10:30 a.m. A 45-minute bus tour will be available and will leave at 10:45 a.m.

Reservations are limited to the first 100. To make reservations call the Canton Community Foundation at 454-5427.

Group pushes economic plan

THE CANTON Economic Development Oversight Committee met for the first time last week, urging the township supervisor's office to complete implementation of Canton's plan for economic development.

Committee members include Canton Trustee Robert Shefferly, Hazen Hiller, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and Cordell Barker, serving as resident at large. They met with the supervisor's assistant, Dan Calabrese, who coordinates economic development activities for the community.

Beautiful landscapes earn awards

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton residents who take the extra time to spruce up their landscape were applauded at a special ceremony Monday.

Thirty-three residents received either blue or pink door wreaths and township proclamations thanking them for not only making their lots look better but more importantly adding to the township's image. "These people really go out of their way for that extra point," according to Vickie Patterson, member of the Canton beautification committee, who chaired the landscape award group.

SOME OF this year's winners have won recognition awards for three and four years, Patterson said.

"We all feel by doing this that it will make other people see how much of a difference it really is. And maybe it will snowball," she added.

The award ceremony was switched from the usual township hall meeting room to the Cherry Hill School in Canton's historic district.

Supervisor Tom Yack, who presented the awards with Canton Planning Commissioner and Beautification Committee President Cathy Johnson, said residents who work on their landscape are sending a message to residents throughout the community.

"If you can spread that message throughout the community, we'll be left with the one percenters. We call the one percenters the people who will never get involved."

Yack referred to beautification committee members as the people who often

'We all feel by doing this that it will make other people see how much of a difference it really is. And maybe it will snowball.'

— Vickie Patterson
Canton beautification committee



Ann Parker happily accepts a wreath from Supervisor Tom Yack.

"work behind the scenes in many endeavors" a seedling giveaway program, as well as, tree and flower plantings at various locations throughout the township.

"We refer to them as the B girls," Yack said. "They haven't yet found a guy who will work with them."

Committee members are strictly volunteers, Patterson said. "It's on our own time and we really could use a lot of help. We do it because we really want to."

Johnson appealed to residents to give five hours a year volunteering in the community.

Canton has more than 59,000 residents "and I'm always seeing the same faces" involved in volunteer work and at service groups and organizations.

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Canton resident Robert Cieslak is presented a wreath and proclamation for his landscape efforts.

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CAMBRIDGE CENTER: The Cambridge Center will have its Scarborough Craft Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the center, 28901 Cambridge, east of Middlebelt and south of Warren, Garden City. There will be crafts, foods and raffles. For information, call 422-7198.

ST. DAMIAN: St. Damian School and Sodality will have an arts and craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Crafters are needed. Table rental fee is \$28. For information, call 454-0378.

ST. SABINA: St. Sabina School PTC will hold a Christmas craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the activity hall, 8147 Arnold, between Telegraph and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. A six-foot table will be provided for a price of \$17.50. Eight-foot tables are sold out. For information, call Benjie Sobek, 563-6604.

GRACE LUTHERAN: The Timothy Circle of Grace Lutheran Church, 26530 Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford, is seeking exhibitors for its juried arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23. For information and an application, call Tina at 594-4853.

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community calendar

Editor's note: The calendar is prepared one week in advance and will include events running through the next seven days. To include your event in the calendar, information must be typewritten on standard size paper. For further information, call Nancy Pennington, 459-2700.

THURSDAY: SELF HELP: Families Anonymous meets 8 p.m. Thursdays, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, 453-2811.

MONDAY: TOUGH LOVE: A parent support group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton, 981-5967.

TUESDAY: SWEET ADELINES: Women who enjoy singing four-part harmony, barbershop style, are welcome to join the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines International at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at the VFW Hall on I-96, just east of Inkster Road in Redford Township, 534-4468 or 861-0417.

WEDNESDAY: ALZHEIMER'S GROUP: A support group for family and friends of those persons afflicted with this disease or a related disorder meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Leisure Village, 31720 Van Born Road in Wayne, (313) 326-8030.

Senior citizens: HOPE: Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations. 522-4244.

TRIPS: For senior citizen or adult trip information, call Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620, or

INTERPRETERS: Volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language are needed to assist in interpreting for ill, disabled or elderly people. Call Helen or Colleen at 981-3820.

SMOKE DETECTORS: Free detectors, with installation, are offered from Colonial Kwikons of Plymouth. Call Plymouth Fire Department, Chief Al Matthews, 453-1234, or Plymouth Township Fire Department, Chief Larry Groth, 453-3840.

WALKING: Group walks are at 10 a.m. Monday-Friday and 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John Neumann Church parking lot, 44800 Warren Road in Canton. Call 455-9042.

ADULT CARE: Foster care is needed for adults with mental retardation. Call 332-4410 in Oakland County or 455-8880 in Wayne County.

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Band takes 3rd

The Plymouth Centennial Education Park (PCEP) Marching Band traveled to the Chicago area last weekend to compete in the Lake Park Invitational band competition along with 15 other bands from Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. The PCEP band, the Bands of America defending national champion, placed second in the competition. The band's show features selections from the Broadway musical, "Sunday in the Park with George," by Stephen Sondheim. The 189-member band has been developing its show in stages for this year's season. The entire show is projected to be ready for completion in time to defend the state, regional, and national championships earned by the band last year.

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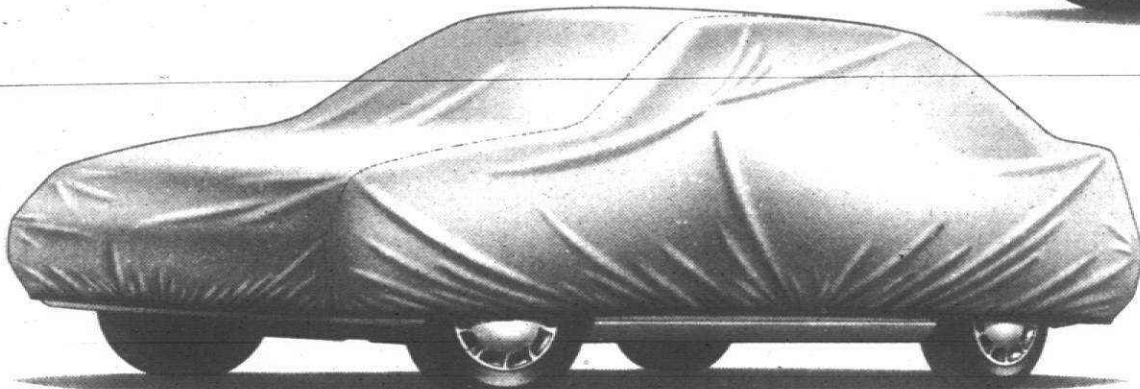
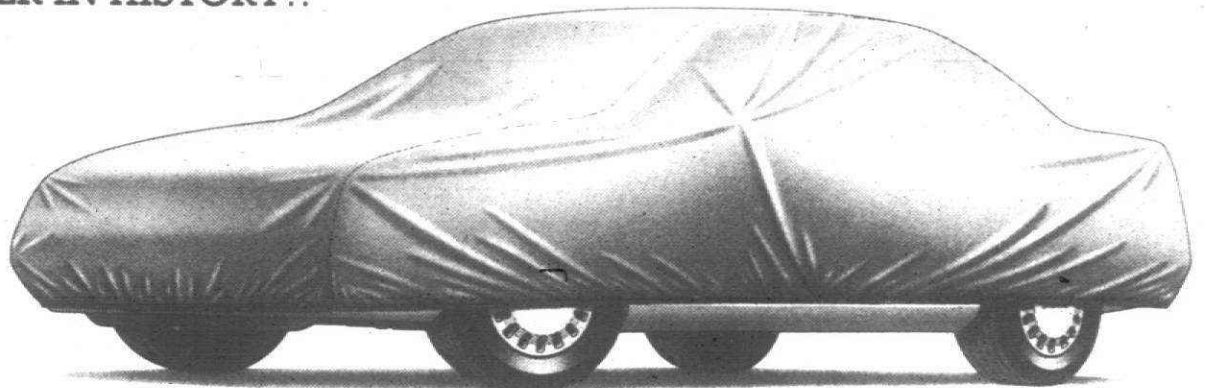
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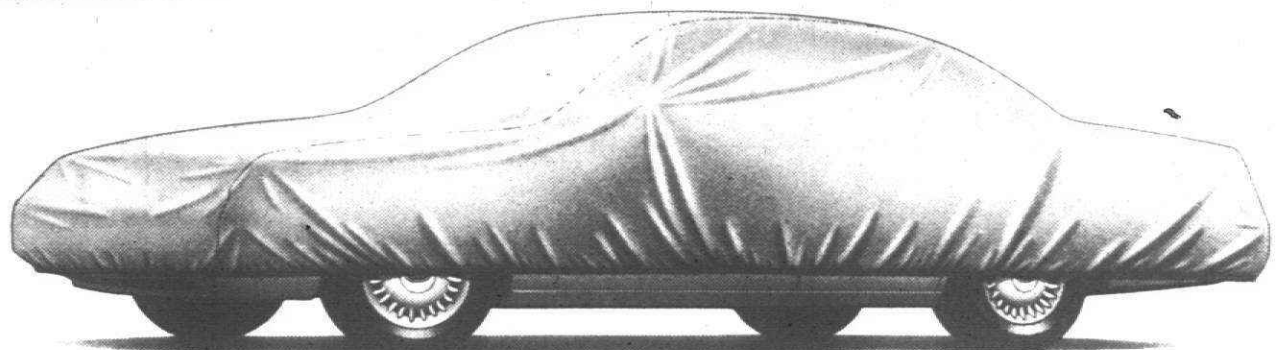


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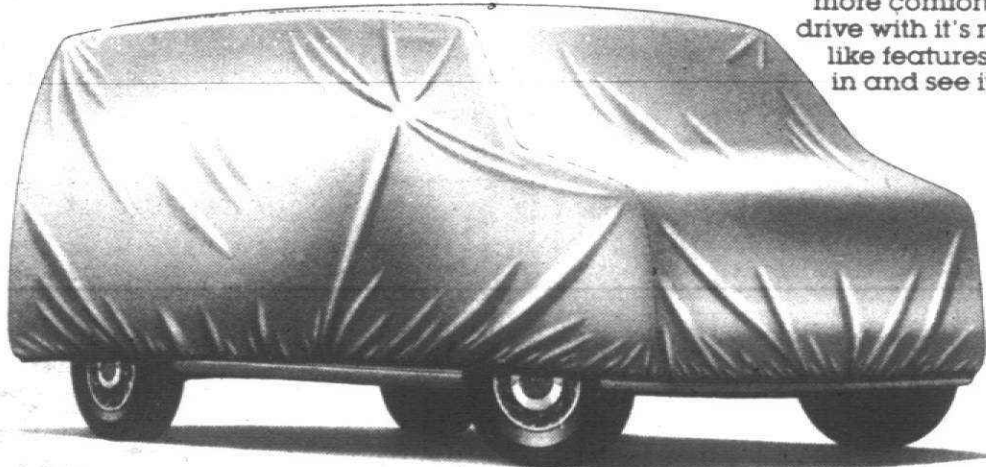
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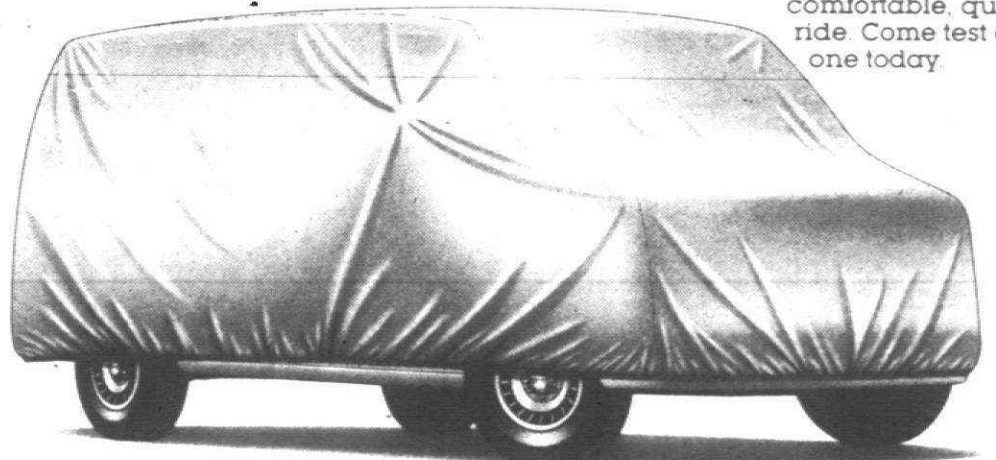
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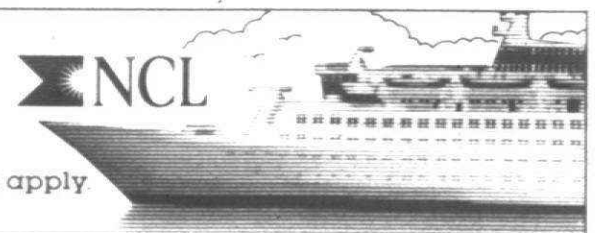
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Rocks, Chiefs fare well in WLAA Relays

Stevenson returns as swimming power

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

With its best girls swim team in five years, Livonia Stevenson hopes 1991 is the year it returns to the top in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

If the annual WLAA Relays are still a valid indicator, that could happen for the Spartans, who won the meet Saturday for the first time since 1986. Stevenson had competition from the Plymouth-Canton schools but managed to overcome host Salem 241-224. Canton was third followed by Northville, defending WLAA champ North Farmington and Livonia Churchill in the top six.

"I would have been happy with second or third, but we swam well," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "The relays happened to be put in the right places and it worked out for us."

"It looks like we have pretty good depth. We've got a nice team this year, and a lot of girls are contributing. Now we're hoping to go back on top for a while."

SINCE THE WLAA was organized nearly a decade ago, the Spartans dominated in girls swimming, winning the relays and league meet every year through 1986. Their success spawned a theory that claimed the relays winner would end up as league champion, too.

North Farmington won both in 1987 and 1989; however, dual victories haven't always occurred. Canton won the relays in 1988 and 1990, but Northville and North Farmington won the WLAA title those years.

"I don't think the relay meet confirms anything," Phill said. "North is the defending champ and we beat Plymouth Salem by less than 20 points."

"We haven't beaten either one of those teams in five years at the league meet. The winner of the relay meet hasn't won the league the last couple years. There's no doubt about it; we have a nice team, but so do others."

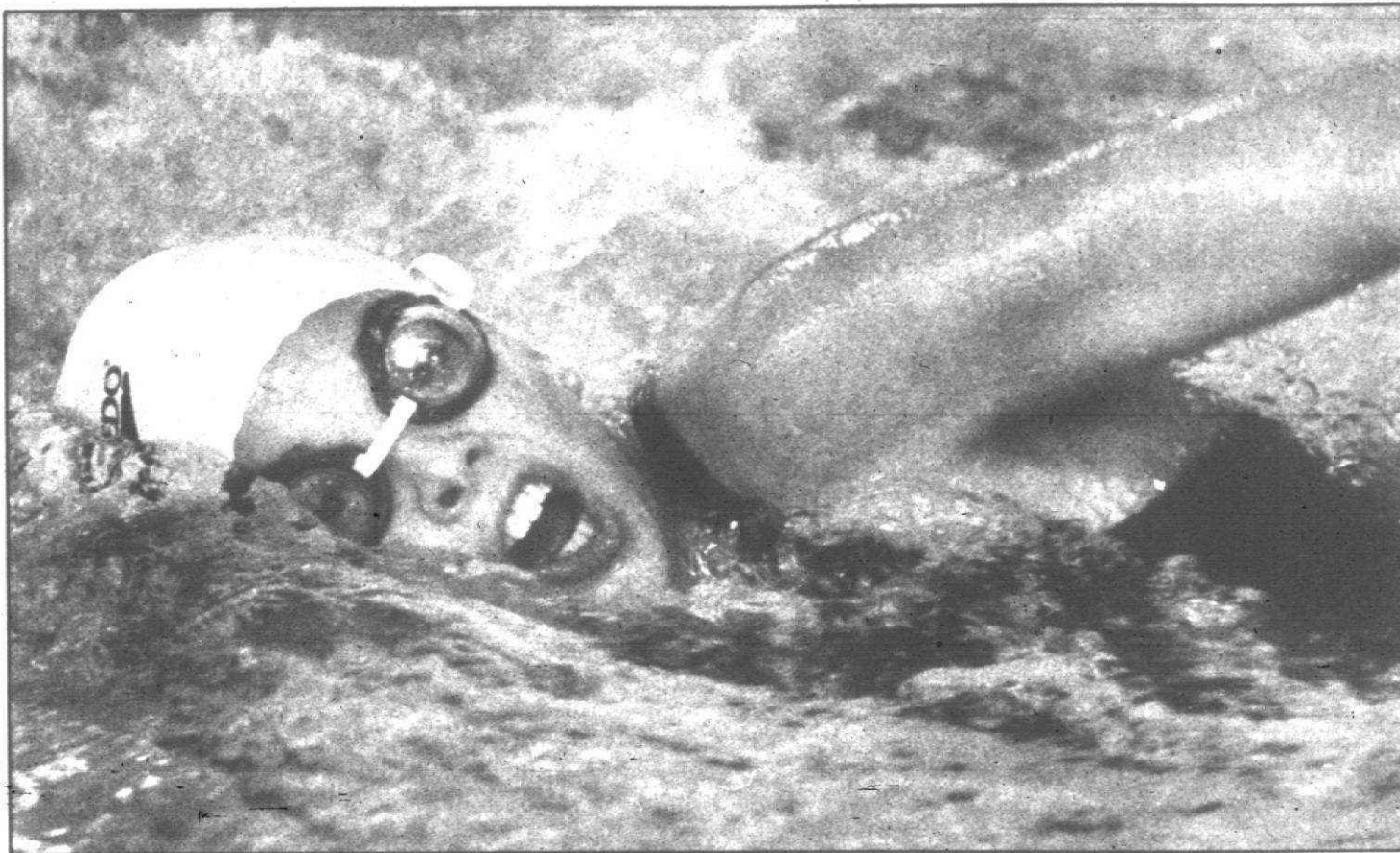
The Spartans have the most talent since their last championship team but have a younger squad than in '86, Phill said. They demonstrated their ability Saturday, using quality depth to regain the title.

Stevenson won only two of the nine swimming events but finished no lower than fifth. And the Spartans had only one fifth place; all the rest resulted in seconds and thirds.

"(THE WLAA has other good teams), but they are very tough," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "When you only lose by two points to Ann Arbor Huron in their pool, that ought to tell you something. These guys are for real."

"I said in the past, some coaches deliberately lose to give the one who wins it the kiss of death," Canton coach Hooker Wellman said. "In this case, Stevenson probably is the best team in our conference. They have so much talent and depth."

Stevenson set one of three records with Jill Knapp, Mandi Falk, Lisa Morrison and Jennifer Knapp winning the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:12.6, more than three seconds faster than what North Farmington's relay swam in 1988.



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Mandi Ras helped Salem win two events Saturday in the annual WLAA Relays at Salem. The Rocks were second and Canton

third in the meet sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Rotary clubs. See story on Page 2B for more details on the relays.

All are sophomores except for senior Jennifer Knapp.

The Spartans also won the 200 butterfly as sophomore Nancy Warson, sophomore Karin Carlisle, junior Holly Palmeri and senior Heather White combined for a 2:00.85 time.

The other records were set by North Farmington in the 400 individual medley (4:26.88) and Churchill in the 200 freestyle (1:42.60) as each school broke its own record. The Raiders set the IM record (4:32.05) in 1986 and Churchill the freestyle standard (1:44.74) last year.

"I was impressed. I thought the whole league was impressive," Olson said.

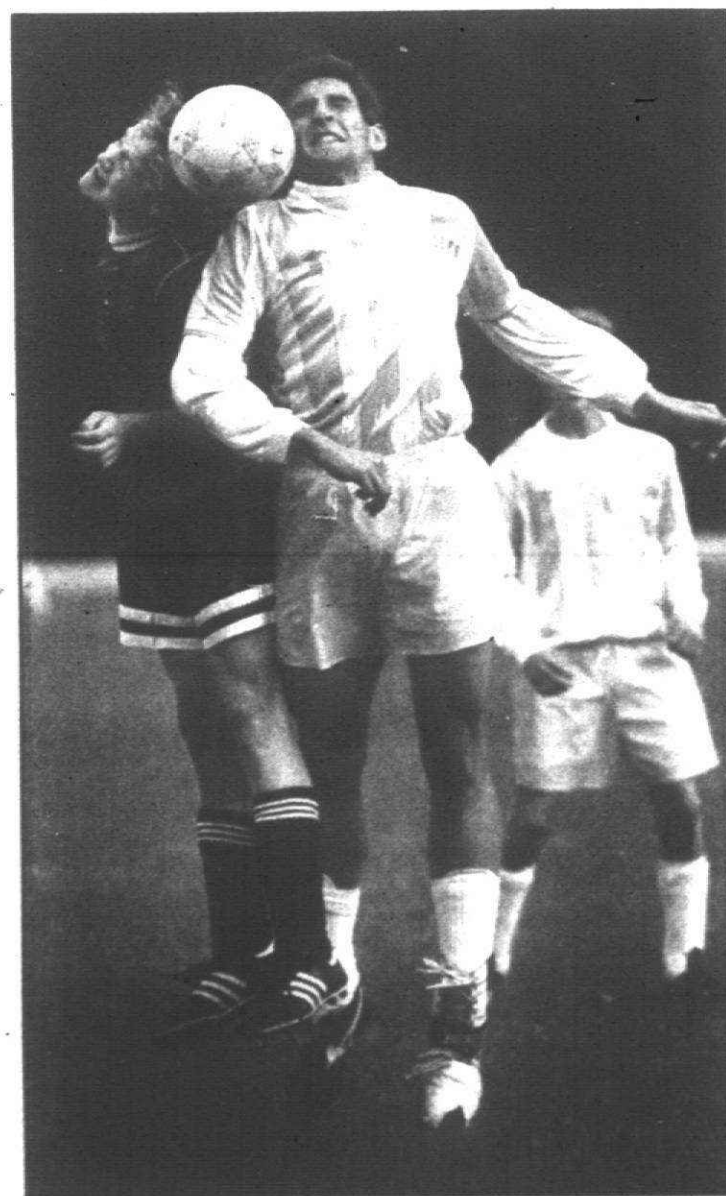
SALEM WAS competing for the fifth time in nine days but still won the diving, 400 freestyle and 200 medley.

"Three firsts: It's been a long time since we had that many at this meet," Olson said.

"I was exhausted just putting the meets together. (The Salem girls) had to go out and swim them. I was pleased how well they were able to work it."

Churchill (200 backstroke) and North Farmington (500 crescendo) had two victories apiece, including the events in which they set records. Northville won the 400 medley.

State-rated CEP squads blank soccer opponents



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Soccer action

Plymouth Christian's Jeff Hess (right) and Josh Fink of Dexter grimace as both attempt unsuccessfully to head the ball in Tuesday's game. The Eagles won the non-league contest. See story on Page 3B.

The Plymouth-Canton teams played their Walled Lake counterparts in boys soccer Monday and were easy winners by a combined score of 11-0.

Plymouth Salem whipped Walled Lake Central 6-0 at Centennial Educational Park, and Plymouth Canton blanked host Walled Lake Western 5-0.

Salem is 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 8-1-1 overall. Canton is 3-1 in the WLAA's Western Division and 7-2-1 overall.

Senior striker John Truskowski scored three goals, raising his season total to 12, and had one assist to lead the No. 4-ranked Rocks.

Junior forward Joe Perron added two goals and junior halfback Ryan Phipps one. Senior halfback Eric Stemmer contributed two assists to the victory, Rich Andrusiak and Brian Spuck one apiece.

The Salem shutout was split between three goalkeepers: senior Nick Dazer, senior Jeff Little and freshman Paul Dood.

Canton remained No. 7 in the statewide poll despite a 1-0 loss to No. 3 Churchill and 2-2 tie with Salem last week.

"I was happy to see that," Canton coach Don Smith said. "They couldn't put us down too far. Those are pretty good teams. We didn't put up too bad of a showing."

The Chiefs had just a 1-0 halftime lead Monday on a goal by Chris Hayes following the first 22 minutes of play.

But Canton broke through in the second half with goals from Jason Ripp, Jeff Fliiss, Bill Power and Graham Wilk, who also assisted on a goal. Mike Hayes had two assists, Chris Hayes and Craig Provenzano one each.

Jim Bradley spent the first half in goal for the Chiefs, Ryan Henkel the second. Canton had a 4-3 edge in first-half shots and dominated the second half 15-0.

"They really came after us," said Smith of the Warriors. "They made us stand up and take notice. I think (the Canton players) realized they were in a ballgame. My team started working hard to get things done."

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If GM loses, front-wheel-drive cars will disappear

I spend a lot of time talking to engineers, not much talking to lawyers. So when I got a call the other day from a lawyer researching a product liability case, I was more or less unprepared for the line of reasoning. I was ready to dismiss the guy as an idiot, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized he was simply following a routine that characterizes much of the litigation that already has wiped out the light aircraft industry in this country and is slowly chiseling away at the auto business as well.

THE CASE he was pursuing was startling. He claimed front-wheel drive cars — which today account for roughly 80 percent of the cars built in the world — are dangerous to drive in slippery conditions, and he had a client who claimed to be injured as a result.

First, of course, he wanted to see General Motors, although the technology he was questioning (front-wheel drive) was in volume use by Saab, Audi, Volkswagen, Honda and Chrysler long before GM. The reason you see General Motors is because GM has deep pockets, and foreign companies are much more expensive to take to court — the phone bill alone will kill you.

SECONDLY, HE was convinced that engineering to improve safety is driven mainly by guilt. That GM went to the trouble to develop low-cost antilock brakes, he argued, was an admission of guilt that its front-

auto talk
Dan McCosh

wheel drive cars are difficult to control on ice.

I mentioned that GM might have tried to develop antilock brakes simply to improve a car's safety, and thought people might buy them, but I was drifting into alien territory.

He pounded away on the guilt theme and faxed me a copy of the GM owners manual that said you shouldn't hit your brakes if your car was skidding — GM must be hiding something to say that, he said.

By now, I was thinking my high school driver training instructor, who told me the same thing, was probably guilty, too. Maybe I could sue him... naw, too late, I thought.

THE LAWYER also had an expert witness — a former GM engineer who has been soliciting liability cases for several years, offering to testify on the subject. All I could count-

er this one with was the notion that nearly all engineering staffs at all the auto companies in the world disagreed with the expert witness. In fact, I disagreed myself, but then who was I to argue?

As it turned out, GM had already prepared a rebuttal to the expert witness, which is the kind of thing that keeps lawyers at GM busy. The liability lawyer pointed this out to me and then asked why would they bother to do that if GM didn't have something to hide? More guilt.

BY NOW, I was starting to feel sorry for GM. Even worse, I was starting to feel sorry for lawyers at GM, which is a little like contributing to a fund to save killer bees. The conversation had gone far enough.

Actually, after I thought about it, I realized this could well be the liability case to end all liability cases. If the case could be proven against front-wheel drive, in all likelihood it would drive nearly all of the auto companies in the world out of business overnight.

Ridiculous, I thought. Then I remembered the empty Piper Aircraft factory in Vero Beach, Fla.

More or less as an afterthought, I checked with GM to see if anyone had actually filed any similar lawsuits.

GM legal staff said that there are about six pending at the present time.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science magazine.

business people

Five technicians at Action Motors Inc. in Livonia have achieved Master certification status, making the Livonia dealership Michigan's leader.

Mark Davies, Dan Devoe, and Jeff Girard are Oldsmobile master technicians. Matt Conroy of Garden City and Doug Perrin of Westland are Nissan Motors master technicians.

Michigan National Bank announced the promotion of Michael King from vice president to first vice president. He is responsible for the administration of 24 branches in the Ann Arbor, Livingston, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Novi markets.

Richard Stallings of Plymouth has joined metropolitan Detroit office of international accounting firm Grant Thornton as a principal and head of the Management Consulting Department.

Larry Flores of Westland is the newest associate of the Merl Terry Agency of Aid Association for Lutherans, Livonia. As an AAL district representative, Flores serves Lutherans and their families in Westland.

Joseph V. Reimann of Livonia was appointed systems officer in the systems support department of Manufacturers National Bank.

Keith A. Postell was appointed vice president of marketing and sales for the automotive equipment group with Mitsubishi Electronics America Inc. in Plymouth. He has more than 20 years experience in the automotive industry. Postell has an undergraduate degree in metallurgical engineering from Lafayette College and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Anthony F. Sky of Westland was

named to the faculty at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. He will be an assistant professor in the university's college of arts and science. Sky had been a professor of organic chemistry at the University of Maine at Farmington in Farmington, Me. He holds a bachelor's degree from Florida International University and a doctorate from the University of Maine.

Eileen M. Ashley of Livonia was named a vice president in the controllers department of Manufacturers Bank.

David A. McCallum of Livonia received the Eliza Watt Sells Award with high distinction from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for his outstanding performance on the May 1991 Uniform CPA Examination. McCallum works for Plante & Moran in Southfield. McCallum was one of five Michigan residents to receive the award.

Steven R. Chapski of Livonia received the Eliza Watt Sells Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The award was presented for his outstanding performance on the May 1991 Uniform CPA Examination. Chapski was one of five Michigan residents to receive the award.

Janet S. VanAlsten, formerly of Redford Township, was named manager of benefits planning in compensation and benefits with Dow USA. VanAlsten is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She had been senior attorney in the human resources legal group with the company. She joined Dow in 1984 in the environmental law section after three years of private practice in Hartford, Conn. Later that year she moved to the financial law section and in 1986 was moved to her present position.

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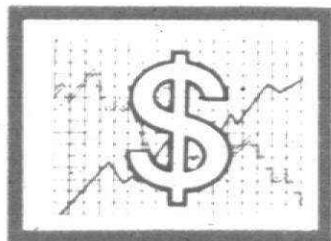
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Discount giant launches party supply superstore

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Armed with more paper plates, cups, plastic eating utensils, decorations, wrapping paper, banners, confetti and balloons than a Bob Hope traveling USO show, F&M Distributors is targeting the party-throwers of Oakland County and beyond.

After nearly two years in the planning stages, the Warren-based discount health and beauty chain has launched its first PartiGiant party goods superstore at Rochester and Hamlin roads in Rochester Hills.

PartiGiant, at 23,000 square feet, is slightly smaller than the typical superstore, but what it lacks in size, it makes up in inventory, according to Frank Newman, president and CEO of F&M distributor.

In addition to carrying common and theme party goods, PartiGiant also carries decorations, games, costumes, catering supplies, snacks and drinks, and specialized food products like hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and desserts, Newman said.

PartiGiant services include party planning, party equipment rental and custom printing.

POLLY PATEREK, president of the Rochester caterer Pampered By Polly, said a store like PartiGiant will be useful for local caterers —

not necessarily as a source for supplies, since many caterers buy wholesale, but because it offers another place to send clients for party supplies not offered by the caterer.

Judy Tenjeras, owner of party supplies company Special Affairs in Rochester Hills, said she's already been by to take a look at the competition and was impressed by it, but she believes there is room for more than one supplier in town.

As for her plans, Tenjeras said she won't be changing the way she does business because of the new competition. "We'll continue to give good service, be well stocked, and take care of our customers."

NEWMAN SAID F&M had been looking at a new venture for almost two years and had decided on a single-category, party goods superstore after evaluating its own sales. "Of the number of categories (health, beauty and party goods) we carry at F&M, this seemed the most likely."

Newman said that for single-category stores like PartiGiant to succeed, the retailer must bring a product to the public in greater quantities and varieties than competitors and sell it less expensively. "(Party goods) are a product that is generally distributed through high-cost, inefficient channels."

If it succeeds, some of the success

of PartiGiant will be attributed to adopting F&M Distributors' strategy deal buying — purchasing only products manufacturers are willing to offer substantial savings on.

"But we'll also be borrowing a page from the warehouse clubs," Newman said. Efficiency and barebones overhead are the key strategies used by warehouse clubs to keep prices low.

"Of course, we won't be quite as bare bones as the warehouse clubs," he said. PartiGiant won't be a Neiman Marcus, but it will be nicely decorated.

Despite some of the problems encountered by other superstores — notably, a lack of interest by some name brand product manufacturers — Newman said he found party goods distributors and manufacturers to be enthusiastic about the concept of a superstore devoted to the category.

"Before now, manufacturers didn't have a strong distribution base," he said.

THE GREATEST obstacle to pulling the new venture off, he said, is the lack of sophistication in the industry. A lack of large distributors, poor tracking of shipments and a lack of computer scanner codes all had to be overcome before PartiGiant could become a reality, he said.



Frank Newman, president and CEO of F&M, called the lack of sophistication in the party goods industry his biggest challenge. A lack of large distributors, poor tracking of shipments

and a lack of computer scanner codes all had to be overcome before PartiGiant could become a reality.

The greatest problem posed by these obstacles was finding and selecting merchandise.

"It's not like in appliances where there are publications that evaluate products for you — we spent a year evaluating the products ourselves. Our mission is not to carry the cheap junk."

Newman said PartiGiant will follow an everyday-lowest-price strategy with merchandise generally 30 to

40 percent below retail.

Not all retail categories are ideal candidates for superstores, Newman said, but a party goods superstore should succeed for several reasons.

Superstores cater to planned, rather than impulsive buying, he said.

Superstores also cater to either big ticket items, like appliances and computers, or products bought in bulk, like office goods. "People

spend easily \$200 on a party today."

Finally, superstores must draw from a larger area to succeed — two factors that are aided by the wider selection and lower prices offered at them.

Assuming party throwers can save \$50, find a wider variety, and get good quality, Newman said he believes he can draw customers from all over Oakland County and parts of Macomb and Wayne counties.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Ester M. Yager, a Southfield resident, juggles several professional responsibilities. She serves as president of the Women's Economic Club, as vice president at United

Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and, as pictured here, an instructor of business seminars at Madonna University in Livonia.

President of economic club enjoys exploring new ideas

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Ester M. Yager admits to enjoying challenges. She's been challenged in her job as a vice president at United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit social help agency, and as a part-time instructor at Madonna University in Livonia.

Yager, a longtime Southfield resident, has stepped up to another challenge as president of the Women's Economic Club.

That non-partisan, non-profit organization, which observes its 30th anniversary next year, helps members develop leadership potential through communication, educational speakers and seminars, and camaraderie.

Yager elaborated several goals. "We want to do more with program presenters. We have 1,300 members and would like to see that increase. And we'd like to get more corporate sponsorship of luncheons," she said.

"It (membership) has crossed all economic, cultural, political and educational fields. It's a total mix."

Learning and teaching have always been important to Yager.

She earned a music degree from Marygrove College with an emphasis on piano performance. Later, she and a partner operated a combination record store/piano studio.

YAGER SUBSEQUENTLY used the business experience she absorbed to train sales staff and managers at J.L. Hudson's. She later served in a variety of training capacities for several Girl Scout councils.

Yager has spent 16 years with United Community Services, a Detroit-based agency that plans and delivers social services.

Her supervisory responsibilities include Tel-HELP, an information/referral service; the Center for Volunteerism; and the Tribute Fund, which provides small cash grants for individuals or groups that need a little extra push to reach a financial goal.

Along the way, Yager earned a master's degree in organizational communications from Wayne State University and completed the Leadership Detroit program.

She has never regretted following the advice of mentors to join groups to meet decision makers, share ideas and otherwise make connections.

"A woman I worked with said this (Women's Economic Club) is an important organization to work with. It's important that I meet with these people," Yager recalled of her introduction to that organization some

13 years ago.

Yager now offers similar advice on networking skills — which she believes must be learned — and the value of continuing education for career enhancement as well as personal growth.

"I LOOKED at the age and educational background of people who were professional competitors and said I had better do something about this," Yager said of her decision to pursue a master's degree.

And her job?

"It's tremendously satisfying," Yager said. "It calls for a lot of creativity, a lot of program design skills. There's a lot of freedom for saying, 'Here is a problem, what can we do about it?'"

Any job that constantly focuses on human problems and sometimes the seamier side of life can take an emotional toll, she conceded.

"It really is not easy sometimes," Yager said. So how does she cope in the down times? "Part of it is to think what things would be like without us, and you have to have a belief what you do makes a difference."

Yager started teaching at Madonna about 10 years ago. This semester, it's a course on managing non-profit organizations.

"I LOVE it. You learn so much when you teach. I found early on you can have all kinds of beliefs and theories. When you're in front of a group, you have to have a darn good hold on what you believe in," she said. Gerry Barrons, executive director of the Women's Economic Club, said she's impressed with Yager's leadership.

"Because she has worked in profit and non-profit spheres, she brings both perspectives," Barrons said. "Most of our members are women business owners or women in business."

"If you look where women are in management, one of the places you find more women is non-profits and government agencies. Ester brings that perspective."

"She also understands what it takes to run a volunteer organization," Barrons added. "I think her leadership is just unquestionable."

John MacInnes, president at United Community Services, hired Yager back in 1978.

"She is one of four vice presidents. Having achieved that kind of professional position I think is achievement itself," he said.

More information about the Women's Economic Club may be obtained by phoning the organization's office at 963-5088.

Madonna offers new degrees

By David S. Stein
special writer

Global competitiveness. Quality control.

They're terms that dominate the agendas of businesses, both large and small.

To help students keep abreast of these trends, Madonna University in Livonia is expanding its business graduate programs to offer new degree programs in international business and operations management.

"There is a necessity for businesses in southeast Michigan to look globally and identify as part of the global economic community," said Dr. Ernest Nolan, Madonna University's dean of graduate studies and humanities.

Both 36-semester hour programs, resulting in master of science degrees in business administration, are full concentrations, not just a specialty within an overall master's degree, Nolan said.

The programs are designed for working business people, who are expected to attend on a part-time basis.

THE INTERNATIONAL business program is part of Madonna's decision to expand its global involvement, Nolan said.

For the past two years, Madonna has had an extension unit of its master of science in administration program in Taiwan, where 60 students are enrolled.

The international business degree includes course work in international trade structures and systems, management, marketing and finance.

Students must pass a foreign language proficiency exam and complete a foreign work, study or travel experience.

Madonna has working relationships in place with Edgell and Lansdowne Colleges in England and U.S. trade missions in Belgium and

Germany.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT will require computer literacy and mastery of quantitative approaches to quality control. Students must have two years of full-time related job experience.

Coursework includes research design, forecasting and planning, marketing strategy and competitive strategy analysis and planning.

Each program requires a research project based on work experience, whose aim is to bring students and their graduate work to the attention of their supervisors.

But will local employers embrace these new programs over the traditional MBA path?

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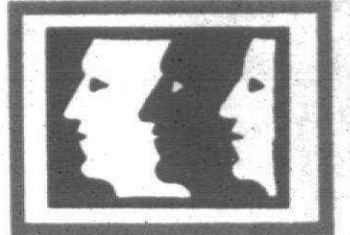
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This isn't a slack time at clothing bank



By Julie Brown
staff writer

NOT ALL local families can afford to buy back-to-school clothes. Those people often find help at the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank.

The clothing bank's housed in a portable building at Central Middle School, 650 Church in downtown Plymouth. It operates throughout the school year and is open 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We've been extremely busy already this year," said Virginia Kocik of Canton, clothing bank director.

Volunteer Pam Lyle sorts through some boots at the clothing bank.

About 300 families in the Plymouth-Canton community are receiving help.

The clothing bank began operating more than 15 years ago. Canton resident Flossie Tonda, who was then a school board member, was instrumental in getting it established.

"She saw a need for this," said Kocik, who has volunteered at the clothing bank for about nine years. The primary focus is on helping school children, although some adults, including senior citizens, also receive help.

"OUR MAIN problem is always the younger children." Pants for boys and girls in elementary school are needed, along with other school clothes for growing youngsters. The portable building's provided

'We really do get some lovely, lovely clothes.'

— Virginia Kocik
Clothing Bank
director

by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and the school district pays utility bills for the clothing bank. Longtime volunteers, including Kocik, Pam Lyle and Jeanne Dumas, keep things running smoothly.

The volunteers depend on donations from local people and appreciate that generosity.

"We really do get some lovely, lovely clothes," Kocik said. School PTOs have been helpful in collecting clothes and in spreading the word about the clothing bank.

Many clients are receiving some form of public assistance, although that's not always true. Some are working, but don't earn enough to make ends meet. Some senior citizens find it difficult to live on a fixed income and need help. Clients must live within the school district's boundaries.

Clients should call the clothing bank, 451-6673, to make an appointment. A fitting room is available, and clothing should be tried on before it's taken home. Confidentiality of clients is respected, and no one else needs to know they're receiving assistance.

CLOTHING BANK volunteers are happy to accept cash donations, and use those to buy new underwear and socks for clients. Used shoes and boots are needed as well, along with jackets, coats and other clothing for cooler weather.

Volunteers accept donations of clean clothing during clothing bank hours, and no appointment's necessary for those dropping things off. Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be dropped off during weekday business hours at the nearby school warehouse if the clothing bank's closed.

Clothes that can't be used are passed along to the Salvation Army. The clothing bank can't accept furniture, dishes or other household items, although linens (sheets, blankets, bedspreads, curtains and towels) are accepted and appreciated.



Virginia Kocik of Canton is director of the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank.

Volunteers try to keep up with the current styles students wear.

"Yes, we do have to pay attention to that. They let us know fast. They educate us," Kocik said. Children of the volunteers are helpful in providing that information.

Some more unusual donations, such as bridal gowns and prom dresses, have found their way to the clothing bank through the years. A man's swimsuit from the 1920s or thereabouts was donated a while ago.

"Sometimes, I think we could start a clothing museum with some of the things we get," she said. A few prom dresses have been given out through the years.

The start of each school year is traditionally the busiest time for the volunteers. Kocik and other volunteers have found some people are surprised there's a need for a clothing bank in the Plymouth-Canton community.

"Once they know about us, it seems they're always happy to support us."

She and the other volunteers are happy to contribute their time.

"I like it. I feel like I'm doing something useful."

Staff photos
by Bill Bresler



Jeanne Dumas, a volunteer, looks through the collection of pants. The clothing bank always needs pants for boys and girls in elementary school.

Mothers of twins have plenty of love to share

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Vicki Adams remembers some hectic days and nights when her twins were younger.

"Busy. That's the best word I think any of us could use," said Adams, president of the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club. "Very, very busy. You have no time to yourself."

She and her husband, John, have 5-year-old twins, Cori and John. Vicki Adams, a substitute secretary for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, has belonged to the Mothers of Twins Club for five years.

"It's a support group, especially for the new moms," said Adams, a Westland resident. "We let them know there is hope."

The club currently has some 22 members. All are mothers of twins, although the membership has included moms of triplets in the past.

MEMBERS RECENTLY got together for a potluck dinner at the Northville Township home of mem-

ber Mary Samale.

Samale and her husband, Marcus, have an 8-year-old son, Marcus, and 4-year-old twins, Adam and Scott. She joined the club when she was pregnant with the twins.

"It's nice just to be with other people who are going through the same thing," Samale heard from others that life would get considerably easier when the twins reached age 3 or thereabouts, and found that was true.

"When they're little, it's hard. You can definitely use help when they're little." Now that they're older, Adam and Scott can play together.

"They're a lot of fun," Samale said.

She worked outside the home for the Digital Equipment Corp. until the twins were about 2½. Samale decided to be a full-time mom for a while.

"It keeps me plenty busy." Even a simple errand, such as going to the dry cleaners, is challenging with twins in tow, she said.

Twins don't run in the family on

her side, although Samale's husband has some "multiples" on his side. Some club members come from families where multiple births are common, but that's not always the case.

SOME WERE taking fertility drugs, some who'd never had multiple births in their families found out they were expecting twins.

Vicki Adams knew in advance that she was expecting twins. She enjoys raising her children but acknowledges that parents of multiples face certain challenges.

"You have to split your time and everything has to be equal," Adams said. Each of her twins often wants what the other one has.

"We try to teach them at an early age that if you get the same thing you get twice as much."

Robin Towler's 7-year-old twins, Anthony and Andrew, share a Sept. 19 birthday with her 16-year-old stepson, Jeremy.

"And it was not planned," said Towler, a Westland resident and vice president of the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club. Both she and her husband, Pat, have a history of multiple births in their families.

The Towler twins were premature, as is often true for multiple-birth infants. They needed frequent feedings when they were babies. The twins had colic for three months, and Towler remembers some sleepless nights.

"When they're your first, you don't know any different, but it's hard," she said. Things aren't quite as hectic now that Anthony and Andrew are older.

"They really want that alone time, so that is hard," said Towler, who's job-hunting and plans to re-enter the



photos by SHERIE BUZBY/staff photographer

Club members agree that living in a family that includes twins is doubly rewarding.

work force. The twins need equal time and attention when it comes to school work, sports and other activities.

"They really thrive on individualized attention," she said.

Towler joined the club 6½ years ago, as soon as the twins could stay home with their dad for a while. Children and husbands of club members often participate in club-sponsored activities.

"We have a lot of fathers who have really participated." Getting together with other fathers of twins gives the men a chance to talk with others in the same circumstances, something they can't always do elsewhere, Towler said.

For information on the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club, call 722-0248.



Terry Poli of Wayne (left) shows off recent photos of her twins as Amy Eudis (center) and Donna Brandt of Canton look on. The three were among those at a recent get-together sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club.



Adam and Scott Samale, 4, and Jenny and Megan Houslander, 7, are among the children with mothers in the club.

Wayne grad acts on dreams in LA

Performances of the Attic Theatre's production of "The Misanthrope" continue through Oct. 27 at 7339 Third at West Grand Boulevard in Detroit. For information call the box office at 875-8284.

By Keely Wygonik
staff writer

For someone who wasn't sure he'd get work, Gordon Reinhart has done very well since he moved to Los Angeles last November to pursue an acting career.

"I had a walk-on role as a waiter in the network comedy 'Family Man' with Gregory Harrison, and did 'Man in Trouble' with Jack Nicholson," said Reinhart who grew up in Westland, and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1979.

"I play Nicholson's marriage therapist in the second scene of the film. You get the sense that this is my first case. It wasn't a long scene, but it was really exciting working with Mr. Nicholson."

THE FILM, a comedy, is now in post-production work and should be out next summer.

Reinhart's back in town to direct an adaptation of Moliere's comedy, "The Misanthrope," which opens Sept. 26 at the Attic Theatre in Detroit.

'I learn a lot about directing when I'm acting, and I learn a lot about acting when I'm directing.'

— Gordon Reinhart

Last year he played the lead role in the Attic's presentation of, "Billy Bishop Goes to War," a one-character musical based on the experiences of a Canadian flying ace during World War I.

"This summer I did 'Billy Bishop Goes to War,' at the Snowmass-Aspen Repertory Theatre in Colorado, he said. "It was my third season as artistic director, but this is the first time I acted. The Attic production helped, the second time was much better."

REINHART SAID he is comfortable switching between directing and acting. "I really enjoy being on both sides. For me, one informs the other. I learn a lot about directing when I'm acting, and I learn a lot about acting when I'm directing."

In "The Misanthrope," Reinhart directs a cast consisting of Roger Bechtel, Eden Cooper, Andrew Chippi, Tony Dobrowolski, Rick Frederick, Aaron Williams, Kate Willinger and Harry Wetzel.

Bechtel and Reinhart have worked

together in Colorado for the last two summers. This marks the second time Reinhart has directed Bechtel in a lead role at the Attic. In 1990 the two teamed up for William Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

"This comedy has been around for a long time. It's something that entertains. The production is updated to 20th century Hollywood so I think the audience will understand the world of the play more readily," said Reinhart.

"The Misanthrope" finds Alceste, a writer played by Bechtel, trapped in a hypocritical and deceptive society. Much to his astonishment, Alceste falls in love with Celimene (played by Chippi), a Hollywood starlet who epitomizes and thrives on the social hypocrisy that Alceste despises.

The tangled pair of lovers must confront their deepest feelings to determine whether their futures will be spent together.

WHEN THE play ends Oct. 27, Reinhart will be "leaving on a jet

plane for LA I really want to act in a film, it's something I feel I could do," he said.

"I'd like to create something that's still there. When you finish a play it's gone. They take down the set. Also you get paid more money for films. It would give me the freedom and power to do theater when I want. It would be nice to put some money in the bank."

Scheduled events include an 8 p.m. afterglow reception catered by Traffic Jam & Snug on Oct. 2, a benefit performance and afterglow on Oct. 3, and talk back where audience members have the opportunity to ask questions of the actors, director, and production staff on Oct. 19; and an afternoon matinee 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.

"I would really like to see people support the Attic," said Reinhart. "It never ceases to amaze me. They've been around 20 years, and have survived a hostile environment. It's the most exciting theater in the area."

Tickets to the 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 performance are \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Attic's education and outreach programs for students and senior citizens.

table talk

Roma's

Roma's presents a big band dance party and buffet dinner, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Roma's of Bloomfield, 2101 S. Telegraph, north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Call 332-9237 to make a reservation.

New grill

Machus Enterprises announces the opening of a new grill at the corner of State and Huron, in Ann Arbor. Call A-Squared Grill, the establishment, adjoins Campus Inn and focuses on the college-town look complete with mom-and-pop type food. Menu items range from soup and appetizers to sandwiches, salads and entrees that are homemade, quality food. Prices vary from \$2.25 for a cup of soup to a grilled rib eye steak for \$12.95 or peppered salmon at \$14.95. Specialties of the house are a California cuisinart salad; square French pizza filled with spinach, wild mushrooms and tomatoes or shrimp, peppers and tomatoes.

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Chuck Muer's C.A. Muer Corp. is selling two of the Charley's restaurants it recently repurchased to Paragon Steakhouse Restaurants Inc., owners of Mountain Jack's. The Livonia Charley's on Schoolcraft and Merriman in Livonia and the Eastside Charley's in Harper Woods will be converted into Mountain Jack's. The new Livonia Mountain Jack's is scheduled to open in December, the Harper Woods location in January 1992.

Mystery dinner

Murder mystery dinner at the Allen Park Motor Lodge, 14887 Southfield, opens 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. The evening will consist of a seven course country meal. Call 386-6900 for reservations, information.

News about area restaurants is included in this column. Send information to be considered for publication to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150.

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Glynn and Louise Scanlan enjoy preserving the past. Their oak kitchen table and north-wind, press-back chairs belonged to Louise's grandmother. Glynn refinished the set.

House a labor of love

See Home Furnishings special section today

By Janice Tigar-Kramer special writer

WHEN GLYNN and Louise Scanlan moved into their Cape Cod-style house in Livonia, each found a place to express creativity.

Louise filled the house with simple country furnishings. Glynn groomed the 1½-acre, which is a picture-perfect setting for the 52-year-old house and a preserve for Michigan wildflowers.

Louise fell in love with the charming frame house as soon as she saw its paneled windows and screened-in porch overlooking the yard. That was 21 years ago, yet she can't imagine leaving this dream house, tucked into a heavily treed area several hundred feet from a dirt road.

"As soon as I stepped inside, it reminded me of homes in the East," Louise said. "It was exactly what I wanted."

Since Louise always preferred simple furnishings ("nothing Scandinavian or with clawed feet"), she chose mostly 18th- and 19th-century Early American furniture for the five-room house.

And because she wasn't a serious collector at the time, she retrieved much of it from her grandmother's house, used furniture stores, flea markets and garage sales.

"Today we could spend \$200 for an old quilt, but we couldn't in the beginning," she said.

OVER THE years, Louise has created pretty and inviting rooms that have a history of their own. The master bedroom, for example, includes her mother's oak dresser and her grandmother's old oak washstand, which is converted to a handsome night table.

The room also includes an 1860s pumpkin pine blanket chest bought for \$40 at a garage sale. Her latest acquisition, brought back from



A blind cupboard in the dining room holds Glynn Scanlan's collection of crocks and other stoneware. The chest, dating to 1860, was bought in Saline.

photos by DOUG SUSALLA

Ohio, is a stately four-poster, turn-of-the-century bed with a blanket roll on the foot board.

"I'm always seeking and restoring," she said.

Sometime over the past two decades, Glynn joined his wife on her antiquing expeditions and even became an expert refinisher and collector of jelly jars, stoneware and Wallace Nutting photographs dating to the turn-of-the-century.

He has made several Shaker-style peg racks for the house as well as handsome cabinets and shelves.

"To maintain my sanity, I had to develop an interest in furniture and collecting," Glynn said, smiling.

TOGETHER, GLYNN, a counselor at Livonia Franklin High School, and Louise, a data clerk at Livonia Stevenson High School,

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Right: A fieldstone fireplace made by the home's original owner is the focal point of the living room. One of Louise Scanlan's favorite Andrew Wyeth prints hangs over the mantel.



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Christine Wong demonstrates Chinese calligraphy technique. Standing over the paper, she moves with the rhythm and gracefulness of a dancer as she paints the Chinese character for love.

Show spotlights Chinese painting and calligraphy

By Linda Ann Chomin special writer

Lyrical watercolor paintings of sailboats, flowers, still life, panda bears, camels and Chinese calligraphy are included in a vibrant new exhibition of 40 works by Livonia artist Christine Wong.

The exhibition continues through Oct. 12 at Nelson's Gallery, 16376 Middlebelt, Livonia.

A meet-the-artist reception will be 1:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. It will feature demonstrations of Chinese painting techniques in watercolor (2:30 p.m.), followed by Chinese calligraphy technique with brush (3:30 p.m.).

Born on mainland China, Wong's work serves to bridge the cultures of East and West. She combines 5,000 years of Chinese philosophy and painting techniques, ink and Western watercolor to create delicate, flowing images with a rhythmic energy that dances across the paper.

In China, rice paper is commonly used to create paintings. Since moving to this country in 1971 with husband Robert, Wong has worked on a variety of Western papers, searching for one that holds color well, yet is easy to preserve for enjoyment and framing.

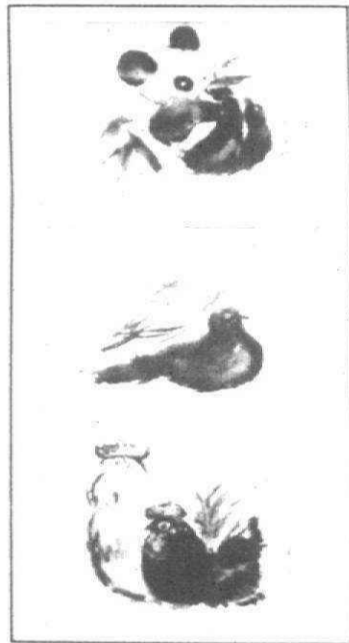
"I LEARN how to handle Western papers. Rice papers you can not handle as easily. There is a way for harmony between the arts," Wong said.

During the first demonstration, Wong will create three paintings of flowers and a panda bear using watercolor combined with Chinese painting techniques.

"The demonstration will show how to paint with a bold stroke and to finish the paintings in short time; spontaneous paintings in 15 minutes," Wong said.

Wong believe artists as well as arts supporters can grow and develop by sharing their talents, each with the other.

"You broaden your eyes when you share. You encourage and help by sharing," Wong said. "If people have



"My Animal Friends" features three separate scenes in black and white — a panda bear, two doves and two roosters. The 13½-by-27½-inch work is priced at \$475.

special request, if they want to see a certain technique, I don't mind to show them."

At 3:30 p.m., Wong will demonstrate the ancient art of Chinese calligraphy using ink, water and Chinese brush. In China, students begin calligraphy lessons in second grade, much as children learn penmanship here.

"I CAN use the same brush for writing and painting," Wong said. "I'll do bold, large size writings as a demonstration. I'll explain the philosophies, techniques, different style and how to control brush. I'll leave time for people to ask questions. It

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These symphonies are cultural pillars in community

BEGINNER ENSEMBLES they're not.

The Plymouth and Livonia symphonies boast a blend of musical and professional backgrounds. Their keynotes range from Bach to Broadway. And they're about to raise the curtain on new concert seasons.

Unlike larger symphonies, these community orchestras give music students, music teachers and music lovers the chance to showcase their string, wind, brass and percussion skills while working alongside veteran musicians.

Cultural jewels, they also give many local musicians their first on-stage opportunity to be heard by folks other than family and friends.

For Lynn Route, a LSO cellist on and off for the past 15 years, "music has been something I've always en-

joyed and wanted as part of my life."

The Livonia resident calls the LSO "a wonderful outlet for musicians who have other commitments and other jobs but who still have that love of music they want to express. It fulfills a real need."

STRONG COMPETITION for the entertainment dollar has prompted the Plymouth and Livonia symphonies to add a new catch phrase to their marketing plans — "Diversify, diversify, diversify." The intent: to broaden their appeal.

Both orchestras, of course, will feature legends like Brahms and Mozart plus Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," this season.

But Livonia's 11-event schedule also will include rousing melodies of



Bob Sklar

Gershwin and Joplin, Young Artists Competition winners, a "Christmas Special," a "Merry Olde England Wassail Dinner Feast" and "Come to the Cabaret."

Plymouth's 10-event lineup also will include all-American and all-French fare as well as a PSO recital, a pops benefit and Junior Miss Dance America Dawnell Dryja of Canton performing with the Plym-

outh-Canton Ballet Company in "The Nutcracker."

Nationally known guest soloists will appear too.

Pianist Flavio Varani, organist William Whitehead, violinist Victoria Haltom and cellist Nadine Deleury will solo during Livonia's 18th concert season.

Soloists during Plymouth's 46th concert season will include pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek, dancer Densil Adams, mezzo-soprano Kathleen Segar and clarinetist John Mohler.

THE CONDUCTOR'S wands aren't awarded lightly. Both Livonia's Francesco DiBlasi and Plymouth's Russell Reed enjoy top-flight reputations. The energy and vision they bring don't wilt under the spot-

light's glare.

Series change each year but the orchestras' basic mission remains: to bring symphonic concert entertainment to the people.

Metropolitan symphonies are key cultural resources no question about that. But fans of the classics don't have to go to Detroit or Ann Arbor to find the uplifting strains of symphony music. They can satisfy their fix closer to home with the likes of the PSO and LSO.

With no general admission ticket more than \$10 to \$12, the PSO and LSO also offer an affordable way to introduce young people to live performances of high-quality music. And they're a godsend for local performers unable, for whatever reason, to make music full time.

Amid deep cuts in state arts funding, DiBlasi and Reed, who oversee budgets of \$100,000 and \$78,000 respectively, are acutely aware matching grants, corporate sponsorships and fund-raising savvy are keystones to survival. No wonder their orchestras have such vital support arms: the Livonia Symphony Society and the Plymouth Symphony League.

But let's remember brisk ticket sales are the best form of advertising and the best measure of success.

When people willingly part with hard-earned discretionary dollars to buy concert tickets, it's clear the Herculean effort a community symphony demands is well worth it.

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POLISH ART
Friends of Polish Art, in conjunction with Orchard Lake Schools, will sponsor the sixth annual Richard Kubinski Art Competition in October. Artists of Polish descent born in Michigan or who now live here may enter new original work in any media. Prizes range from \$25 to \$250. The kickoff reception is 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Galleria on the St. Mary's Campus, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. The exhibition runs to Oct. 27. Entries will be received 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Call Johanna Bielecki for entry details: 581-4198.

CREATIVE ARTS
Registration continues for fall creative art classes at Cranbrook P.M. at Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills. The classes include drawing, painting and sculpture. For information or to register, call 645-3685. Drawing with Color and Charcoal runs for eight weeks, beginning 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28. The fee is \$78. Another Saturday course, Basic Drawing for Grades 6, 7, 8, begins Sept. 28. The eight-week class, 1:30-3:30 p.m., includes architectural details and landscape composition. The fee is \$78. Watercolor in the Greenhouse runs for eight weeks, beginning 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. The fee is \$85. Creative Jewelry meets 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 2, for six weeks. The \$125 fee includes studio fees. Sculpture, an eight-week course, features basic and advanced principles of clay modeling and stone carving. It meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Oct. 3. The fee is \$85.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC
Music classes for children ages 4-5 will begin Oct. 1. This is the Kindermusik curriculum that includes four 15-week semesters, each including playing instruments, listening, vocalizing, movement activities and writing and reading pitches and rhythms. Openings exist for the Tuesday AM class and the Wednesday early PM class. Call teachers Brenda Kray-

Livonia Symphony opens Oct. 5

Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under conductor Francesco DiBlasi, opens the 1991-92 concert season at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Livonia Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburg. Guest artist will be internationally recognized pianist Flavio Varani performing Beethoven's "Concerto No. 5 in E-flat," otherwise known as the Emperor Concerto.

flutist Ervin Monroe, oboist Don Baker, cellist John Thurman (all from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra) and pianist Fontaine Laing, widely known for her superb keyboard work. Tenor Robert Bracey, current winner of the guild's Betty Brewster Scholarship, will sing in February. The season will end on a high note in April with a recital by pianist Jose Carlos Cocarelli, the celebrated silver medal winner at the last Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

NEW PIPE ORGAN
Church organist Mark Brampton will perform Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the Cranbrook House library. Highly esteemed in the United States and abroad, the quartet recently released a Dvorak/Schumann recording on the Music Masters label.

A 25-voice youth choir, the James Topp Singers from the Detroit Academy of Music, will present a Christmas concert Tuesday, Dec. 10. The Detroit Chamber Artists will perform in March. The chamber ensemble features

HOLIDAY MEMORIES
It's that time of year when we ask our readers to recount their fondest memories of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's — those special memories that brighten these special holidays. Send your reminiscences to us by Oct. 1. We'll consider printing them in the Gift Guide special section we'll publish on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29. Submissions will be subject to editing. Because of limited space, please keep your memories to 250 words or less. Writers whose special moments are published will receive a snappy O&E nylon briefcase. In submitting memories, include your name, address and daytime phone number. It's fine to include a favorite photo. Color is acceptable; just make sure it'll reproduce in black and white. We'll gladly return the picture if you note on the back that you want us to do so. Send your warmest reflections of the holiday season to: Holiday Memories, Special Sections Editor, Editorial Department, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The deadline is Oct. 1.

HOLIDAY GATHERINGS
If you're planning a holiday-season event, we'd like to hear about it so we can consider it as a calendar item in our Gift Guide. That annual special section comes out on Thanksgiving Day. The listing should include the kind of activity or event, who's hosting it, the date, time and location, the admission charge and the name of a contact person and phone number.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Homeowners lax about insurance

By Doug Funkh, staff writer. You can recall almost instantly many facts about your house...

representative for Emerson-Prew, added, "I don't think they know where they stand." Advised Jeff Ashton, a Farmer's Insurance agent...

fied Public Accountants. Middle coverage provides for additional protection including damages from frozen plumbing...

to \$489. Kesling provided an earthquake coverage quote of 40 cents per \$1,000 for a brick house...

WHAT DOES A BASIC HOMEOWNER'S POLICY COVER?

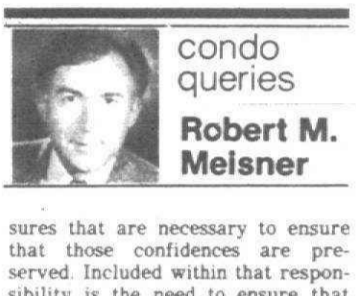
- Fire or lightning? Windstorm or hail? Explosion? Riot or civil commotion? Aircraft and vehicles? Smoke? Vandalism and malicious mischief? Theft? Glass breakage?

Seminar set to explain buyer agency concept

Richter & Associates of Northville will sponsor a half-day real estate buyer agency seminar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor...

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506 Help Wanted Sales
GOLF SALES MANAGEMENT
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507 Help Wanted Part Time
HOUSEKEEPER to clean up in residential community. High school graduate. No experience necessary. Call for details.

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FULL TIME DAY position available in the housekeeping department in a residential community. High school graduate. No experience necessary. Call for details.

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Coupler
 APARTMENT MANAGERS & REAL ESTATE SALES. Good pay with benefits for right person. Experience in sales and management. Call for details.

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NOW **\$10,302*****36/36**NEW 1991 RANGER 4x2
SUPERCAB PICKUP

\$1000
REBATE



Custom trim, cloth captain's chair, tachometer, automatic overdrive transmission, bright low-mount swing away mirrors, electric AM-FM stereo cassette with clock, rear jump seat, power brakes, power steering, rear anti-lock brakes, tinted glass, moldings, spoiler, dome light, instrumentation, scuff plates, interval wipers. Stock #9488T.

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NOW **\$11,731*****36/36**NEW 1991 RANGER 4x4
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EVERY 1991 TRUCK SOLD
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REBATE



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WAS \$11,325

NOW **\$8753*****36/36**NEW 1991 F-154 4x2
SPECIAL PICKUP

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WAS \$12,775

NOW **\$9957*****36/36**NEW 1991 F-151 4x2
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\$1000
REBATE



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Building a better auto dealership

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

When it comes to automobile dealership architecture, you might think the practical applications of running a business with five components would severely limit options.

But in the past year several area auto dealerships have opened or have begun construction, and although each accomplishes the same purpose, none of them look alike.

There are new Saturn dealerships in Troy and Plymouth. Meadowbrook Dodge is being built in Rochester. Fred Lavrey Infiniti is in Birmingham and Estate Motors in Bloomfield Hills.

Of course, there are similarities. One reason, according to Richard Trost of Saturn Corp. is the automobile companies are exercising control over the architectural process.

Trost, a member of Saturn dealership retail environmental design committee, said General Motors' newest car company spent months designing its prototype dealership.

"It is a business — it's not a museum (so) it has to be efficient," Trost said.

THE STARTING POINT for Saturn and most dealerships is a concept called "functional adjacencies," he said. This means that dependent functions — like the service and parts department — are positioned near one another.

Different companies may prioritize some relationships differently, but some are obvious in all dealerships. More subtle relationships result in striking differences between dealerships, he said.

Most dealerships, for example, would place the customer lounge near the service area. "We at Saturn thought it would be better to place the customer lounge near the front (of the dealership)."

Placing a lounge at the front accomplishes two things — customers don't feel forgotten, and the most-likely future customer is exposed to new products, Trost explained.

Another trend in dealerships, he said, is the growing importance of service departments. Saturn and other dealerships are placing service entrances at the front adjacent to new car showrooms.

Sometimes function takes a back seat to other considerations like site restrictions and sales and marketing strategies.

FRED LAVREY Infiniti in Birmingham has the same goal — selling cars — as other dealerships, but it takes a different approach.

Here, the facility is a showplace for its products, architect Ron Kaliszewski said. "It (the dealership) looks almost like the cars were there and the building was built around it."

Kaliszewski, a partner at the architectural firm Luckenbach-Ziegelman in Birmingham, said he had to comply with design and architectural restrictions handed down by Infiniti.

When the concept was developed, a decision was made to emphasize appearance and feel, rather than function and foot traffic flow. "This isn't a showroom you can just walk through."

Instead, the design encourages visitors to walk around in much the same way an art gallery might be designed, Kaliszewski said.

There are four viewing areas where people see the automobiles. These viewing areas surround what Infiniti calls a "contemplation area" — an area set apart from the automobiles and the sales people designed to give customers a chance to think and relax.

Despite these differences from the typical automobile dealership, Infiniti still recognizes necessary functions, Kaliszewski said.

Site restrictions limited what could be included. The service area is across the street at Lavrey's

Owners no longer have carte blanche in the design of their facilities. Both auto companies and dealers are hoping architects will help the car-buying public to beat a path to their newly-designed doors.

Porsche-Range Rover-Audi dealership. "We had to get special dispensation from Infiniti for that."

Kaliszewski said another important element is the reception area. "It's really a practical decision."

A receptionist can direct people to where they need to go, whether it is to talk to a service manager or ask a salesperson a question, he said. "And people appreciate the professionalism they associate with (reception areas)."

BUT FUNCTION alone does not an auto dealership make.

Here is where auto dealers differ wildly. Sometimes, dealers will strive for a conservative, traditional look; other times, companies will strive for a striking contemporary look.

"Architecture is a reflection of the mood of the times," Trost of Saturn said. The challenge for dealers is to create a timeless, undated image.

Saturn wants its dealers to promote an image of a new kind of car company. Concepts such as a sense of being inviting, uncomplicated, friendly, and timeless are best conveyed by appearance, he said.

"We wanted something instantly recognizable (as Saturn) — the intent was to make it say Saturn," he said.

This was accomplished in several ways.

"One way to make a building look more inviting," Trost said, "is to include a canopy (that shelters visitors as they approach the door)."

A canopy also makes certain there is no doubt on the entry location, Trost noted, adding one of the biggest problems with automobile dealers of the past is there was no central entry point.

To convey a sense of the uncomplicated, Saturn decided on simple, flat walls in Saturn colors of white, with gray and red accents. When coupled with the canopy, the simple walls are intended to create a sense of excitement.

"It's called the concept of stimulation through contrast," he said.

COMPLETING THE design required various elements of landscape architecture, parking and driveways. "We had to give individual dealers a lot of room to maneuver here."

Entrance drives, Trost noted, were intentionally designed to approach the dealership from the front and center so visitors can take in the whole dealership.

Conventional dealerships might have several entrances from the front and side, but Saturn's dealership model attempts to focus the visitor's attention.

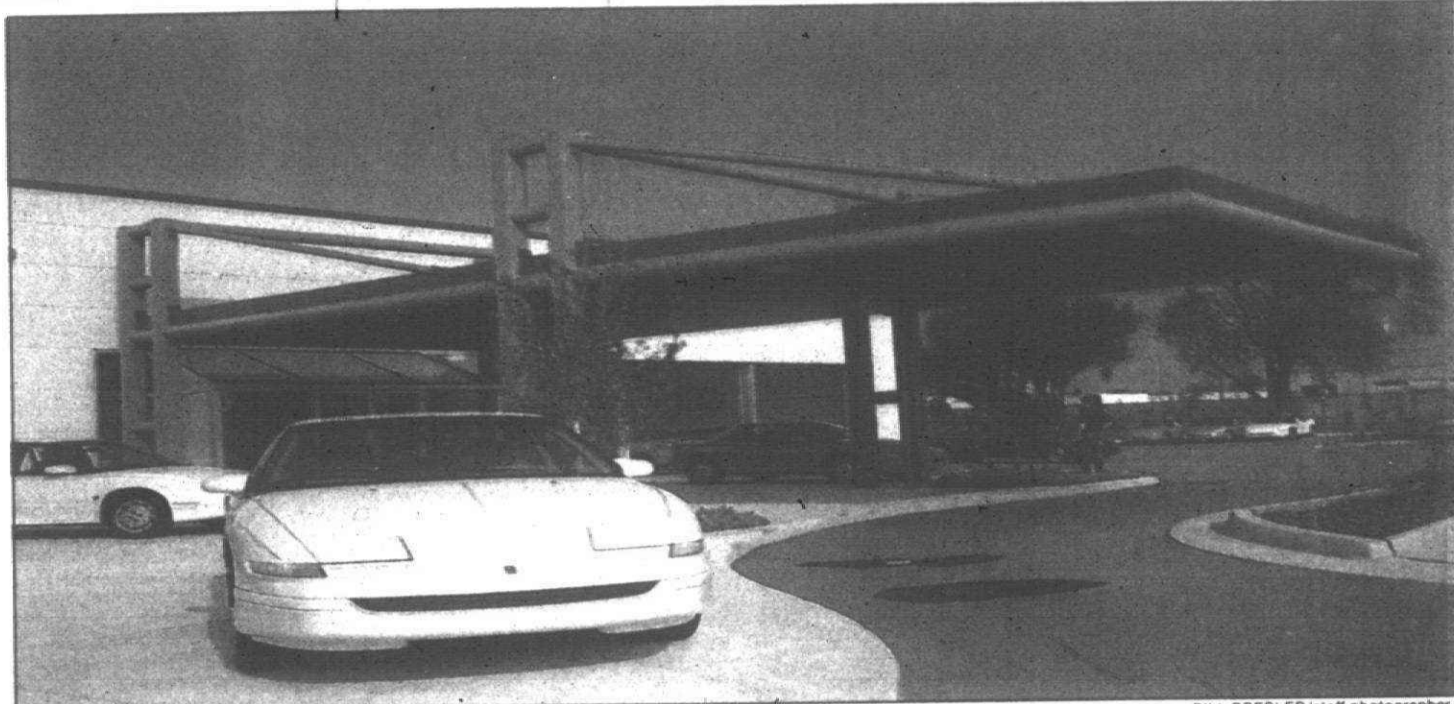
Kaliszewski said he also had to comply with architectural specifications from Infiniti. But in his case, he was granted a great deal of leeway in which to design the dealership.

Most Infiniti dealerships are beige with black trim and have a relatively smooth-textured surface; Fred Lavrey Infiniti is brown brick with green trim.

"Fred Lavrey and I felt (the more contemporary Infiniti design) wasn't appropriate for Birmingham," he said.

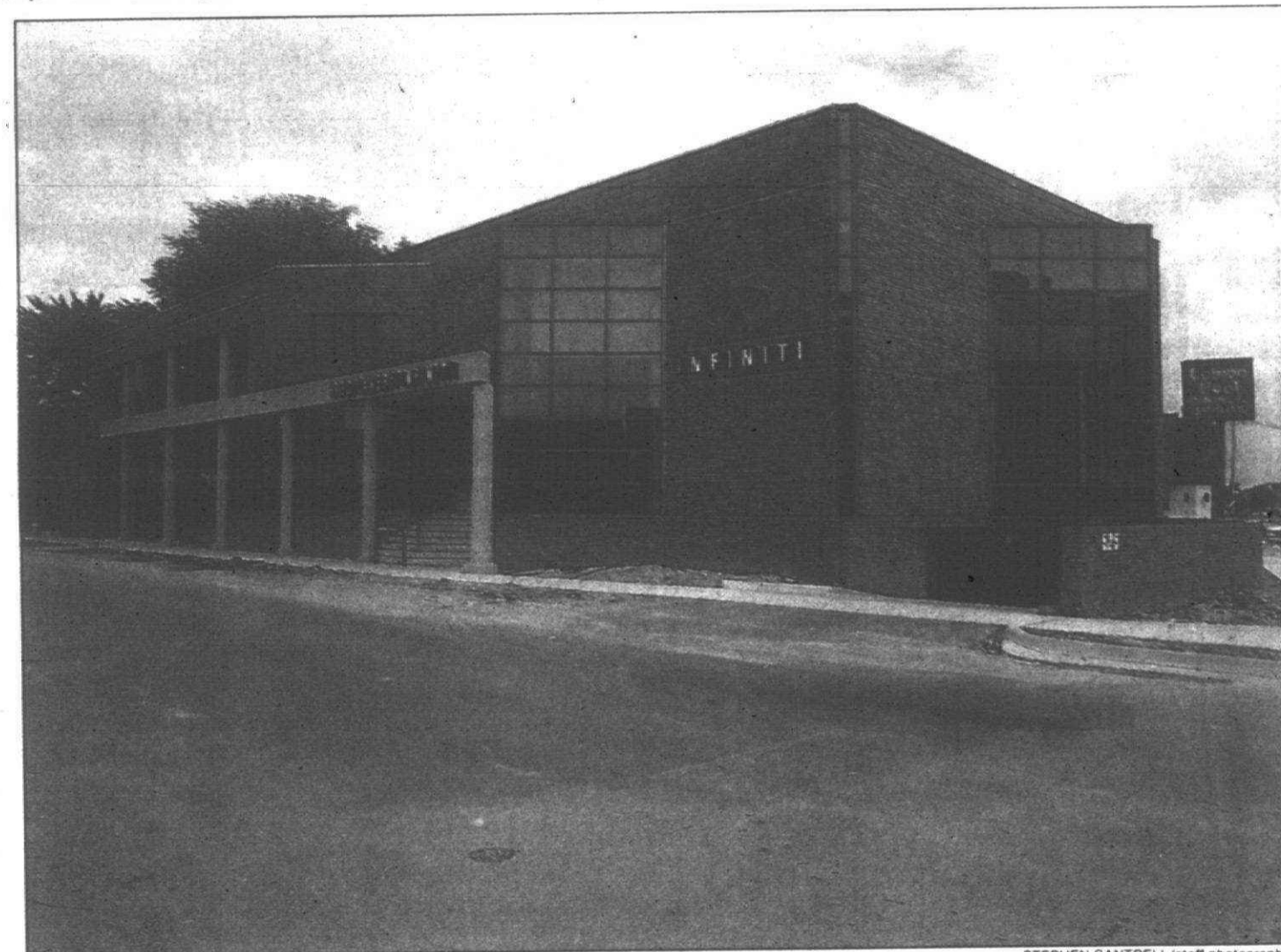
"We wanted a low-pressure, low-profile, low-statement facility," he said.

Further complicating the design was a need for leasable office space above the dealership, Kaliszewski said. Most Infiniti dealerships are stand-alone facilities, but land prices in Birmingham necessitated expanding the facility.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The canopy of the Don Massey Saturn dealership in Plymouth tips off the location of the entry, resolving problem of dealerships built years ago.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Most Infiniti dealerships are beige with black trim and a smooth exterior surface. But in keeping with Birmingham's architecture, Fred Lavrey Infiniti is brown brick with green trim.

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The growing importance of service departments is being reflected in new auto dealerships. Saturn and others are placing service entrances at the front, adjacent to new car showrooms.

Houses revert from borrowing machines to homes

By John Cunniff
AP Newsfeatures

One positive consequence of weakness in housing markets over the past few years has been a return to common sense on the part of buyers and sellers.

Common sense says a single-family home is for living rather than investing, but that seemingly obvious truth has been distorted in many geographic areas where prices escalated far beyond the general inflation rate.

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When market values slowed after the mid-1980s it seemed for a while that families would recapture the spirit of the house as a home. But then came home equity loans that in effect turned the house into a borrowing machine.

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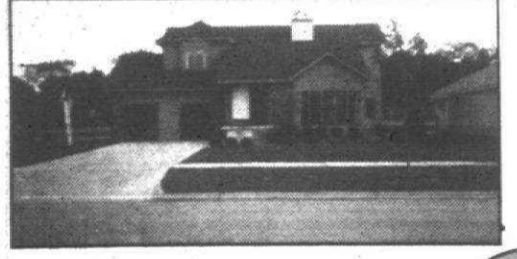
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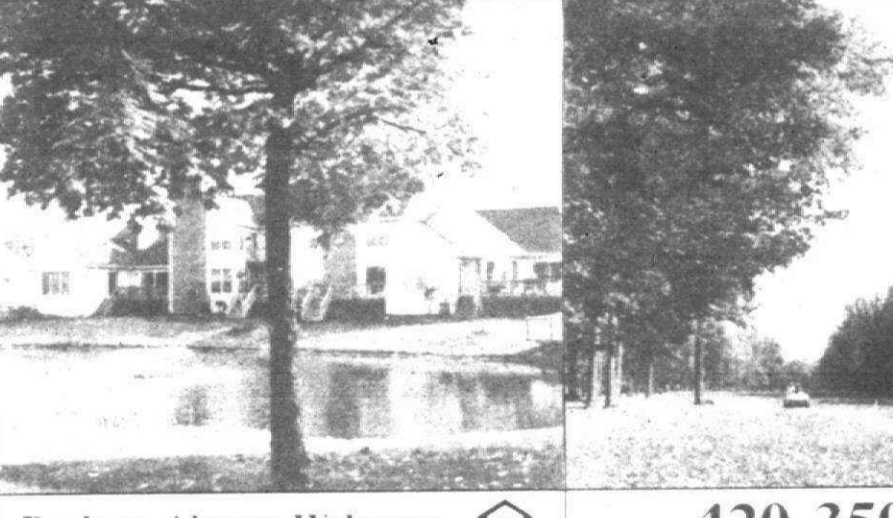
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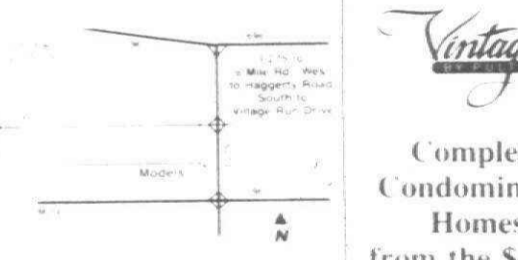
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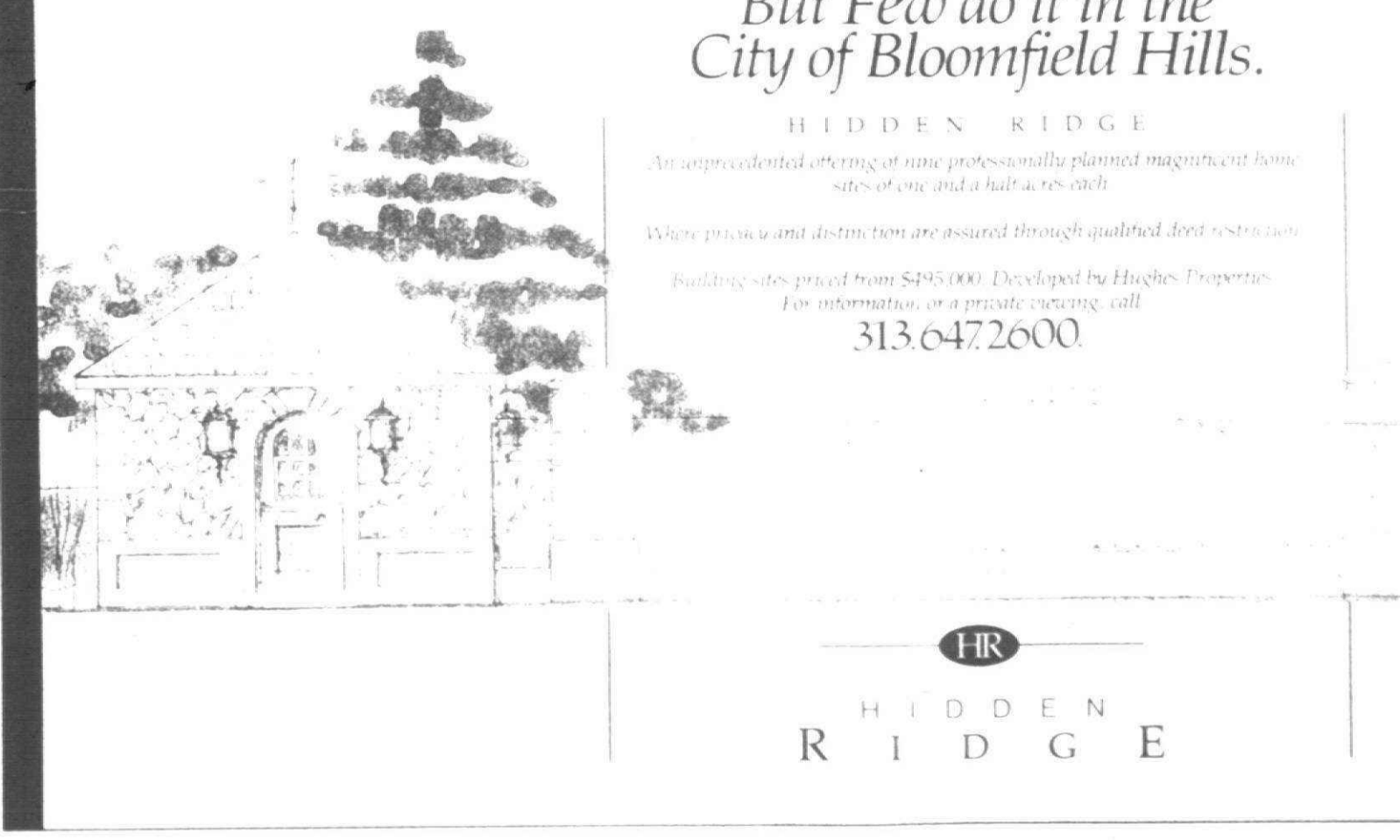
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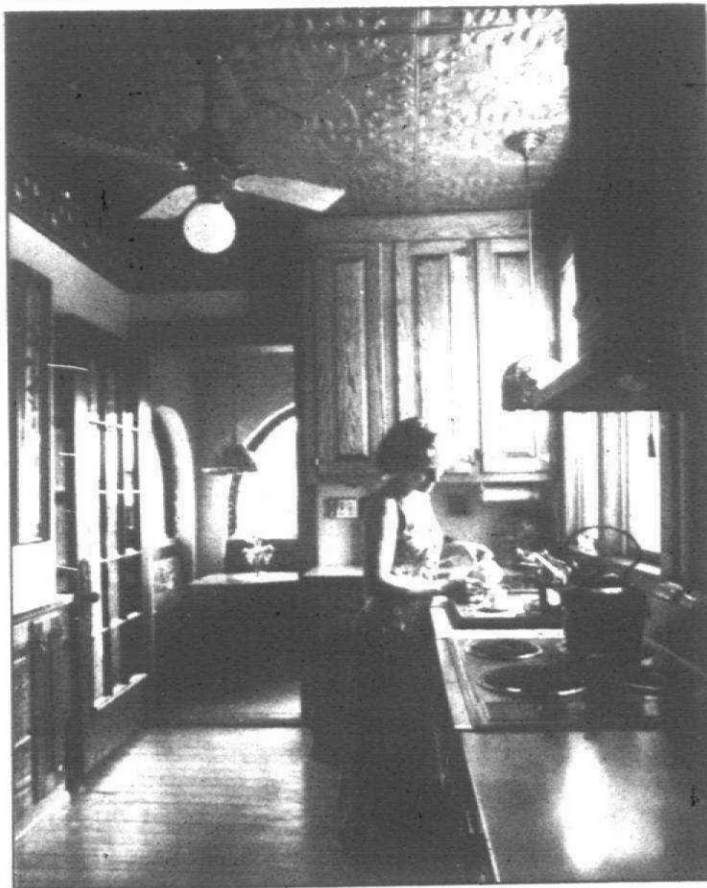
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Traditions

Kathy Clark prepares tea in the kitchen of her 101-year-old Plymouth home. Kathy's husband, Tom, installed the tin ceiling and built the kitchen cupboards to resemble old-fashioned ice chests. Beyond the kitchen is a small eating area with Palladian windows and a stained-glass light fixture made by Kathy.



Photos by Bill Hansen

Kitchen and bath

Help capture spirit of times past

By Cathleen Collins Lee
special writer

IS IT possible to have both charm and convenience? To have lots of character — and lots of storage? For those who would like to preserve a piece of the past in their home, that is the challenge. And nowhere is that challenge more difficult to meet than in kitchens and bathrooms.

The fact is that kitchens and bathrooms have changed a great deal over the years. A hundred years ago, most people were grateful just to have an indoor bathroom. Nowadays, we expect space and luxury. And it's hard to make a kitchen look like great-grandmother's — while accommodating the dishwasher, espresso maker and toaster oven.

But as more people turn to traditional designs, companies are coming out with products that can help to capture the spirit of other times. Cross-hatched brass and porcelain bathroom fixtures. Claw-footed, free-standing bathtubs. White kitchen cupboards with leaded, beveled glass doors.

'This kitchen is the room that, when we walked into it, I said we're not buying this house. It was totally unfunctional. But my husband has the gift of seeing beyond.'

— Kathy Clark

There is also room for your own creative solutions. Two area couples who are restoring historic homes have used care and imagination to blend the past with the present in their kitchens and bathrooms.

RUTH MOSSOK Johnson and her husband, nationally known artist David McCall Johnson, of Farmington Hills, wanted the kitchen of their 1840s Greek Revival home to be as authentic as possible, but also able to accommodate the serious cooking and entertaining that Johnson likes to do.

At first glance, their kitchen has more in common with one at Greenfield Village than with one down the street. The room has white plaster walls, wide, straight chocolate-brown moldings around doors and windows, checkerboard ceramic tile on the floor — and no built-in cupboards or counters.

Their only workspace is a good-sized piece of counter from an old general store, set with black and white ceramic tiles on the top and serving as an island in the middle of the room. Pots and pans, groceries and small appliances are tucked in odd places: in an Amish jelly cupboard, on a small French art table, on shelves under the island, around the corner in the dining room. But this kitchen belongs in the 20th century as well. Ruth cooks on a six-burner commercial stove and uses a restaurant-size refrigerator. That quaint butcher-block island has two round sinks in the top and a built-in dishwasher underneath. The only real compromise the couple made is storage.

"I look at that wall over there and

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Natalie (left) and Alexandra Clark, ages 5 and 3 respectively, share a bath in the claw-footed, free-standing tub that came with their house. The small

oak chest, which the Clarks refinished, has two different colors of wood and a brass rack to hold towels.

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Blend the past with the present

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dream about putting a whole cupboard there," Ruth said. "It would make life a whole lot easier. But I hate to destroy the look of what we've done because we really enjoy it."

KATHY AND Tom Clark began renovating their 101-year-old

Italianate-style house in downtown Plymouth seven years ago. But they almost didn't buy the house in the first place.

"This kitchen is the room that, when we walked into it, I said we're not buying this house," Kathy said. "It was totally unfunctional. But my husband has the gift of seeing beyond."

The Clarks took some space from

an adjoining bathroom and planned carefully to make sure use of every inch in the long and narrow kitchen.

Tom Clark made the cupboards himself in a golden oak, with raised center panels and brass fixtures like those on the old ice boxes. He built them to the top of the nine-foot ceilings and added space-saving features like a small spice cabinet, a shallow pantry whose door also has shelves on it, and pull-out counterspace.

Once they knew the kitchen was as efficient as possible, the Clarks set out to make it charming as well. The major addition was an old tin ceiling that Tom repaired, installed and painted forest green.

OTHER FINISHING touches included a refurbished ceiling fan from an old bar, green marble tiles behind the stove and a canister set from an old soda fountain that sits behind the stove as well.

The cream-colored wallpaper has a small green pattern and a traditional

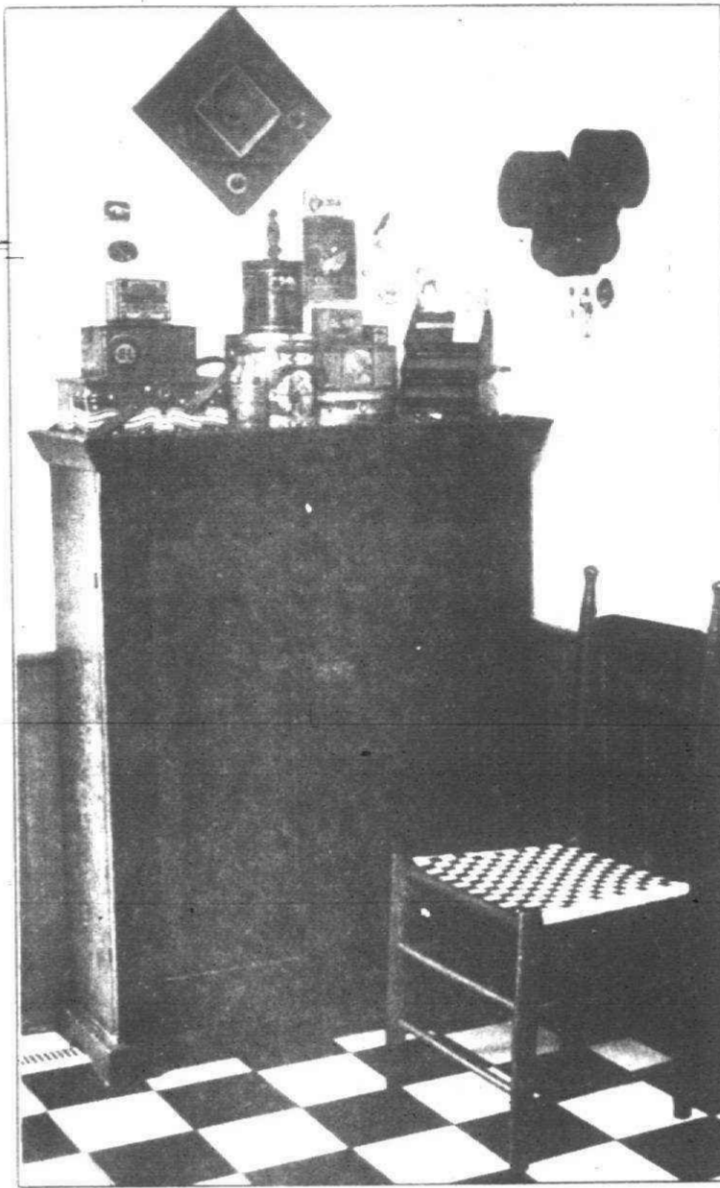
feeling to it; the border is a dramatic blue, rose and green floral that draws attention to the ceiling.

In the kitchen, the Clarks started from scratch. But in the bathroom, they began with one major asset: a beautifully shaped claw-footed tub. They added warm wood moldings, several antique pieces and muted greens, mauves and greens.

Their sink is an old pink marble top, embellished with new porcelain pistol-style handles and an oak outmode that Tom built. A low antique chest on the other side of the tub and an old wood medicine cabinet on the wall add charm as well as storage.

In both rooms, the Clarks feel they have preserved the feeling of the 19th century while including many of the conveniences of the 20th.

"We tried to keep the look of the old with the conveniences of the new," Kathy Clark said. "We have things that you wouldn't find in an older home, but that I wouldn't live without."



SHARON LEMUEUX/staff photographer

An old Amish jelly cupboard provides extra storage in the Johnston kitchen and also displays a beautiful collection of tins dating from the 1800s to 1920s. The checkerboard Shaker taping on the seat of the chair echoes the checkerboard pattern in the floor and countertop.

Tradition is back in kitchen, bath

By Cathleen Collins Lee
special writer

KITCHEN AND bath places around town carry all kinds of traditional designs.

Herald's Wholesale in Oak Park has a good selection and gives discounts of up to 50 percent off manufacturer's prices. Classic Baths in Birmingham, Que. Vie in Royal Oak, Bath Magic in Royal Oak and Nova and Allied Cabinets in Southfield are other good places to look.

For bathrooms, there are several lines that can help create a Victorian or traditional atmosphere.

Artistic Brass and Kohler make brass and porcelain or brass and crystal bathroom fixtures in many styles, from cross-handle to pistol-style. St. Thomas carries faucets in colonial styles made of a brushed chrome that looks like pewter. Kohler also carries a new line of sinks and toilets called "Portrait" with fluted, glass-like lines. Other sinks and toilets have rounded shapes that would fit

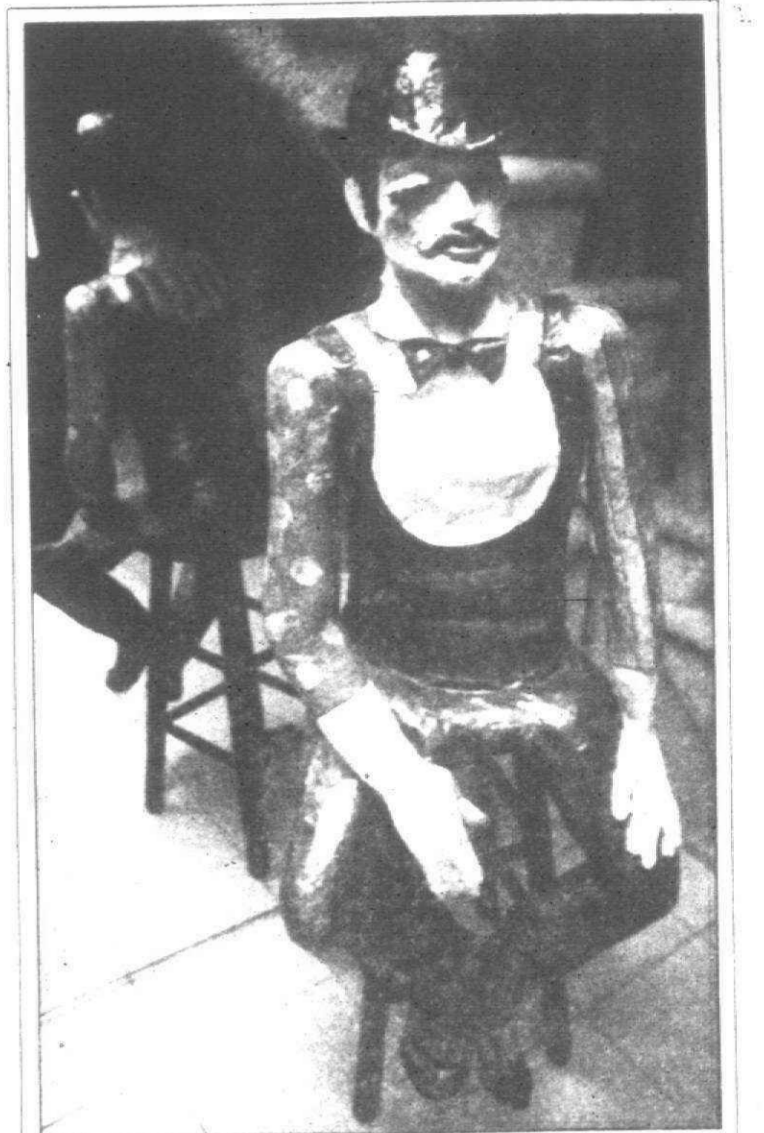
Victorian themes.

FOR THE final touch in an old-fashioned bathroom, you can buy a claw-footed, free-standing bathtub, complete with a brass pipe running up to the spouthead. Kohler has a beautifully shaped one with brass feet.

While it's difficult to duplicate an older kitchen, there are a growing number of products that use traditional styling.

In traditional kitchen cabinets, you can find everything from dark cherry to white painted wood and the new white laminates, which are said to have a more durable finish. They come with raised center panels, squared or with a cathedral arch, fluting, molding, dish-drying racks and open cupboards. You can even have leaded, beveled glass in a few of your cupboard doors.

Other options for the kitchen: hand-painted porcelain pulls and door handles; traditional plumbing fixtures similar to those available for bathrooms and a breakfast made with hand-painted ceramic tiles.



SHARON LEMUEUX/staff photographer

Whimsical

A whimsical, painted metal chair is the centerpiece of a 19th-century style dining room in a historic home in Birmingham. The chair is a reproduction of a chair made in the 1800s. It has a high back and a curved seat. The room is decorated with other antique pieces and muted colors.

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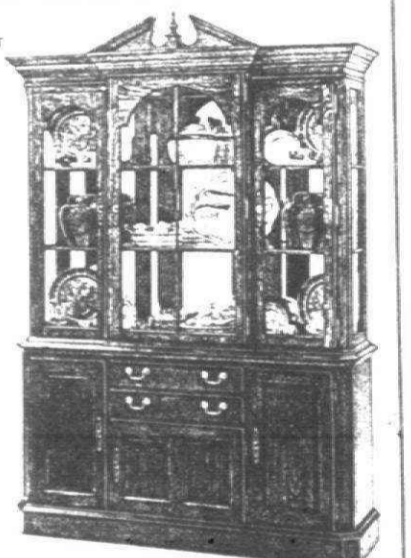
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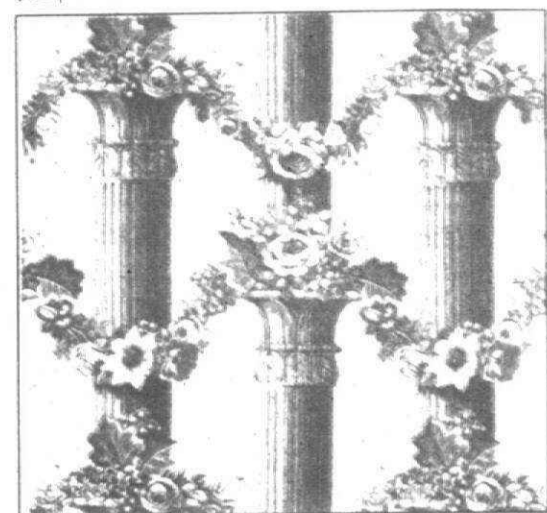
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Left: Ashley cotton and linen print from Bruntschwig & Fils, The Charleston Collection designed by John Jacoby. Retail price, \$58 per yard. Below: Plume de Lyon wallpaper from The Colonial Williamsburg Collection at the E. Schumacher Showroom in the Michigan Design Center. 18-inch repeat. Retail price, \$135, price per roll. The Damask pattern at \$32 per roll.



Tradition endures

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 combinations of all the elements that go into design: style, scale, color, detailing. But it is his pattern-on-pattern combinations that give his lines a unique character. The Ralph Lauren Home Collection continues to expand with each season. This fall's introductions include an industry first: nine Tartan furniture pieces that feature a red Highland pattern on mahogany, reminiscent of Scottish tartanware of the mid-1800s. It is designed to mix with the tartan lifestyle collection across all product categories.

There is no better testimony of tradition's power than its influence on contemporary. John Mascheroni, designer of the Swaim furniture line, has grown in stature as he embraces this influence. Mascheroni, who helped define the hard-edged contemporary look in the '60s and '70s, is now designing sofas and chairs with softer curves that echo 18th century camelback sofas and tables with the restraint of neoclassical furnishings.

Swaim's full line is available at Zeising Associates in the Michigan Design Center; select pieces are available at Gorman's in Southfield and Scott-Shuptrine in Bloomfield Hills.

The softening of contemporary design is also evident in Jay Yang's most recent work, which can be seen at the Robert Allen showroom, also in the Michigan Design Center.

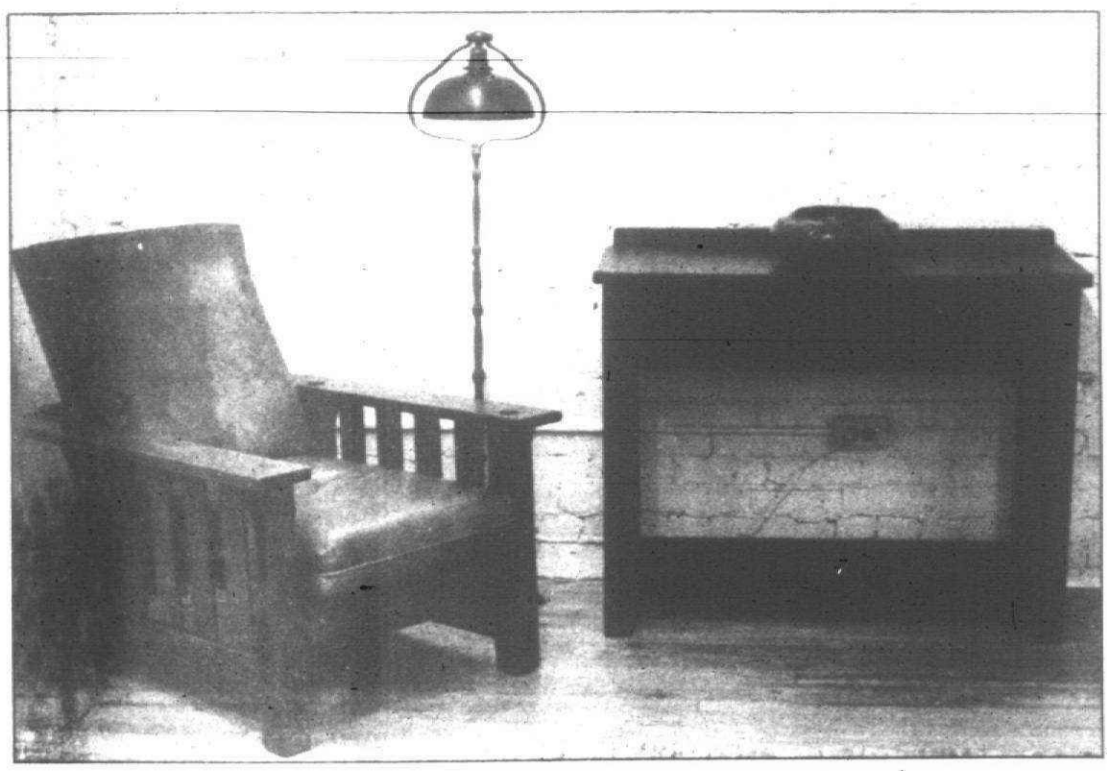
Yang is now also using the most sophisticated technology in re-interpreting traditional designs for Fabrique. It involves cross-piece dyeing of various combinations of yarns and yields subtle effects just weaving or straight printing can't do alone. Another tour de force is Stroheim Romann's woven Jacquard damask "Marella," which shows that American manufacturers can successfully compete with a flair and technological control long associated with only imported goods. Tradition is still the inspiration, but the style is definitely contemporary. This pattern can be seen at the Stroheim/JAB showroom in the Michigan Design Center.

Arts and Crafts: It boasts multiple lures

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Knapp & Tubbs, in the Michigan Design Center in Troy, first showed its Mission Oak line a reissued Stuckley design from the L. & J.G. Stuckley Co. (brothers of Gustav Stuckley) that never ceased production since they began in 1902. Shirley White, showroom manager, points out, "It was one of the most successful introductions we've ever had, even though it takes a special client to understand the style. I'm finding interior decorators are selecting it for clients who live in some of our older Michigan homes, or for their fine bungalows up north."

On the other hand, Donna Stevens, director of the interior design studio at Hudson's, sees "Arts and Crafts as a minor trend at the retail level," which may help to explain why Hudson's isn't carrying the line at this time. "It can be special ordered through the design studio," Stevens said. "We expect it to be purchased as an accent item, a collectible piece and mixed and matched with other furniture. We don't see Arts and Crafts becoming a mainstream design. It contradicts the dominant trends in home furnishings, the desire for comfort and projecting an image of luxury, even opulence. "We see Stuckley furniture as a collectible, even at the retail level."



The leather-cushioned Morris armchair, priced at \$2,500, is by J. M. Young. It is pictured with a 1901 Gustav Stuckley server, priced at \$2,000, and a 1905 floor lamp by Tiffany, priced at \$3,500. Prices are approximate. Contact Duke Gallery.



The V-backed armchair is a Gustav Stuckley for \$700. The side table is by Stuckley brothers, at \$1,000. The Tecco vase on the table is \$500. Prices are approximate. Contact Duke Gallery.

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Children's rooms harken back
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The vanity is just one of several charming pieces sporting an antique white satin finish with Victorian twisted bead or rope moulding. It's supposed to suggest the timeless designs of the Victorian era together with the look of casual, cottage country, and it's convincing. A sleigh-bed canopy bed, another vanity with floor-length mirror and a desk round out the collection sold in the Novi store.

Not every family has the space, budget or desire to buy a whole new line of furniture. Part of the pleasure in traditional decorating is adding to what one owns or making simple, striking changes in areas like window treatments.

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Historic feeling

Log cabin provides authentic setting for antiques

By Cathleen Collins Lee
special writer

IMAGINE, IF you can, finding a carefully restored example of a pioneer house at a local museum — a log cabin complete with worn floorboards, smokey walls and pots hanging in the fireplace.

Now, go one step further and imagine packing your belongings and living there. Then you'll have some idea of what Don and Brenda Henderson's everyday life is like.

The Hendersons live in an 1830s log cabin that they took apart piece by piece and moved from Kitchener, Ontario, to a 10-acre lot in Oakland County.

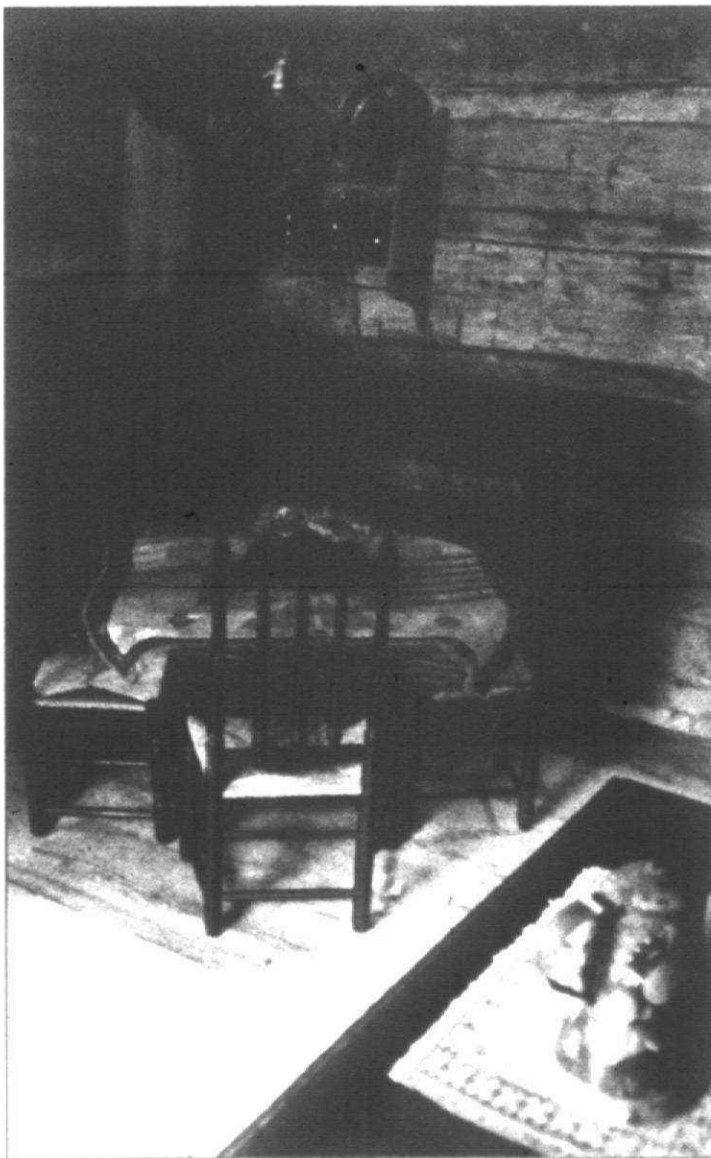
From the narrow stone walk lined with lavender out front to the huge, walk-in stone fireplace in the "keeping room," the house faithfully recalls another time and another way of life.

Modern conveniences like electricity, indoor plumbing and central heating have been added, of course — but they're hidden so that nothing mars the historic feeling of the house.

The house is so authentic that it is being used to depict the 19th-century boyhood home of the Rev. Solanus Casey, a Catholic priest being considered for sainthood, in a Channel 2 documentary with Joe Weaver. The house will also be featured in the October issue of *Country Living* magazine.

THE HENDERSONS, who have collected and

In the dining room, a corner cupboard holds redware (glazed red pottery), a pewter plate and a burlwood bowl above a round hutch table with bannister-backed chairs from the late 1700s. A Queen Anne lowboy displays a small hand-made rug with a toile (elaborately decorated tin) coffee pot.



sold antiques for 20 years, love to be surrounded by well-worn and unusual items from the past.

Brenda is an interior designer. Don is a builder who enjoys working on historic houses. Last year, they opened a store in Birmingham called O! Susanna, which specializes in unusual antique items.

The couple spent 10 years looking for a log house because they felt it would be the most authentic setting for their many antique furnishings.

"I have always wanted a log home," Brenda said. "It has a whimsical charm that's hard to duplicate in a new home. A log home has been lived in for hundreds of years."

"The stairs in our house are worn in the center. I often look at them and wonder how many people have walked up and down those steps."

But pioneer houses are small. The couple had a hard time finding one large enough for themselves and their two children, Heidi and Matthew, now 14 and 19. In 1988, they finally found in Kitchener a two-story log house that was larger than average.

BUILT BY German immigrant John Nicholi; it was owned at the time by a Mennonite family and hadn't been modernized at all. The Hendersons spent 1 1/2 years taking apart the house, numbering the irregularly shaped pieces and carefully reconstructing the house.

Don has a lot of respect for the work and craftsmanship that went into making the house.

"I like to look at every board, and see how it's aged," he said. "It probably took them 20 years to make it. It was a lot harder for them to build than it was for me."

The house is built of rough-hewn logs with square sides that have weathered to a soft gray. The off-white chinking between them is a mixture of horsehair, lime, straw, plaster and sand that Don developed himself.

Upstairs, the couple installed new drywall on the interior walls but used oil to recreate smoke and water stains. Downstairs, the log walls are exposed, forming a wonderful background for the many well-worn wooden furnishings.

Interestingly shaped lamps and wall sconces throughout the house offer a contrast to the plain lines of the furniture. And simple accessories such as burlwood bowls filled with potpourri, pewter plates and redware (glazed pottery made from red clay) are placed in simple, attractive arrangements.

A LONG, whitewashed pine table from the 1880s dominates the keeping room, which runs all along the back of the house. It would have been the center of a pioneer family's activities. Across from the table is the magnificent stone fireplace, stacked high with wood and large enough to walk into.

In the living room, a beige Chippendale sofa with rolled arms and two wing chairs upholstered in old linen sheets provide comfortable seating. A low, drop-leaf Queen Anne table circa 1710 sits on a worn Oriental rug in front of the couch and serves as a coffee table. The mustard-colored interior wall around the fireplace looks as old as the logs themselves — but it is a feather-edged, raised-panel wall built by Don.

Don's handiwork is also seen throughout the house in the form of worn wooden walls and doors that cleverly disguise modern conveniences. One such wall in the kitchen has two doors: one opens up to reveal a refrigerator, the other a cupboard containing the dishwasher, and microwave and toaster ovens.

THE DINING room is a cozy room with a round hutch table — the top flips up so it can be pushed against the wall when not in use — surrounded by black, late-17th-century, bannister-backed chairs. A hooked rug in an abstract red and blue design is draped across the table.

Although they live busy contemporary lives, raising their children, running the store and pursuing a mix of professional activities, the Hendersons find that their unusual house is a welcome refuge.

"It's a nice place to go after school or work," Brenda said. "It has a cozy 'I'm home' feeling. Anyone can build a new home. But the cracks and crevices and the feeling you get from an early home are wonderful."

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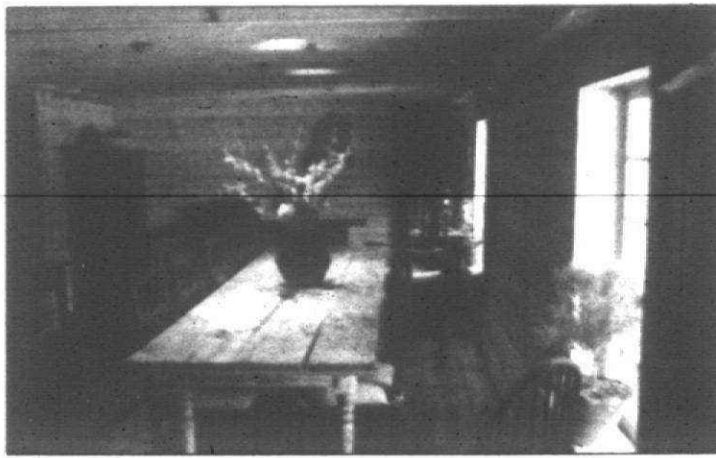
Brenda and Don Henderson's store, O! Susanna, which opened last year, carries a multitude of antique and unusual home furnishings from all over the United States as well as from France and Italy.

Because the items are often one-of-a-kind, the stock varies from day to day.

But the couple often has antique outdoor wrought-iron furniture and gates, antique wooden pieces such as armoires and old wire bird cages.

Also spotted there: swags and garlands of dried fruit, gourds and chili peppers, French soaps, beeswax candles, soapstone plates, fruit made of clay, apples made out of twigs, and topiary trees, both dried and fresh.

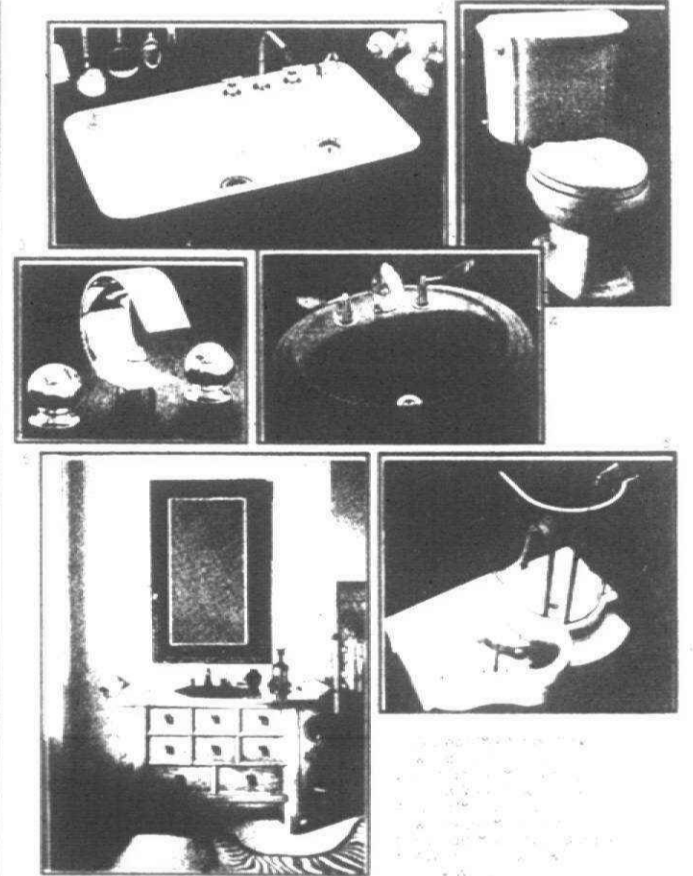
The Hendersons also carry a four-poster, pencil-post bed, which Don makes himself.



Left: A long, whitewashed pine table from the late 1800s runs along one side of the keeping room. The room has many other interesting antiques, such as the pine cupboard in the corner, topped by a wooden bowl filled with dried pineapples. Below: A Hudson River Valley drop-leaf Queen Anne table from 1710-20 is the focal point of the living room and serves as a coffee table. The room also features an early New England Country Hepplewhite table (in front of the window) and a Chippendale sofa with rolled arms.



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