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New golf course is studied

Plans to build a Canton public golf course advanced Tuesday when officials authorized two studies of the proposal.

The board of trustees selected a Georgia company to perform a \$7,900 market and feasibility study for an 18-hole municipal golf course in the Cherry Hill/Canton Center Road area.

The board also directed the Dietrich, Bailey and Associates engineering firm to perform a wetlands study on the property of the proposed development for up to \$5,500.

Supervisor Tom Yack said township officials would continue to meet with developers interested in building a development around township hall that includes the golf course, condominiums and houses over a 700-acre area.

Trustees met last week with planning commissioners and the recreation committee. Yack said township officials would continue to talk to developers as well.

"THE FEASIBILITY study will give us a much better feel for the level of the golf course that can be built," said Yack. The company, **Golf Resource Associates of Kennesaw, Ga.**, specializes in golf course studies.

The company will consider how much money the township would need to spend on the project, and how much could be charged for a round of golf. Canton does not have a municipal course now.

According to Golf Resource's proposal, it would look at market area for a new golf course and offer an appraisal of such a facility's financial operations, including green fees and revenue and expenditure estimates.

The study should be completed in 45 days.

A representative of the township's corporate bond council told Canton officials that a study showing the project to be profitable would be necessary if the township planned to sell bonds to pay project costs.

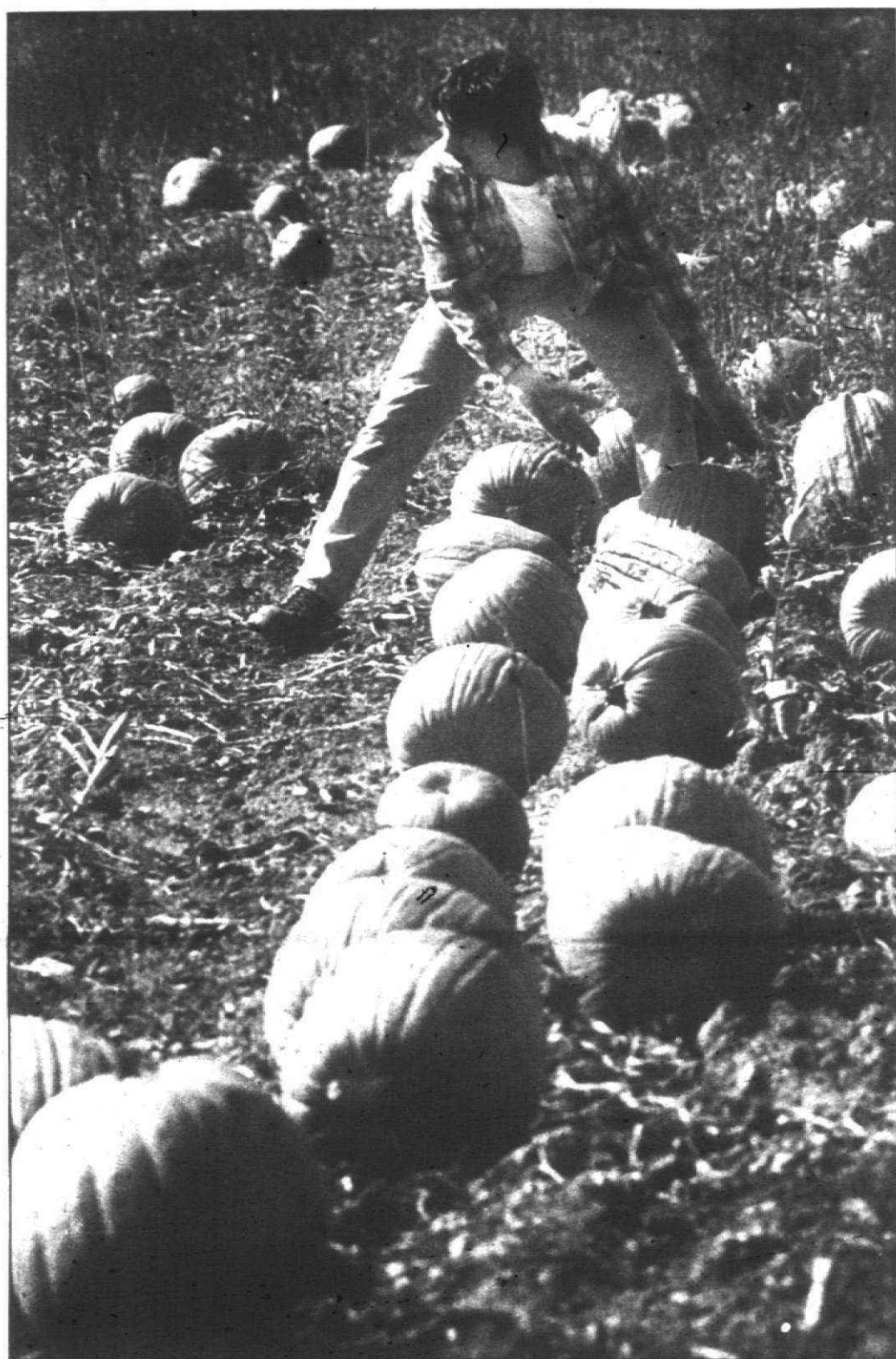
THE OTHER STUDY will be used to identify wetland areas on the proposed golf course property. This project should be completed in two weeks.

Yack said earlier he would like to see a township-run golf course surrounded by houses. Such a development would work to eliminate negative attitudes about building in the southern part of the township, he said.

The project would enhance existing recreation facilities near township hall, recreation department officials said.

Similar plans have been proposed before but never implemented.

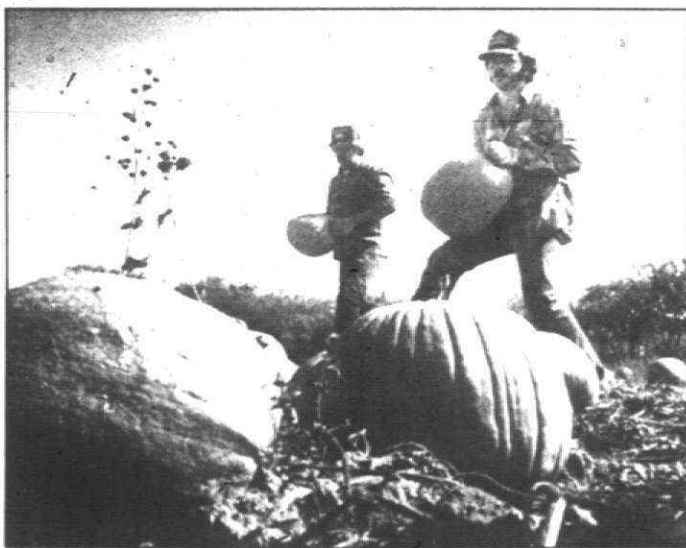
The project would stretch from Cherry Hill to Canton Center on the east to the Rouge River on the south to Beck Road on the west.



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Harvest time

Old Mother Nature didn't even get a chance to do her work and put a little frost on these pumpkins in a Canton Township field at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Farm workers were busy plucking the soon-to-be Jack-o'-Lanterns out of the field. At top, Jack Culkar picks one up, while, at right, Jerry St. Louis and David Rose do their thing.



Townships OK airport pact, send to state

The Mettetal Airport saga continues.

In yet another episode, trustees in both Plymouth Township and Canton on Tuesday approved an airport joint operating agreement.

Before the two governments can take control of the airport, they must:

- Agree on grant proposals to submit to the state and federal governments.
- Win approval of grants.
- Agree with the airport's current owners on a sale price.

The joint operating agreement goes first to Lansing, first to the attorney general, who will check to see that the contract adheres to state law, then to the governor, who must sign it. Then comes negotiations for grants.

"THE TWO parties have to get together to put together a grant proposal," said Gerald Law, Plymouth Township supervisor.

"It could be in a few weeks, it could be a few months," he said.

By the six-page agreement, both parties "shall cooperate in the filing of any grant applications, agree-

'I honestly don't know. (FAA representatives) have indicated that the thing we've asked for is unprecedented, and they would have a difficulty making a case to their superiors.'

— Tom Yack
Canton Township supervisor

ments, purchase contracts or other legal documents" needed to buy the airport.

The operating agreement also calls for creating a four-member Mettetal Airport Board, with two representatives each from Canton and Plymouth Township.

"Four members of the board shall be required to establish a quorum," the agreement states — meaning the

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State welfare cuts take toll in Canton

By Brian Lysaght
staff writer

Social worker Kris Wood says poor people in the Canton area are a little more desperate.

"I was telling one of my friends that the battle just turned ugly," said Wood, director of social services at the Salvation Army's Plymouth office. "It's turned ugly for people who need help and for people who give it."

The desperation, he said, increased Oct. 1 when the state of Michigan eliminated its \$247 million welfare program for Michigan's poor. Welfare payments averaging \$147 per month went to single adults without dependent children.

That program cut and other social service program reductions will save the cash-strapped state millions of dollars. It will trim a social service budget that Gov. John Engler says is bloated.

But it means disappointment for many of the poor who, rightly or wrongly, depend on a check from the state to pay the bills.

Friends of Stephen Modak, a Detroit man shot dead after threatening police with a knife this week, said Modak was distraught over his loss of welfare benefits.

"I've had a couple people come in today. They've been living out of their cars, and they were just looking for something to eat," said Wood.

He provided some non-perishable food from the office's food bank and certificates for meals at a fast food restaurant.

"TRYING TO RAISE a child and then cutting me, it's pretty bad," said Sandra Lyle, 27, of Canton, whose ADC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) payments were cut by a quarter to \$290 monthly. The mother of one also collects \$160 monthly in food stamps.

She hasn't worked in five years, but said she hopes to repair her car and find a job.

"I'm going to get me a part-time job because I don't want to stay on welfare my whole life."

Phyllis Payne, 36, a Canton mother of three, said her food stamp allowance was reduced. She said she especially objected to cuts affecting elderly people, children and handicapped people.

"The governor who's doing this, he doesn't care," said Payne, who receives ADC for two of her children and Social Security payments for a third, who is handicapped.

Juanita Bustamante of Canton has four children ages four months to 11. She said she is struggling, after her ADC payments were cut several months ago.

"They don't give much to anyone anyway, and for them to take what we do get makes it that much harder," Bustamante said.

SHE SAID SHE would like to work but couldn't afford to pay for child care if she did. She would like to go to school but can't afford tuition. Her \$200 monthly food stamp allotment lasts two weeks, Bustamante said.

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Kosteva: Engler undermining MET fund

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

State Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, said Gov. John Engler is undermining the nation's premier educational investment program for families — the Michigan Education Trust program.

"Political vengeance or special interest posturing are the only possible explanations as to why Gov. Engler seems intent on undermining the financially sound, educationally directed Michigan Education Trust program," said Kosteva, who chairs the House Colleges and Universities Committee and sponsored the MET legislation.

Since its inception two years ago, MET contracts have been bought for

55,000 children in Michigan.

"The governor appears to be a stalking horse for the banking and brokerage interests who have never liked MET. I fail to understand why years after MET's adoption, the private financial sector has not offered a competitive investment package to Michigan residents seeking to provide for future educational needs."

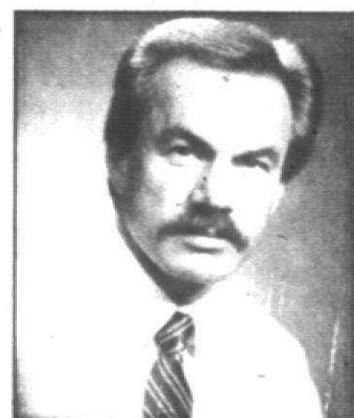
"MICHIGAN FAMILIES continue to need an investment mechanism that prepares them for the escalating costs of higher education expectations of their children. MET is working, is financially sound and needs no legislative bailout."

The new MET board of directors has yet to open MET enrollment this

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Gov. John Engler



Rep. James Kosteva

Kosteva: Governor mishandling education fund

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year. Last month, the board asked the Legislature to amend the MET statute to make tuition guarantees contracts already purchased a moral obligation of the state.

"By even suggesting the need for such legislation, the governor implies the existing contracts are at risk. In addition, no legislation can bind a future Legislature to commit general fund dollars to guarantee a MET contract."

"CONSEQUENTLY, THE governor's proposal would provide no better guarantee than exists today, while it may needlessly scare existing contract holders and erode public confidence in the program."

Engler press secretary John

Truscott said the governor is just trying to ensure that MET lives up to its billing.

"The previous administration lied to the public about the guarantee," Truscott said. "The publicity that was used to sell the program, and all the hype surrounding it implied there was a guarantee. The governor is just trying to ensure that the government lives up to the implied guarantee."

"If Rep. Kosteva wants to rip the rug out from under the MET holders, it's his prerogative."

ACCORDING TO Truscott, the formula for the MET contract contains some questionable assumptions.

"If we don't perform as well economically or in some other areas,

the MET fund could be in trouble," said Truscott. "We have to have a certain number of people investing in the fund to keep money coming in from the front end. You have to have certain growth to have a good rate of return on your investment."

In MET's first year, enrollments totaled 40,000. The number dropped to 15,000 last year.

Also, said Truscott, "it's very clear there is going to be a big run on this money at one point in another 17 years or so. We hope we can cover it."

"THAT'S WHAT the legislation is trying to do — to ensure the contracts are guaranteed. This won't be under our administration. There will be another governor and another Legislature. Who knows what the political climate will be? If this isn't

guaranteed, then the government can back out."

In addition, said Truscott, "a lot of facts have come to light that people didn't know about. If the contract is in the child's name, the parent can't deduct it, because it's in the child's name. Also, they are most likely not eligible for much more financial assistance from the government."

Kosteva said that during the campaign, Engler raised concerns about MET's financial viability "suggesting that the marketing of the contracts was misleading at best, and promising to allow purchasers to opt out of their contracts. Since taking office, however, the governor has admitted that the contracts are not legally revocable. Yet he and his spokespersons have continued to cast

doubt on the viability of the contracts."

TRUSCOTT SAID the Engler administration fully intended to give MET contract holders the chance to opt out of the program.

"After the attorney general looked into it, we realized there was no legal way to do it. But we tried," said Truscott.

Kosteva said two separate accounting firms have proclaimed MET financially sound. "As for the marketing of MET contracts, all written materials have clearly

stated that there is no legal guarantee of free tuition. Before receiving a contract, all MET applicants were specifically advised in writing that the MET guarantee is based solely on the assets of the trust."

"Even in the worst case of a pro rata division of MET assets, however, the interest earned on the initial purchase for most investors will exceed that which they could have earned on their own. This is due to the pooled investments made by the Treasury Department in managing MET funds, which now total approximately \$400 million."

State welfare cutbacks are taking toll in Canton

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"They did a big mistake," she said of the most recent cuts.

She, like the other two women who spoke about state aid cuts this week, live in federally subsidized housing, which keeps rent low.

Wood said the Salvation Army in Plymouth helps 400-700 poor people per month with food, clothing, furniture and money for rent or utilities,

though most of the money for rent and utilities is gone now. Their coverage area is Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

Most of the food, the Salvation Army hands out comes from local churches and organizations.

WOOD NOTICED the numbers of people in need increasing beginning

early this year before the Gulf War and continuing through the current recession. The needy include able-bodied men and women who cannot find a job but are trying hard to do so.

Oct. 1, the day that General Assistance welfare program ended, Wood saw twice as many families as he had the day before.

Wood dealt with calls this week

from an elderly man who, because of a fire, had to move out of his home but couldn't afford rent elsewhere; a mother and daughter who sought food after their ADC was reduced; and several single women with kids who needed rent money.

The Salvation Army office is open weekdays until 4:30 p.m. People in need should call to 453-5464 to make an appointment, Wood said.

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Townships approve airport accord

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board can't vote on an airport-related issue unless all four members are there.

A FIVE-MEMBER Joint Airport Zoning Board will be created to take up issues related to building on the airport's border.

The agreement also calls for maintaining the airport by money generated by the airport.

"There shall be no contribution by Canton or Plymouth of general fund revenues to support the operation of the airport," the agreement states.

The agreement also calls for annual audit and report of airport finances to trustees.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he was unsure how difficult it would be to get Federal Aviation Administration approval for the project. "I honestly don't know," (FAA representatives) have indicated

ed that the thing we've asked for is unprecedented, and they would have difficulty making a case to their superiors," Yack said.

Canton Township made one minor change in the contract before approving it Tuesday night.

After opposing a Plymouth Township effort to buy the airport, Canton

trustees agreed this summer to drop their opposition and join Plymouth Township in the effort to buy and run Mettetal Airport, at Joy and Lilley roads in Canton.

People opposing the airport do not speak at either Canton or Plymouth meeting.

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Ivy Roberts (to the immediate left of the painting behind the podium) was captain of the Sunbeam Brigade.



Ivy Roberts



William Roberts

Couple finds town changed, but not people

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Commissioner William Roberts and his wife, Ivy, have seen a few changes in the Plymouth-Canton community since the early 1950s.

"It looks like it's all built up now," said William Roberts, who served with his wife as commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army from 1947 to 1953. "There used to be many vacant spaces."

"I wouldn't recognize it. So much has grown up around here. It's a sophisticated city now," Ivy Roberts said. Canton was mostly farm land during their time as local officers, and fewer people called the Plymouth-Canton community home than do today.

"The needs of people don't really change and the people seem the same," he said.

They retired from active service in the Salvation Army in May 1988, but remain busy conducting officers' retreats and evangelistic campaigns. Roberts works at a Salvation Army facility in Fort Wayne, Ind., counseling men who are alcoholics or drug addicts.

THEY LIVE in Warsaw, Ind., and recently visited the Plymouth corps for a "Come Alive in Christ" program. Roberts preached and conducted meetings and his wife spoke to members of the Women's Home League.

"They've been back to visit periodically through the years, but haven't had an extended visit until now."

"It was an important part of our life and the people were so nice to us," she said.

They lived on Palmer in Plymouth

during their years as local officers. The couple's two oldest children began school at Smith Elementary in Plymouth.

"We have so many memories of this place, the people who helped us," said Roberts, who was a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. "It was just a fantastic experience. Our relationship with the business people was just outstanding, the business and professional people in the community."

"There were just so many exciting things," he said. "We were young officers with a lot of energy and we wanted to serve the community."

They were involved in moving the local Salvation Army corps to a facility on Fairground in Plymouth. Roberts was the subcontractor for that building project and his father, who was 79 at the time, did much of the carpentry. That building remained in use for many years before the Salvation Army activities were moved to the current facility on Main in Plymouth Township.

THE ROBERTSES spent 45 years as Salvation Army officers and have no regrets about that choice.

"Tremendously exciting," he said. Roberts spent nearly 10 years involved in rehabilitation work with alcoholics at a Salvation Army facility in Detroit. He found that work "the most rewarding experience that I personally have ever had because we saw so many miracles take place by the grace of God."

Two men he worked with overcame their alcoholism and later became Salvation Army officers. "We saw so many people reunited, people whose lives were changed," said Roberts, who earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wayne State University during that time.

Roberts, 69, and his wife, 71, undertook many other assignments during their years of Salvation Army service. They've been involved in corps work at different locations, in work with young people and in administration.

They served in Australia and later were assigned to the international headquarters in London, England, where he was the international secretary for the Americas and the Caribbean, and for development.

"We traveled to South America quite a few times, and the Caribbean," she said. During their last year of active service, they crossed the Atlantic 13 times.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S undergone some changes during the past several decades, they've found.

"I think we have become more democratic," he said. In their early days, young officers' never questioned an appointment or a decision made by their superiors. These days, there's more consideration for the needs of officers with young families.

Women have become more assertive and don't hesitate to speak up, Ivy Roberts said. The Salvation Army is now led by a woman, General Eva Burrows.

The Robertses have five children, two of whom serve as Salvation Army officers, and nine grandchildren. Their son, Major William Roberts, is general secretary for the Eastern Michigan Division and his wife is also a Salvation Army officer.

The couple's daughter, Capt. Linda

Mitchell, serves with her husband as a corps officer in Saginaw. She was born while the Robertses were assigned to Plymouth, as were her two sisters.

Daughter Suzanne Danielson works with her husband, who directs a Salvation Army camp in Bedford, Ind. Daughter Betty Baunoch is director of student affairs at DePaul University in Chicago and is the wife of a Methodist minister. Son John

Roberts is custodian for a Salvation Army building in Indianapolis, Ind.

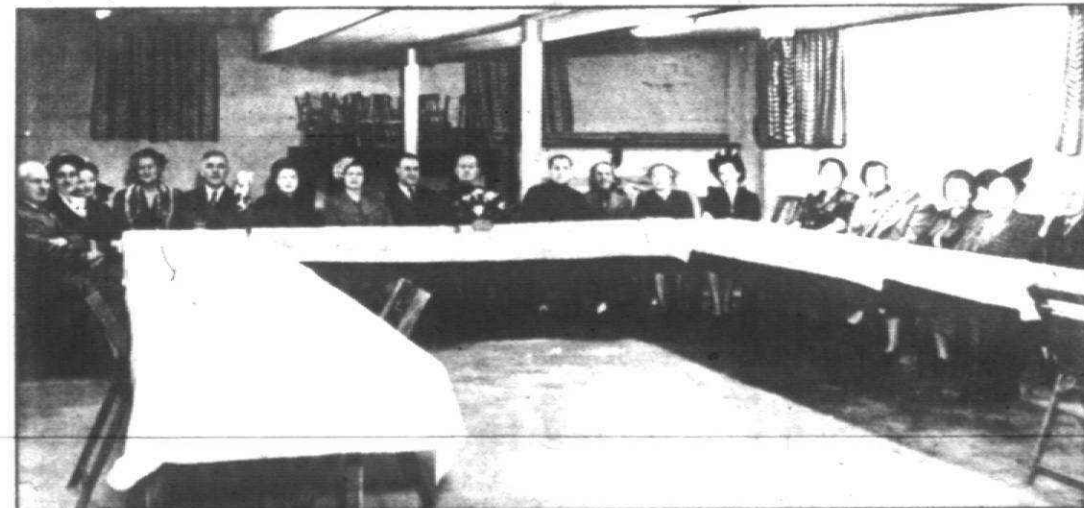
"They're all involved in Christian work somehow or other," Ivy Roberts said. Their children and grandchildren live in Michigan or Indiana, and they're able to visit them on occasion.

The Robertses agree there's still a place for a Christian organization that helps those in need.

"The needs are so great these days," he said. "People are still losing their way."

Young people sometimes lose direction and experiment with drugs or sex, he said. Prisons are overpopulated, and drug abuse is widespread. Many people find themselves out of work and unable to make ends meet.

"Anybody can give a loaf of bread or a cup of cold water. But we do it in the name of the Lord," he said.



Among those shown at a 1951 advisory board meeting of the Salvation Army are Captain William Roberts, in charge from 1947-1953, and

Robert Willoughby and Frank Henderson, who served as advisory board chairmen.

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Welfare payments to about 90,000 people were eliminated recently, saving the state millions of dollars but causing hardship for some. What do you think?

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"I think it's a mistake at this time. There's just too many people out of work now who need welfare."
— Glen Fuller
Canton



"I don't think much of it, frankly."
— Iva Harnack
Mariette



"People do need the money but if they had a way to see who was getting what I think it would be better."
— Ed Gruchala
Canton



"I think it sucks."
— Jackie Broughton
Canton



"I don't agree with it. It's just not fair."
— Ramie Overbey
Westland



"I kind of feel it's going to hurt. Some people might turn to crime. Yet there is a lot of waste. If we could stop the waste I'd be in favor of it. People who used welfare to go forward... that's great."
— Don Graczyk
Livonia

Old Village Apple Fest gets new life



Jenna Edwards of Livonia takes a bite out of a caramel apple during the Old Village Apple Fest.

The Old Village Apple Fest wasn't supposed to happen at all this fall.

But when Sherry Bush and other Liberty Street store owners talked of going with a street fair instead, some other Old Village business people said they wanted to join it.

So they brought it back.

Bush SCHEDULED more than 50 vendors and 45 shops to show their wares, more merchants than last year.

The turnout, Bush said, "wasn't too bad considering the weather," windy and cool.

"Everybody was chasing things down the street Saturday," said Bush, adding that next year, the Apple Fest could be scheduled in September.

New to the festival this year were some baby contests. Winners were Danielle Leist, Jonathan Green, Nicole Desautelle and Zackery Saum.

Each got a \$50 savings bond.

Sunday events included a "De-

corate Your Wagon" contest for kids and a wagon parade.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT took a turn toward country, with Ms. Lee and the Country Classics and the Wolf Creek Band performing.

The Apple Fest also featured the traditional assortment of antiques, crafts, auctions, quilting demonstrations, face painting, and a variety of food. Serving as judges for the contests were Mayor Jack Kenyon, City Manager Steve Walters, acting Police

Chief Robert Scoggins, Mayflower Hotel co-owner Creon Smith and some prominent business people.

She said promoters of Old Village are trying to key on the area's historical heritage, to draw interest to the Apple Fest, Spring Fest and street fairs promoters plan to schedule.

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Bon appetit?

Restaurant tax leaves bad taste for locals

By Wayne Post
Staff writer

Detroit restaurant industry big shots say they approve of county Executive Edward McNamara's proposed one percent hotel/restaurant tax to help finance a new Tiger Stadium.

But owners of smaller suburban restaurants are firing back at the proposal.

"You can tell them to stick it," said Tony Rainko, manager of the Leather Bottle Inn of Livonia. "Out here, we're not going to get anything from the Tigers. If there's a tax, it should stop at the city limits."

McNamara announced new stadium tax proposal earlier this week, though there is no guarantee it new would ever be enacted.

The new tax could first have to pass muster with county voters. While McNamara has pledged the tax for a downtown stadium site only, the Tigers have already said they were looking elsewhere.

Despite that, the newly proposed one percent tax received support from the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau — in

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a dramatic turnaround — the Hotel Association of Greater Detroit.

"THERE ARE four reasons we support it — it's better than the (originally proposed) 5 percent tax, it's better than a 4 percent tax, it's better than a 3 percent tax and it's better than a 2 percent tax," hotel association president David Held said.

The executive's office also listed restaurant owners Joe Muer, Ted Gatzaros of Greektown, Dick Kughn of the Whitney and chef Jimmy Schmidt of the Rattlesnake Club among proposal supporters.

But Redford Inn owner John Mourselas said he told executive's staff members in no uncertain terms to leave his name off that list.

"I told them my customers can't

afford this," Mourselas said. "When I wanted to buy this place I had to go to the bank and ask for a loan. Why can't (Tigers owner) Thomas Monaghan do that? He's a millionaire."

Local hotel and motel owners raised exactly the same issue several months ago, when McNamara proposed a 5 percent hotel/motel tax.

While many are still upset, Held said the one percent tax was a "more liveable" proposal.

"Hotel revenue is like a pair of pants with a lot of pockets," Held said. "One of the problems with the five percent tax was that it would all come out of the room fee pocket. That pocket is already being tapped for Cobo Hall and other things."

Thomas Guastello, owner of the Livonia Comfort Inn and two adjacent restaurant properties, said he could understand why others were angry with the proposal.

"But once you get past that feeling, you begin to see that this tax is not a meal-killer or a deal-killer," said Guastello, an outspoken critic of the 5 percent tax proposal.

The 5 percent hotel tax "would

have been an absolute killer," said Wanda Spencer of the Livonia-based Spencer Group, a hospitality industry consulting firm.

"Detroit's at an all-time low in terms of (hotel) occupancy," Spencer said.

The hotel association agreed to the lesser tax because of the Detroit Tigers' importance to the city and the region, Held said.

"We never said having the Tigers wasn't important," he said. "We didn't want to be the ones held accountable when our grandkids asked us why the Tigers left town."

Held acknowledged the county could have raised the 5 percent tax on its own, without consulting voters, and praised McNamara's willingness to negotiate on the issue.

But Sharon Salenik, manager of Mr. Mike's Coney Island, Westland, said the tax would hurt business more than the Tigers would help.

"IT'S HORRIBLE," Salenik said of the tax. "People don't come in here for the Tigers, they come in for the entertainment we provide."

Though an adjacent restaurant managed by the same management group caters to sports fans by showing ballgames on a big screen television, Salenik said, the new stadium probably wouldn't benefit those customers, either.

"If it was football, it might be different, but not that many people have been coming in to see the Tigers," she said. "They haven't been doing that well lately."

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Recall group to appeal rejection of petitions

By Ryan Tutak
staff writer

Backers of a drive to recall three Wayne-Westland school board members say they'll go to court following rejection on Monday of petitions by the Wayne County Elections Commission.

The commission voted 2-1 to reject the petitions, calling the wording unclear.

"We're going to appeal to show the public that we're not the one's making mistakes," said Steven Lind, a recall drive leader.

He said an attorney will file an appeal in Wayne County circuit court next week.

The Wayne-Westland school district serves eastern Canton Township.

Lind is chairman of New Beginnings for Our Children, a committee of about 200 Wayne and Westland residents supporting the recall.

"Recall leaders want to oust board members Kathleen Chorbogian, Leonard Posey and Andrew Spisak for voting earlier this year to raise teacher salaries 11.9 percent over two years and cut programs."

"The cuts dropped art and music classes in elementary schools, shortened junior high school days an hour and make students pay to play sports."

Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services offers the following hot meals for seniors 60 years or older the week of Oct. 14:

Monday — Columbus Day. Closed.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with meatballs, zucchini with corn, tossed salad, Italian dressing, orange and milk.

Wednesday — Chicken breast a la orange, buttered rice, sliced carrots, bean salad, honeydew and strawberries and milk.

Thursday — Broccoli cheese soup,

Monday's vote was "unbelievable," Lind said. "No matter what we do, the (election commission) has predetermined that there is not going to be a recall election in this school district."

The recall committee had revised the petitions to satisfy criticisms of the earlier proposals, Lind said.

"OUR FIRST petition was rejected because it was too specific," he said. "But our last petition was rejected because it wasn't specific enough. I just don't know what they want in the petition anymore."

The third petition said the three board members should be recalled because they "voted in favor of granting teachers a pay raise of over 11 percent" in February.

"At the same meeting, after voting to grant these raises, (they) voted in favor of school program cuts."

Before the vote, attorney Dick James, who represented the three board members, said the petition is defective because it fails to indicate the date of the meeting, the time period the pay raise covers and the nature of the program cuts.

"The petition must be such that voters can make an informed decision" about whether to sign the petition, said James of the law firm Allen, James, Tanner and Foley in

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Southfield. Commissioner Marya Sieminski voted to approve the proposed petition, saying afterward that the petition was clear and that James's remarks "nickel and dimed" the petition.

"I don't think the law sets that high of a standard," Sieminski said. The law says "we should pre-

serve the rights of the average citizen in the electoral process," she said.

Commissioner Raymond Wojtowicz voted against the petition, saying its "wording wasn't clear enough to allow the three school board members a fair response on the petition."

If a later petition is approved, the process to recall school board members and re-elect new ones could

take as long as eight months after the petition begins.

THE RECALL committee must gather 4420 signatures of registered voters in Canton, Wayne and Westland within a 90 day period. If the signatures are valid, the county would set a date for a recall election.

A special election would follow for any seats of board members who failed to win a majority in the recall election.



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An auction featuring original paintings, watercolors and hand-signed limited edition graphic works by 40 artists, including some known internationally, will support family-oriented drug treatment programs.

The Thursday, Oct. 17, event is sponsored by Straight, Inc. of Plymouth.

All works have been custom framed.

The evening begins with an hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic refreshment reception at 6:30 p.m. That will be followed by the auction at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Admission is \$50 per person for the preview and auction and \$20 per person for the auction only.

The works in this auction include original etchings, engravings, lithographs and woodcuts by some of the greatest European masters from the 17th through the 19th centuries.

The auction will include selections by Cezanne, Chagall, Dali, Erté, Frandisco Goya, Toulouse-Lautrec, Edouard Manet and Pablo Picasso.

In addition, there will be a selection of 19th-century Japanese woodcuts by Hiroshige II, Kunichika and Toyokuni III.

Straight has received a substantial

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Park West Gallery of Southfield, a leading fine art auction company, has catalogued the collection, all works will be sold with a Certificate of Authenticity.

Says auctioneer Timothy Moreland, "With works of this fine quality being offered at auction and sold to the highest bidder, the Straight, Inc. benefit presents an extraordinary collecting opportunity. Most of the winning bids are expected to be between \$100-\$3,000, however, several of the works should fetch more."

Honorary chairmen for the auction are John Blackwell III and state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Tickets for the Straight, Inc. auction are available by calling 453-2610.

Healthy living is focus of YWCA workshop

Living healthy is an issue of the '90s and the YWCA of Western Wayne County will be looking at the subject from a woman's point of view at its Healthy Living Day Thursday, Oct. 17.

The program will start at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast and film on the "Health Quotient" and "Medigap" by the American Association of Retired Persons. It will shift into high gear at 9:30 a.m. when Dr. Lynn Walker of Oakwood Hospital

will look at "Women's Issues — Trends, Prevention, Treatment."

The remainder of the half hour morning program will address "Mixing Drugs" by pharmacist George McCollum, "Designation of Patient Advocate" by attorney and author Virginia Benner, "The Silent Epidemic — The Truth About Women and Heart Disease" by Christine Julian of the American Heart Association and "Every Four Minutes — Breast Self-Examination" by Wanda

Symanski of Henry Ford Hospital.

After a noon lunch of healthy food that could be mistaken as French gourmet, registered nutritionist Diane Hurst will address "Diet — Fad or Forever" and Margaret Keyes of the Wayne County Health Department will look at "Positive Living Skills," focusing on relaxation, visualization and the beginning of stress.

Free blood pressure, cholesterol and weight tests, with immediate re-

sults, will be done through the Healthy Living Day, which will end at 1:30 p.m.

Fees for the entire day, including breakfast and lunch, are \$6 for YWCA members and \$9 for non-members. Advance registration is necessary and can be done by contacting the YWCA at 561-4110.

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MEETING: The Toastmasters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 E. Ann

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 91-9

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.202(6)(B) OF CHAPTER 52, ZONING, OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH.

The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 1. Section 5.202(6)(B) of Chapter 52, Zoning, of Title V of the Code of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended to read as follows:

(B) BUSINESS DISTRICTS B-1, B-2 AND B-3, OFFICE DISTRICTS O-1 AND O-2, PARKING DISTRICT P-1, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS I-1 AND I-2 REQUIREMENTS:

For each structure, either one (1) wall sign or one (1) ground sign identifying the name of the business, office, parking facility or industry is permitted. In the instance of groupings of structures and/or multiple tenant structures, one (1) ground sign shall be permitted for each structure or grouping of structures and one (1) wall sign shall be permitted for each tenant having a separate public means of ingress and egress.

Wall signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area, provided that for a building with a footprint of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet or more, wall signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. In the instance of a separate tenant or occupant having more than one (1) point of public ingress and egress for separate facades, an additional wall sign shall also be permitted for such other facades having public entrances.

Within the Central Business Zoning District B-2 and/or the Central Business District as defined in the City Code, a ground sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet per side in area, nor exceed two (2) sides, nor exceed four (4) feet in height, regardless of its location within the property.

Outside of the Central Business Zoning District B-2 and/or the Central Business District as defined in the City Code, a ground sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet per side in area, nor exceed two (2) sides, nor exceed four (4) feet in height, when erected on the property line, provided that an additional area of one (1) square foot for each one (1) foot of setback from the property line shall be permitted to a maximum area of thirty-two (32) square feet per side; and additional height of one (1) foot for each one (1) foot of setback from the property line shall be permitted to a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

A projecting wall sign shall be allowed as the permitted wall sign only within the Central Business Zoning District B-2 and/or the Central Business District as defined in the City Code.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after enactment hereof and after publication hereof as provided in Section 6.5 of the City Charter.

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The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 1. Section 5.202(6)(B) of Chapter 52, Zoning, of Title V of the Code of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended to read as follows:

(B) BUSINESS DISTRICTS B-1, B-2 AND B-3, OFFICE DISTRICTS O-1 AND O-2, PARKING DISTRICT P-1, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS I-1 AND I-2 REQUIREMENTS:

For each structure, either one (1) wall sign or one (1) ground sign identifying the name of the business, office, parking facility or industry is permitted. In the instance of groupings of structures and/or multiple tenant structures, one (1) ground sign shall be permitted for each structure or grouping of structures and one (1) wall sign shall be permitted for each tenant having a separate public means of ingress and egress.

Wall signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area, provided that for a building with a footprint of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet or more, wall signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. In the instance of a separate tenant or occupant having more than one (1) point of public ingress and egress for separate facades, an additional wall sign shall also be permitted for such other facades having public entrances.

Within the Central Business Zoning District B-2 and/or the Central Business District as defined in the City Code, a ground sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet per side in area, nor exceed two (2) sides, nor exceed four (4) feet in height, regardless of its location within the property.

Outside of the Central Business Zoning District B-2 and/or the Central Business District as defined in the City Code, a ground sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet per side in area, nor exceed two (2) sides, nor exceed four (4) feet in height, when erected on the property line, provided that an additional area of one (1) square foot for each one (1) foot of setback from the property line shall be permitted to a maximum area of thirty-two (32) square feet per side; and additional height of one (1) foot for each one (1) foot of setback from the property line shall be permitted to a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

A projecting wall sign shall be allowed as the permitted wall sign only within the Central Business Zoning District B-2 and/or the Central Business District as defined in the City Code.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after enactment hereof and after publication hereof as provided in Section 6.5 of the City Charter.

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crime watch

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A Michigan workplace safety law is about to breathe again after recent Senate action.

But state officials will have a tougher time imposing higher standards than the federal government's, said Sen. David Honigman, architect of what he calls "a very reasonable compromise" between business and labor.

The Senate approved SB 459 on a 30-5 vote and sent it to the House. All area senators voted yes.

GOV. JOHN Engler and a handful of outstate Republicans wanted to kill MIOSHA (Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act), relying instead on federal standards and enforcement. The 1974 state law is due to sunset next year.

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"The federal government should be the ones who are enforcing those rules rather than passing the buck to the states," said opponent Sen. Jack Weiborn, R-Kalamazoo.

He said Michigan work rules, as proposed by the Labor and Public Health departments, were almost invariably higher than federal standards. "It puts Michigan employers out of competition with other states because we have higher regulations than competing states," Weiborn said.

Added Sen. Nick Smith, R-Addison: "It was my experience that rules promulgated by the (Michigan Safety Standards) commission tend to be... very liberal and labor-oriented - in other words: maybe some overzealous safety regulations."

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Women ARISE seeks money

Crime program strapped

The anti-crime program Women ARISE is trying to stay afloat without financing through the end of this year, but staff members say they are afraid the program will sink in red ink.

The problem stems from a shift in financing for the program, which instructs an estimated 100 female criminals each year in becoming better, more self-reliant citizens.

Women ARISE — the letters stand for "Accept Responsibility, Initiate Self-Enhancement" — has been financed since 1986 by a Michigan Department of Mental Health grant.

The grant ran out this month. Complicating the situation, Women ARISE is seeking financing as a corrections program, not a mental health program, at a time when responsibility for corrections programs is shifting from state to local control.

While Wayne County could eventually refinance the program, staff members are receiving no guarantees.

"WE CAN'T promise Women ARISE we'll finance their program," assistant county executive Barbara Godre said. "But we will send out a request for proposal and they will have an opportunity to bid for a county contract."

Staff members said they believed they have a good chance of receiving county money — if their program survives.

"They're telling us not to expect anything until April," program director Kathleen Schultz said. "But the program won't be here in April. By then, we'll lose staff and we'll lose our facilities."

Billed as a rehabilitation and support program, Women ARISE brings female offenders together to share their experiences and learn from past mistakes.

Two-thirds of program participants are sent directly from court, Schultz said, as an alternative to incarceration. The other third comes from state prisons.

Whatever their crimes, participants' backgrounds are strikingly similar.

"We find that almost all of them lack what we call basic life skills," Schultz said.

As a result, few have ever held a job. Compounding the problem, she added, four in every five participants are mothers with children at home.

"The program is designed to keep families intact, while the mother receives life skills training," Schultz said.

Women return to school under the program. Instead of the three R's, classroom topics center on basic household skills, including setting budgets, balancing checkbooks and

successfully making household and on-the-job decisions.

Rosa Mallet, an adult and community education consultant for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, witnesses the program while working with the Detroit Schools.

"IT'S EFFECTIVE," she said. "Any time you bring together a group of women with similar backgrounds, there can be more attention to the task at hand."

The state Legislature changed the financing procedure for community corrections programs nearly three years ago.

At that time, legislators created a community corrections office to distribute grants to regional advisory boards.

Wayne County has such an advisory board, though Godre said the county won't be spending anything yet on the program.

"There's no money for 1991, and the money for 1992 hasn't yet been awarded," she said.

At the same time, Godre said the county is seeking alternative financing sources to keep the program alive.

"I have been receiving phone calls from people concerned about the program and we are trying to help

them," she said.

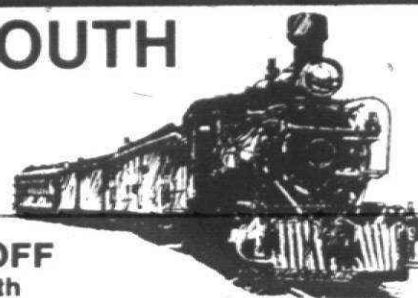
Women ARISE already faced a budget reduction. Its current operating budget is \$181,000, Schultz said, compared with \$200,000 in previous years.

Based on the east side of Detroit, the program is staffed by five full-time employees and one volunteer worker.



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School choice is forum focus

State Rep. Justine Barns, D-Westland, will discuss "schools of choice" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Livonia.

Barns will talk for 20 minutes and then take questions from the audience.

On the third Wednesday of every

month, the university's new political studies student organization, Psi Sigma Omega, plans to offer a discussion of current issues to increase political awareness around the campus and community.

The events are free to the public. Madonna University is on 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan.

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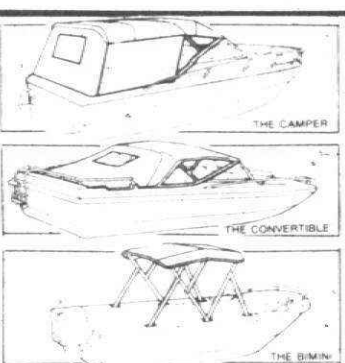
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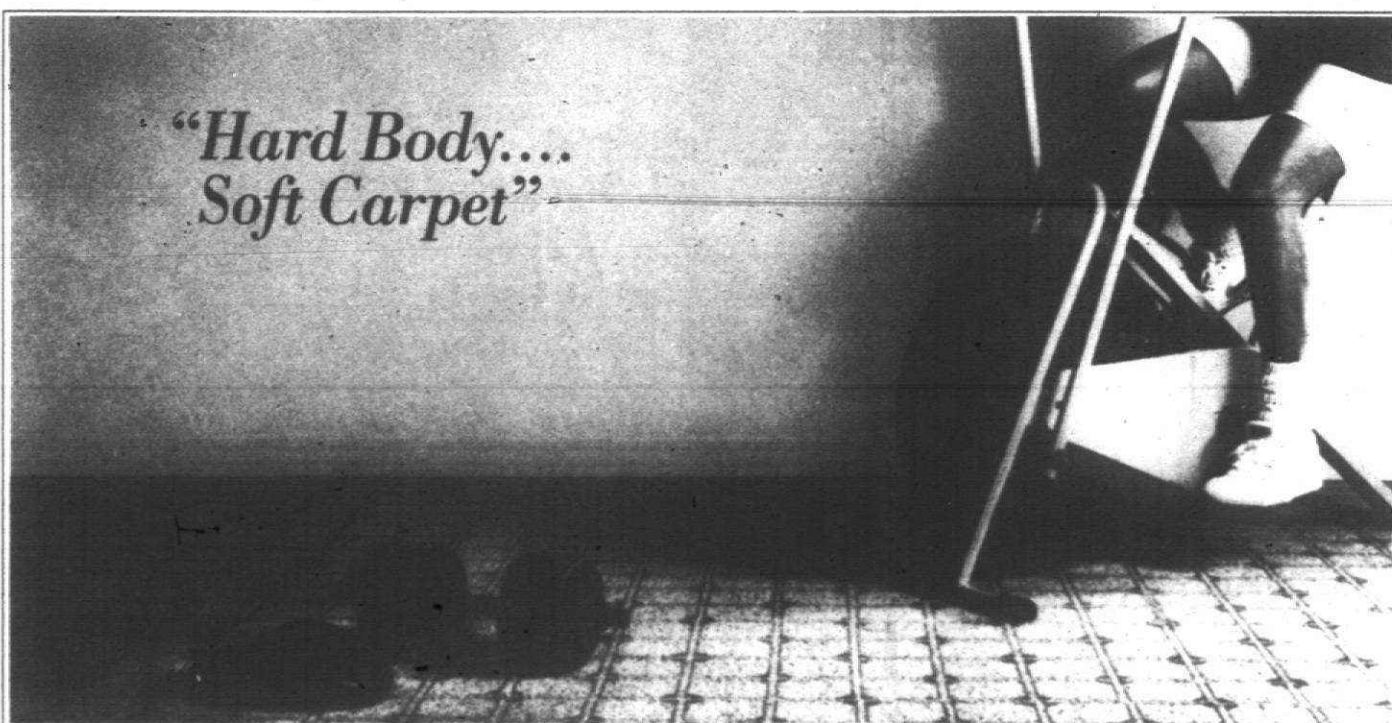
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IN BRIEF

Canton conviction

John C. Burge of Canton will be sentenced Dec. 10 on seven counts of violating the Taft-Hartley Act and two counts of filing a false income tax return, according to Eric Straus, assistant U.S. Attorney.

Burge, 49, recently was found guilty of the charges by a jury in Detroit's Federal court, Straus said.

Burge is the nephew of the late James Hoffa, former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, he said.

Burge's wife, Kathleen, also of Canton, was found not guilty by the jury of two counts of filing a false joint income tax return.

The charges stem from incidents that occurred from 1984 through 1986 when Burge owned Western Enterprises, a company allegedly used by him to receive illegal bribery payments from trucking firms at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, according to Straus.

The payments were received from employers who wanted to either avoid unionization or achieve labor peace, Straus said. Burge previously was a business agent for Local 299 of the teamsters, he said.

The maximum penalty carries a one-year prison term on each misdemeanor violation of the Taft-Hartley Act and a \$100,000 fine. The income tax charges are felonies that carry maximum terms of three years each and a fine of \$250,000.

Spaghetti dinner

The Canton VFW Post 6967 will hold its fifth annual spaghetti dinner today from 7-9 p.m. at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post, 1426 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets are available at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The dinner includes spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad, beer, soft drinks and milk.

For more information, call Jack Runkle at 451-0718 or John Spencer at 397-8975.

Band award

The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Marching Band competed in the 18th Annual Michigan Invitational Marching Band Tournament held Sunday, Oct. 6, in Flint's Atwood Stadium.

The band, with a score of 79.1, won the Governor's Trophy for the sixth year. In addition to being the best of the 20 bands that competed, the band received awards for the best winds, color guard and marching and maneuvering in Flight I competition.

On Saturday the band will travel to Toledo to compete in the Bands of America Mid-East Regional competition to be held at the University of Toledo.

Someone special

Bird School's first principal returns for visit

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Students at Bird Elementary School were surprised with a celebrity visitor during the school's 40th anniversary celebration Monday afternoon.

'When we moved into this school, Sheldon Road was not paved, and there were no traffic lights.'

—Nancy Tanger

Nancy Tanger, Bird's first principal, toured the building and visited with former students, some of whom are now Bird parents and teachers.

Tanger, for whom Tanger School was named, came from Ann Arbor with her husband Mike. Both are 91.

Mrs. Tanger told Mrs. Koehler's class that, "When we moved into this school in September of 1951, Sheldon Road was not paved, and there were no traffic lights. We tried to make sure the boys and girls didn't track too much mud in. Finally, we got pavement."

"The building looks the same. It's just as well kept, just larger," she said. "It's very, very good to see you. Work hard always. Do your best."

RUTHANN EMERICK, who attended Bird from 1953-1960, was among those accompanying the Tangers from room to room through the decorated hallways Monday.

"Mrs. Tanger was my principal when I went to school here, and my daughter Marcie is now a fifth grader here," said Emerick, who with her daughter posed for a photograph with Mrs. Tanger.

Emerick was impressed with Mrs. Tanger's memory.

"She remembers everyone," she said. "She asked about my dad and mom. I went through names of teachers I had here, and she told me what happened to them. She was principal here for 10 years. She's very sharp."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Nancy Tanger with Marcie Emerick, a fifth grader, and her mom, Ruthann Emerick, who was a student at Bird School from 1953 until 1960, when Tanger was the principal.

The Tangers were longtime Plymouth residents until their move several years ago to the Glacier Hills retirement home in Ann Arbor. Mike Tanger was born in Plymouth at 723 Maple. "The house is gone, now," said Mr. Tanger, adding that he lived on Maple most of his life and worked for the Plymouth Post Office for 42 years.

BIRD SCHOOL ALSO celebrated with an ice cream social Friday. The building was dedicated to Nellie Bird, the first elementary school principal in the city of Plymouth. Bird worked in the district for 33 years as a teacher and principal.

A tree-planting ceremony is planned by the Bird PTO for later this month. Bird students are donating money for the tree.

To further commemorate the anniversary, the Bird PTO is sponsoring a "Nellie E Bird Book Collection." Books donated to the library will be labeled with a special book sticker listing the name of the book donor.

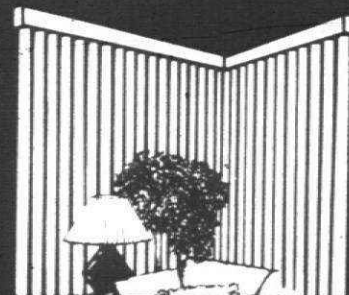
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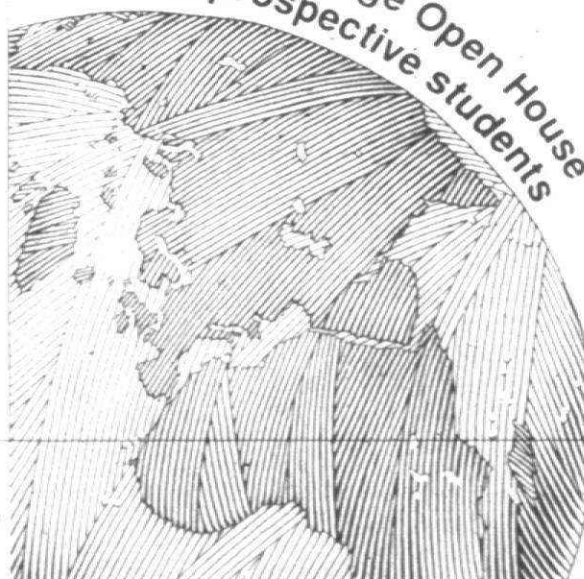
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HOSPICE SPEAKERS Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations. 522-4244.

TRIPS For senior citizen or adult trip information, call Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620, or Canton Township Parks and Recreation, 397-5444.

WOMEN'S THERAPY A group for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families is now forming at Growth Works in Plymouth. 455-4902.

EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS Growth Works, in Plymouth, will connect job seekers and employers looking for help. Call 455-4093.

RESUME WRITING Growth Works, in Plymouth, will write resumes and cover letters for job seekers. Call 455-4093.

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SPEAKERS AVAILABLE Speakers are available to any group interested in learning about home care as an alternative to nursing homes or hospitals. For more information, call the community relations director at 981-8820.

SMOKE DETECTORS Free detectors, with installation, are offered from Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth. Call Plymouth Fire Department Chief Al Matthews, 455-1234, or Plymouth Township Fire Department Chief Larry Groth, 453-3840.

VOLUNTEERS Teen and adult volunteers are needed at the Arbor Health Building, Plymouth, and McAuley Health Building, Canton. 572-4159.

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.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS New Morning School in Plymouth Township is seeking "paid" volunteers for teacher aide substitutes and teacher substitutes. Call 420-3331.

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

"V" VOLUNTEERS The Plymouth YMCA seeks volunteers. Call 453-2904.

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PRESCHOOL

The Discovery Learning Center, 45678 Helm, in Metro West Industrial Park, in Plymouth, six weeks through kindergarten, register now for fall. 455-5490.

Pathways to Learning Children's Center, a new school in Plymouth, 42290 Five Mile, 420-3553.

Canton Parks and Recreation Preschool program, the Canton "Crickets," openings for fall 1991, 397-5110.

Creative Playhouse, Canton, fall openings for 4-year-olds, 981-2382.

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Co-op Preschool, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Fall registration open now, call 981-0286 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Madonna dedicates DiPonio building



Bishop Moses Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, blesses Madonna University's new nursing building. With him is Dr. Mary Wawrzynski, dean of the Madonna College of Nursing.

The Angelo DiPonio Building, 36200 Schoolcraft, Livonia, was recently acquired by Madonna University through a \$1.2 million donation from the Angelo and Margaret DiPonio Foundation.

The late Angelo DiPonio was owner and president of Greenfield Construction Co., Livonia. He was a university trustee who for many years supported the life, projects and mission of Madonna. The building, renovated by architects Kamp-DiCorno Associates, houses the Ray A. and Jean S. Shaper Nursing Demonstration Center and the Helene Puid Computer Assisted Instruction Center, as well as nursing offices and classrooms.

Dedication occurred Wednesday, Oct. 2. It included an invocation by Sister Mary Dennis, provincial superior, Felician Sisters of Livonia.

There was also an unveiling of a hand-colored picture of the DiPonios, and plaques will be presented to the benefactors. Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University, gave a brief description of the completed project and expressed gratitude for the gifts to the university. Student Roxanne Shellenberger, president of the Madonna University Nursing Student Association, gave the students' response. The Most Rev. Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of Detroit, blessed

the building after the brief dedication ceremony.

The Madonna University nursing program was established in 1962 and has been accredited by the Michigan Board of Nursing. It is the second largest nursing program in Michigan.

Madonna offers a bachelor of science in nursing degree for beginning nursing students, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses from associate's degree and diploma programs.

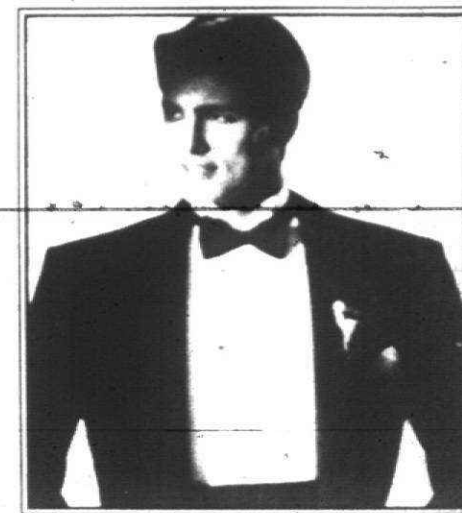
The university also offers a master of science in nursing degree with a major in nursing administration and a dual degree in nursing and business administration.

An average 95 percent of Madonna nursing graduates pass the state nursing board exams. The last two classes have realized a 100 percent rate.

Madonna currently has nursing articulation agreements with four local community colleges: Schoolcraft, Henry Ford, Highland Park and Oakland.

DiPonio became a member of Madonna's board of trustees in 1979 and served two consecutive terms. A resident of Plymouth Township, DiPonio was well-known to many charitable organizations and youth groups, including Boys Town, St. Jude Hospital and 4-H.

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The Asher and Sarah Smith Scholarship, an interest-free student loan, is available to Schoolcraft College students.

Application forms are available through the college Financial Aid Office, 462-4433. Applications must be returned before Saturday, Nov. 30.

Scholarship recipients are expected to pay back the loan within one year of graduation.

The Smith family lives in Livonia and has been active in numerous community events, including the Livonia Prayer Breakfast.

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

S'craft to hold crafts show

More than 150 exhibitors will display their wares at the second annual Schoolcraft College Foundation craft show Oct. 26-27.

Exhibitors from throughout Michigan will offer a variety of hand-crafted items for sale.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The show will be at the college Physical Education Building, on the main Schoolcraft campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

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United Way Summit meeting is needed

IT'S TIME FOR the agency people in the Canton and Plymouth communities to get their collective acts together.

This is especially important since Gov. John Engler cut welfare benefits to the poor. Non-profit agencies that have programs which benefit the poor and others who need help often seem to be at odds with each other over who gets the money to do the work.

It's not a pretty sight to see these non-profit agencies at each others' throats for money. We hope that won't happen, but we suspect it will.

Here's the problem: Plymouth has its own United Way. Money is raised with the annual fall campaign under way, for agencies in Plymouth which also serve residents in Canton.

Canton doesn't have its own United Way. Money from the community goes to the Southeastern Michigan United Way.

Arguments can be made to either scrap the Plymouth United Way and put the money into the regional United Way or have Canton join with Plymouth. Resolving that issue should be a goal for agencies in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

BUT UNTIL THAT happens, we think it's time that folks in both communities hold a summit meeting to iron things out. Somebody needs to get practical.

Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, has taken a step in that practical direction by talking to the Plymouth United Way about having a joint Plymouth-Canton drive. That's a good direction to go in.

To us, local is better. A Canton-Plymouth United Way would benefit both communities and it would give local agencies one place to go for money.

We suspect that some would argue that Canton pulling out of the Southeastern Michigan United

It's not a pretty sight to see these non-profit agencies at each others' throats for money. We hope that won't happen, but we suspect it will.

Way means less money for poorer communities. We're sympathetic to that argument. If every wealthy suburban community went its own way, there would be little money for the poorer communities that really need the services.

We don't want to see a United Way system that is basically welfare for the middle class and rich. That's why we'd propose a Canton-Plymouth United Way that donates a portion of its take to the regional United Way.

But that's one of the topics that could be discussed at an agency summit meeting. Such a meeting could be proposed by Yack because he's already leaning in that direction. At such a meeting should be political leaders from the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township, along with Plymouth United Way folks and people from agencies.

Out of such a meeting, we would hope that some sort of coalition would be formed that could handle the inter-agency squabbles and funding of programs for the poor.

From what we're hearing about Engler's welfare cuts, they're here to stay. Instead of fighting them, we think it would be smart to figure out what community resources there are to deal with the problem.

It's time to move forward, instead of bickering. It's time for a United Way summit meeting in the Canton-Plymouth area.

Agent Orange
A legacy of the Vietnam War

WE'RE STILL struggling with the memories of Vietnam, and part of the war's legacy is the way our society has handled the question of exposure to Agent Orange.

That became clear to us when veterans from the Plymouth and Canton areas told their tales of dealing with the government over the issue.

The vets claim exposure to the herbicide used by the military to defoliate jungles in southeast Asia causes birth defects. The government contends it doesn't.

The truth probably lies somewhere in the middle.

We think the truth is a casualty of war, a war that was unpopular, a war in which we were lied to, a war that ripped our country apart.

If the government was lying about the war, then it could easily have lied about Agent Orange. In the nearly 20 years since the end of the war, the military has gained more credibility, but Agent Orange is still a sore spot.

And as for the truth — it probably died somewhere near Saigon in 1969.

Limit terms

Good reasons for setting limits

LIMITING THE terms of our elected representatives isn't a new idea, it is picking up steam, and for good reason.

Our representatives on both the state and national level have become career politicians who are too far removed from their constituents. And because of the advantages incumbents have in keeping their name in the public eye and building a campaign war chest that few challengers can match, they are almost assured of re-election.

Despite a federal deficit, our elected representatives have continued to spend money we don't have in order to keep their popularity at home — and get re-elected.

RE-ELECTION OF incumbents has come to the point where short of a scandal of some sort, they can't lose. In 1988, 92.4 percent of incumbents in Congress were returned to office. That compares with only 45.7 percent in the years 1872-80.

And if voter turnout is an indication, recent elections have not inspired participation in a democracy where the issue of who runs the government is truly at stake.

But four western states have taken steps to limit the terms of elected officials, and Michigan could join them as soon as next year.

California and Oklahoma have passed laws that limit terms of state office holders. Colorado has taken it a step further by adopting a law that would also limit the terms of the state's representatives to the U.S. House and Senate. And Washington state will decide a similar proposal in the near future.

The Colorado model is the one Michigan voters will consider if that referendum is placed on the ballot in 1992.

THE PROPOSAL would limit U.S. senators to two terms in a 24-year period, U.S. representa-

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tives to three terms in a 12-year period, state reps to three terms, state senators to two terms and the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general to two terms.

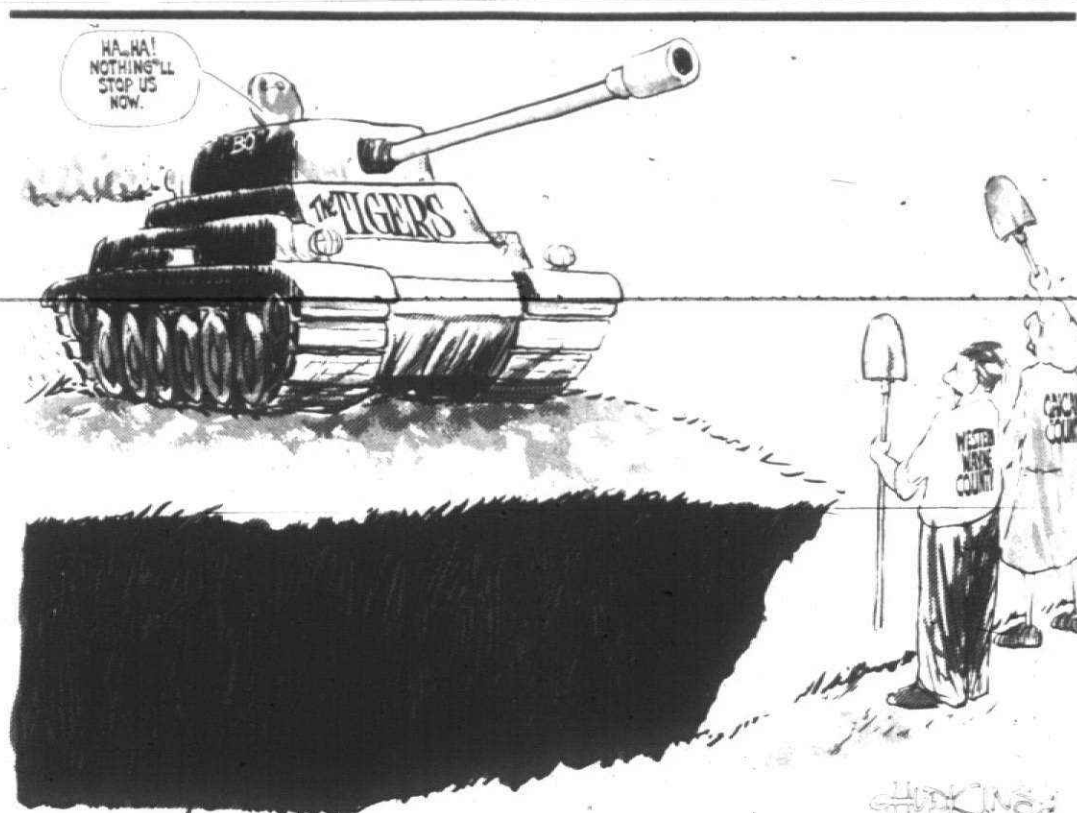
There is precedent. After all, the 22nd Amendment, ratified in 1951, limits the president to two terms.

Some would argue that limiting terms would turn out the good with the bad. But there are other political offices for which those politicians would be qualified. And there are certainly other pursuits in which men and women with government experience could serve the public, through foundations, think tanks and private sector jobs.

The prospect of a limited term also would involve more people in the active selection of new candidates, helping to reverse voter apathy.

A group, Limit Politicians' Terms, is circulating petitions to place the proposal on the ballot in Michigan in 1992. Although it would take 256,457 signatures to place the issue on the ballot, Dominick Vincentini, secretary for the group, says the goal is double that many, to make sure there are enough qualified signatures to get the issue on the ballot.

If it appears on the ballot, politicians already serving will be sure to mount a campaign against it. But they won't be able to vote it down or veto it. Only the people who elect them will. And then the voters will have a real choice and a better way to keep our government representative.



Portfolios will lead to jobs, education

EDUCATION WAS THE big news story last week.

"Trends in Academic Progress," a national report card tracking performance in America's schools, found that our children had struggled back to the achievement levels of students in the 1970s.

"Today's children seem to know about as much math and about as much science and read about as well as their parents did at that age 20 years ago," said Education Secretary Lamar Alexander. "That's not nearly good enough for the 1990s."

Another report reviewed the famous six education goals set at last year's summit conference between President Bush and all the governors. Some goals seemed so far from attainment as to invite laughter.

Fewer than one student in five met the new national standards for math achievement.

"WE'RE GOING to wind up, I'm afraid, with discouraging reports throughout the 1990s unless we come up with a national strategy," said Ernest Boyer, the widely respected president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

He's right. There's no evidence that the political will exists to do anything either national or strategic. Set a national curriculum with standardized examinations? No way. The White House is terrified of being accused of "eroding local control."

And most folks figure that anything Congress messes with is badly thought through and self-serving.

Make sure all preschool age kids



Philip Power

have a couple years of school before they enter kindergarten? Absolutely not. Costs too much money.

Pay teachers the professional salaries they deserve and demand professional accountability for results? Forget it. The conservatives won't pay the money and the liberals are scared of holding anybody individually accountable for anything.

I SUSPECT if there will be any real improvement in our kids education and, therefore, in our international competitiveness, it will have to come in dribs and drabs at the local level.

Fortunately, there's some good news on that front here in Michigan.

In addition to getting their regular report card marks, our kids soon will be receiving reports on their "employability skills profile."

It's a profile that you're supposed to use throughout high school and onto what you do next in life, whether that's further education or to go out and get a job. Said Patrick Donahue, an assistant superintendent of Huron Valley (Milford) Schools and a member of an advisory group to the State Board of Education.

The portfolio can contain records of standard aptitude tests, career interest, voc-tech training, job experience, problem solving and non academic awards — anything to document their work-related skills of a student.

Employability skills will require the kind of linkage between the business world and the schools that has not existed in years. I remember drawing a lot of raised eyebrows some years ago when I suggested that the folks who run our schools ought to go ask the business community just what kind of skills they needed.

And Dorothy Beardmore, the sensible Rochester woman who is president of the State Board of Education, took up the idea in 1988 and pushed it.

Last year, 23 portfolio pilots were run, none in communities served by this newspaper. This year there were 100 pilots. Next year all 10th graders in the state, followed by all ninth graders in 1993 and all eighth graders in 1994.

Are employability skills portfolios the answer for all of our education problems? No. But when you consider that most employers will hire the kid with a good portfolio, you realize that it is out of such small steps that real progress is made.

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

try have decided that we should "commemorate" the occasion but not "celebrate" it. A celebration, they feel, would be inappropriate.

Others have decided that Chris's exploit should be labeled an "encounter," not a "discovery," because, after all, the "Native Americans" were already here.

A HUNDRED years ago — the quadcentenary, I guess — Chicago pulled all the plugs with the 1893 Columbian Exposition, a blowout that featured, among other things, a dancer known as "Little Egypt" who introduced (or at least popularized) the "bootie-koochie," the forerunner of exotic dancing.

If Little Egypt's dance — and Chicago's celebration — was a bit bawdy, so were the 1890s and so was the country that Christopher Columbus had opened up to European settlement. Americans were basically a rough-hewn lot, and they didn't give a damn about what other people thought.

But this is the 1990s. As Time magazine pointed out in a look at the Columbus controversy this week, the present debate has little to do with 1492 and everything to do with 1991.

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from our readers

Is Plymouth competing with Canton?

To the editor:

Recent newspaper articles have implied the Plymouth Dunning-Hough public library will be expanded in some fashion in the future. The following ideas are offered for public consideration.

1. Why not expand the present site by using the second floor as a library rather than meeting room?

2. Why not consider moving the library to the former Farmer Jack location and add municipal office space?

A library is a place where some of our literary and artistic materials are kept for use. As a member of the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, Dunning-Hough patrons can access the inventory of 65 other libraries by using a request card.

A library, much like a post office, is an integral part of a downtown area whose mere presence contributes to the city's economic well-being by guaranteeing public movement into and out of the area.

The bottom line should be: "Specifically why does Plymouth require a larger library?" Hopefully a part of the answer doesn't include competition with Canton's new facility. No matter — the library should remain in the downtown district not somewhere out in the township.

Paul and Sarah Bechler
Plymouth

New age Dr. casts spell on editor

To the editor:

Jeff, we were so impressed with your compassion and wonderful insight presented in your editorial column Thursday, Sept. 26, unlike we Nimby's — you seem to be unbiased, and unmatched in your concern for this program and its participants.

It is with great joy that I inform you that I have given your name and address to several of the participants (one afternoon when I gathered my courage to venture past my minibus and curtains, right Mary Childs?) and they were thrilled to think you, who are so open minded, would surely want to open your home for maybe a couple of days or weeks to do your part in supporting this wonderful, successful program.

Oh, don't be afraid, Dr. Marcia "New Age" Andersen will assure you these people are harmless — embrace them — they're regular people like you and me. (But for the grace

of God — go we — right Mary Childs?) And if even hypocritical Nimby's were willing to buy food for them, give them almost \$100 for medicine, take them here and there for errands, take them to church and use our connections to get one participant a job, why, I can't wait to hear what great things, you, Jeff, will do for them.

Now be advised that when you take these participants into your residential Plymouth Township neighborhood, you might join Dr. "New Age" Andersen's lawsuit, she is being prosecuted by the city. But take it from an experienced citizen — you'll be safe for at least one to two years. It'll take the commission that long to get their act together and pay the \$600 for the paperwork.

So let me just end by wishing you the very best in your new venture with Lighthouse — you seem to be already under Dr. "New Age" Andersen's spell, so I'm sure you'll fit in just fine!

James A. Hardy
Roe Street
Plymouth

Pet walk a success

To the editor:

Congratulations to the pet walkers and supporters of the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding areas for your selfless efforts in raising funds for the previous ailing children at Mott Children's Hospital.

Mott tells us that you may have contributed to the largest one-day fund-raising event in the hospital's history. The amount is still rising as funds keep coming in. We have a good chance of reaching an incredible \$20,000 for Mott. Your compassionate outpouring of love and generosity will help make the days brighter and the burdens lighter for hundreds of Mott children and their families.

Thank you to the businesses, schools, service groups, churches and friends and neighbors who also exhibited a Good Samaritan spirit in recognizing the needs of these deserving children and, more importantly, responding with financial support, goods and services of all kinds, counsel, and plain hard work. Without your united effort, this dream could not have come true.

At many critical points toward the Pet Walk, a member of the community stepped forward to contribute his unique part. We plan to recognize your contributions specifically in the near future.

ON A PERSONAL level, your compassionate response to Brandy's life's story and the countless expressions of kindness, sensitivity, and sympathy in our loss has deeply touched one very hurting couple. We can't express our gratitude enough.

More specifically, thank you for embracing Brandy's legacy and allowing him in his passing and with your help to touch his little friends in need at Mott one more time. Brandy had a special joy in life that all he touched could feel. He loved his work as he loved everyone he ever met. He would have loved meeting each of you.

Although it is a bit early to be thinking about a repeat performance, many of you have encouraged us to consider another Brandy Memorial Pet Walk next year. We would be interested in your thoughts on this and any ideas for improvement. Also, if you have any pictures of the event you could share with us we would love to see them for we didn't have time to take any.

It is important to also remember that while our schools are good, they are not optimal. We do not have lux-

uries, but what we have we paid for. Tax dollars from all over the state support the public Universities and Colleges — that is why we vote for the people who run these institutions.

Do either the state legislators or the governor think that we are attracting new businesses by chance? Where will they go next after they use up our tax revenues? Are we supposed to continue passing millages and bond issues to bankrupt the computers' and other technology needed for our children to learn what is necessary to compete in the future? Perhaps these "quick-fixers" should refresh their memories on the definition of socialism and how it contrasts with capitalism.

House Bill 4267 denies communities the motivation to rebuild their tax structure and denies other communities the right to vote on how their tax dollars are spent.

Kathy and Bob Mount
Plymouth

School bill is socialism

To the editor:

As a taxpayer resident of an "out-of-formula" school district, I am outraged that there has not been a public outcry at the passage of State House Bill 4267, the bill that pledges the future business and industrial growth's tax revenues of allegedly rich districts to poor districts.

It is incomprehensible that in this democratic state an issue with such socialist overtones could be passed by not one but two branches of a state legislature. Not only is the bill socialist but it is, simply stated, taxation without representation.

So where is the tea party? For 18 years I have paid taxes to this community, taxes that have paved roads, built good police and fire departments, even built sewage drains. Much of this was done in an effort to induce new business to locate in our community, so that the tax burden could be shared. Now we are to see the fruits of these efforts go to other communities? The other taxes I pay to my community are for schools. In exchange for these taxes (and they aren't cheap) my children get a good education and I have input into the curriculum adopted by the school board, which consists of people I vote for.

Detroit School Superintendent Deborah McGriff was adamant this summer about telling "suburbanites" to stay out of her school district's business. No problem — stay out of our tax revenues.

Voters in Wayne-Westland are notorious for rejecting millages, even renewals of existing millages, while Plymouth-Canton voters usually approve school dollars. Now, they are to be rewarded with our growth?

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Denise G. Randall,
Canton

Cake eaten in Canton

To the editor:

In the Sept. 26 Canton Observer Opinion column "Autumn-Canton's the place to be," rural western Canton was recommended as a color tour. "Canton has plenty to celebrate in the fall. Often the township is seen as an endless sea of strip malls and subdivisions. They're there, we can't argue that. But there's much more."

The question is, for how long? Whenever those of us who choose a rural living environment that does not include the conveniences of paved roads, sewers, city water and nearby malls protest unnecessary, subsidized suburban expansion, we are accused of being selfish, unwilling to share.

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Daniel K. West,
Canton

Roe Street Good Council another look

To the editor:

I would like to offer factual corrections to two articles and editorials which ran in last week's paper.

In regard to the Our Lady of Good Council litigation, it was OLCG's decision that the church no longer wished to meet with the homeowners, and its attorneys withdrew the scheduled meetings from the consent judgment.

Secondly, the homeowners did stop the implementation of the approval of site plan. That was the very essence of the homeowners' position in this case in which the Wm. A. Blunk Subdivision prevailed by voiding the city of Plymouth's Planning Commission January approval.

IN REGARD to the Roe Street homeowners' long and tenacious attempt to have uniform application of the city's zoning ordinances applied on their dead-end street, I am dismayed by the editorial which failed to address the reams of documents submitted to the city on behalf of the homeowners.

The bias and prejudice of the homeowners was a legitimate bias toward people who were taking advantage of the state's monies, the community's good will and the recipients' need.

IF THE true success of the program were to be evaluated, I would suggest a review of the police records, the 35th District Court records and the city attorney's file be accomplished. The names of Dr. Andersen's "successful" program participants frequent these documents.

No one denies that substance abuse programs are needed in this community but few of the Lighthouse program participants were from Plymouth, and the program that was available was not as represented.

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Jon Paupore shot 79 to finish as the second medalist and low scorer for league champion Canton in the WLAA golf tournament.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Canton golfers claim WLAA championship

By Neal Zipser
staff writer

Plymouth Canton continued its perfect season Tuesday by capturing its first Western Lakes Activities Association golf championship.

The Chiefs edged Livonia Stevenson 417-419 to take the title at Hudson Mills Golf Course near Dexter. Plymouth Salem was third with 426.

"It has been a glorious year for the Plymouth Canton golf team," Canton coach Fred Libbing said. "I couldn't be more proud than I am of the team."

Last season the Chiefs placed in the middle of the WLAA, finishing 3-2 in the conference and 5-3 overall. This season the Chiefs compiled a 5-0 record to win the Western Division and were 8-0 overall in dual meets.

"I would have been happy finishing in the top three today," Libbing said. "I knew Salem and Stevenson were both tough, and I didn't expect we'd finish No. 1."

BUT TO Libbing's surprise, the Chiefs took top honors and now look ahead to Friday's regional meet at Oak Pointe Golf Course in Brighton. The top three teams will go to the state finals.

Canton battled tough winds, but, led by senior Jon Paupore's 79 score, was able to beat the Spartans. Sen-

ior Jason Buha of Farmington edged Paupore and was the conference's top medalist with a 78.

Each team competed six golfers, with the five lowest scores counting. All ties were decided in a sudden-death playoff. The top five golfers were named to the all-conference team.

Stevenson's Ryan Fawkes finished third with a 79, and Canton's Brad Paskievitch was fourth with an 80.

The next six golfers finished with 81 each, and places were determined through a sudden-death playoff. Stevenson's Mark Peterson was able to win his playoff and take the last medalist spot.

"The wind was blowing very hard, and I was surprised anybody was able to shoot in the 70s," Libbing said.

CANTON'S MIKE Ross finished with an 81, good for eighth place. Brian Gabbart (88) and Brian Uthoff (89) also scored valuable points for the Chiefs.

Libbing was also happy for Salem, which captured the WLAA Lakes Division crown with a 5-0 record.

"I believe it's the first time we've won our division and Salem has won theirs," Libbing said. "All and all, it was a good day for Canton and Salem golf."

Dave Weaver was the low scorer for the Rocks with an 81, good for seventh place overall.

Chiefs extend win streak

Plymouth Canton won its sixth straight game in girls basketball Tuesday, defeating host Balled Lake Central 62-57.

The No. 8-ranked (Class A) Chiefs are 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 8-2 overall.

"I don't know if we're on a roll or not, but I'm happy that we're playing more consistently," Canton coach Bob Blohm said.

"Somewhere during the course of a game, you're going to get a spurt, and I'd like to see us extend the length of those spurts to 7-8 minutes and be even more consistent."

Canton had to fight off the Vikings in the fourth quarter Tuesday to win. The Chiefs were down five points at halftime (31-26) but came back with a 22-point third quarter and led

48-42. Canton lost the lead and was behind midway in the fourth quarter, but it used one of its spurts to take a 58-53 advantage and maintained that margin.

"I think at times we were good offensively, but we played too fast at times," Blohm said. "But we were able to hold them and get a victory."

Junior center Stephanie Gray scored 27 points to lead the Chiefs. Christie Saffron had 14 and Britta Anderson 13. Kelly Holmes helped the third-quarter charge with three baskets from the low post and finished with six points.

Genny Czach scored 24 points and Bridgette Norris 10 for the Vikings (4-5).

Canton has won its last four games without senior forward Julie

Nicastri, who remains sidelined with a broken ankle.

"But we're still struggling with our defense inside," Blohm said. "Fouls are going to happen inside, and when we start rotating people, Julie gives us that flexibility inside and outside."

SALEM 48, NORTHVILLE 41: The Rocks built a 10-point halftime lead and stayed there Saturday to defeat visiting Northville in a game between two of the WLAA's top teams.

Salem held the Mustangs to single-digit scoring in the first two quarters and led 23-13 at the midway point. Northville had an 11-8 edge in the

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Ocelots volleyball runners-up

Coach Tom Teeters' Lady Ocelots didn't win their own Schoolcraft Invitational volleyball tournament last weekend, but they did the next best thing — finish second.

Defending National Junior College Athletic Association champ Miami-Dade (Fla.) Wolfson lost only one game en route to an 8-0 record in the eight-team field.

Host SC, Kankakee (Ill.) and Flint Mott all finished with 5-2 records, but the Lady Ocelots took second based on head-to-head competition.

"This is one of the best tournaments we've ever played," said Teeters, whose team is 18-3 overall. "We felt going in that if we got third it would be a break-even point, and anything above that we'd be extremely happy."

"This is the toughest tournament we'll be in except for the Nationals itself."

The Lady Ocelots defeated Elgin,

Ill. (15-3, 15-12), Lee, Tex. (15-5, 15-13), Kankakee (15-10, 15-10), Lake Michigan (5-15, 15-12), and Belleville, Ill. (15-8, 15-8).

Flint Mott, a team SC had beaten twice already this season, surprised the hosts, 15-9, 10-15, 15-13.

"They're faster and they can attack a little quicker in some spots," said Teeters of Mott. "We need consistency and smarts to beat them."

MIAMI-DADE, led by Columbian recruits Paula Bedoya and Monica Pinillos, lived up to its high ranking, losing only one of 15 total games. Wolfson's only loss was to eighth place Lee.

"They (Lee) had the best athletes, to go along with height, speed and strength," Teeters said.

SC's top hitter for the two-day tourney was Waterford Mott High

product Kari Van Deusen, who recorded 60 kills. Renea Bonser (Livonia Stevenson) added 40, while Stephanie Jandanson (Brighton) contributed 22 before missing the final two matches to attend a wedding.

Reserve Sue Berger of Marysville came on for Jandanson with some key serves and digs to lift SC to wins over Belleville and Lake Michigan. She hit 333.

Defensively, Judi Scott (Clawson) had 28 digs to lead SC.

Keli Haeger (Livonia Ladywood) paced the Lady Ocelots' passing attack with 93 assists. Nancy Ehlert (Monroe St. Mary) added 49 before going down with a knee injury.

Ehlert is expected to miss this weekend's trip to Jefferson, Mo., where No. 4-ranked Canton (Kan.), No. 5 Miami-Dade and the No. 6 hosts await.

Churchill has edge on Salem

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The puzzle is being solved slowly, but surely, by the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

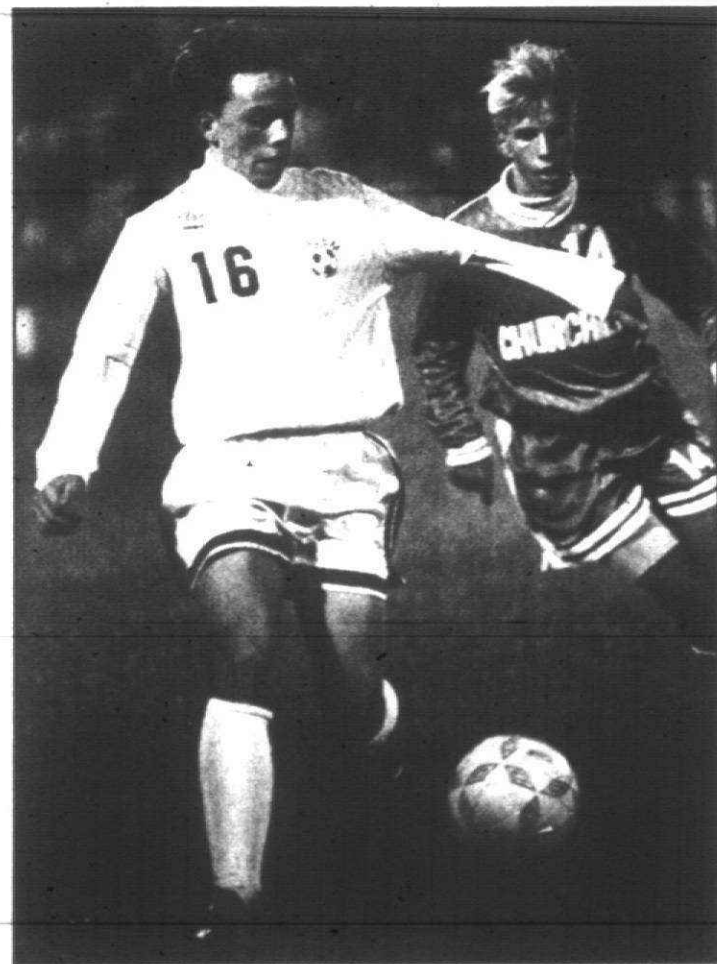
The Chargers, last year's state Class A runners-up to Warren DeLaSalle, appear to be putting all the pieces together at just the right time following Monday's 3-1 victory at state-ranked Plymouth Salem.

"I'll tell you what, they're some kind of team," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "They outgunned us in every phase of the game. It's the best passing team around and the best team we've seen this year."

The loss dropped Salem to 10-3-2 overall, while Churchill is 13-1-2.

The Chargers, ranked second behind Livonia Stevenson (12-0-1) in the latest state Class A coaches poll, will take on their city rivals again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, for the Western Lakes Activities Association title. (The two teams tied 1-1 on Sept. 23 at Stevenson, the same site of the rematch.)

During the first half of the season, coach Mark Mason tinkered with his personnel somewhat, but now has settled into a set lineup for the stretch run.



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Jason Oberhelman advances the ball for Salem in the WLAA soccer game with Churchill Monday night.

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At her late husband's murder trial, Nancy Lee Faulkner is interrogated by defense attorney Stevens (portrayed by Charles VanHousen of Southfield) in the play "The Night of January 16th," the 1935 dramatic classic by Ayn Rand now playing at Henry Ford Museum Theater in Dearborn through Nov. 16. Call 271-1620 for more information.

urday evenings, Sunday matinee. Tickets can be reserved by calling 487-1221, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Tickets also available at the box office in the Quirk Building on the EMU campus in Ypsilanti.

Challenging Trinity production needs work

Performances of the Trinity House Theatre production of "The Trip To Bountiful" continue through Nov. 2 at Trinity House, 35940 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. For ticket information call 464-6302.



Victoria Diaz

Though it has some things going for it, Trinity House's recent production of "The Trip To Bountiful," directed by Peter Senkbeil, ultimately misses the mark. Horton Foote's play, though telling a simple story, is also a challenging piece of work. It focuses on Carrie Watts, a kindhearted, lonely, hymn-singing, nature-loving, elderly woman, (played by Angela Kobane), who, before she dies, yearns to escape the smothering urban environment in which she lives to her pastoral beginnings in East Texas.

HOW do you stage something like that without having it lapse into something all trite and overly sentimental? Foote's story, though simple, is peopled with some highly complex

players, a certain tendency toward over-acting keeps rearing its ugly head here.

A smile turns into a peculiar leer, a facial expression becomes so exaggerated it seems faintly ludicrous and altogether inappropriate. Some performers can't seem to think of what to do with their hands, other appear to be straining at their roles.

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Olive Garden

The Olive Garden is offering seven new pasta dishes from various regions of Italy until Nov. 10. The Olive Garden makes its pasta fresh every day. The new items include Pasta Florentine, Shrimp Veronese, Stuffed Pasta Shells, Chicken and Sausage Pepperoni, Pasta con Broccoli, and Seafood Pasta Chowder. There is an Olive Garden Restaurant at 14000 Midland in Livonia, north of I-96. An Olive Garden will be opening in Rochester Hills in November or December.

Marco's

Tasting of Michigan wines and fixed price dinner, Monday, Oct. 28, at Marco's, 32758 Grand River, The Village Commons in Farmington. Wine tasting 6:30-7:30 p.m., dinner follows. Menu features a choice of two entrees - Cherry Hazelnut Breast of Chicken, Spinach Stuffed Pork Loin with Green

Golden Mushroom

Special wine dinners on Thursday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday Oct. 30 at the Golden Mushroom, 18100 West Ten Mile in Southfield. Call 559-4230 to make a reservation. The Oct. 24 dinner features wines from Beaulieu Vineyards. Dinner entree - Grilled Barbare Duck Breast and Sausage, wild rice, and savory cabbage with roast buffalo for the main course. The cost is \$90. On Oct. 30 Alsatian wines will be featured. Etienne Hugel will fly in from France to commemorate the Hugel Vineyard's 350-year anniversary. For dinner - entree is Venison and Pheasant Sausage, with Roast Duckling for the Main course. The cost is \$88.

Car makers take 'meaningless' sales figures seriously

The auto sales claim silly season is here again, what with the close of the 1991 model year at the end of September - the arbitrary date that generates a whole new set of numbers for analysts, prognosticators and soothsayers to massage, and keep their jobs.

The way in which the auto business keeps records of itself has always mystified me, despite having spent several years laboring over a calculator myself. Take the 'model year,' for example. Please.

Once something heralded with searchlights, the traditional new-model car launch today has been replaced with a steady dribbling of new cars that starts sometime in March, and continues through January. As a result 'model year' sales

are, in fact a strictly arbitrary method of calculating sales from September through September, to no particular purpose.

That fact doesn't deter publications such as Automotive News from using the annual model year 'winners' as a reliable headline story.

Lately, those headlines have become pretty predictable - mainly because numbers will be massaged until the Japanese look good, and the domestic industry looks bad. In fact, there were only three Japanese vehicles on the list of the top 10 best-selling nameplates this year (fully half the list is Ford products), but the Automotive News headline is 'Honda nabs third in car sales.'

Bing, CEO Superb Manufacturing, and Dr. Renaldo Jensen will discuss how minorities can play a bigger part in the supplier base at 5 p.m. at The International in Greek Town.

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GRAND OPENING

Thursday, Oct. 10 - Uro-Tile of Michigan held a grand opening of its new Michigan showroom and offices in Livonia.

TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
Thursday, Oct. 10 - Michigan Technology Council meets in Southfield. Information: 763-9757.

REAL ESTATE MANAGERS
Sunday, Saturday, Oct. 13-19 - "Managing Real Estate as an Investment" in Novi. Fee: \$740. Information: 855-6522. Sponsor: Institute of Real Estate Management.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Monday, October 14 - "Urban Suburban Problems: What project management can do to help." Southfield city administrator Robert Block will speak at 6 p.m. at Embassy Suites of Southfield. Call 362-0011.

APPRaisal COUNCIL
Tuesday, Oct. 15 - American Society of Appraisers meets in Farmington Hills. Information: 673-2583.

AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS
Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 15-17 - "Environmental Compliance for Paints, Coatings and Printing Facilities" in Southfield examines new state and federal air quality regulations. Fee: \$595. Information: 1-408-446-9736. Sponsor: International Coating Seminars Inc.

WOMEN MANAGERS
Wednesdays, Oct. 16 through Dec. 4 - "How Successful Women Manage" at Madonna College. Fee: \$42. Information: 544-3040. Sponsor: Oakland Community College.

PR FOR SMALL BUSINESS
Wednesday, Oct. 16-30 - "Not Doing Business as Usual" 7-8:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills. Fee: \$42. Information: 544-3040. Sponsor: Oakland Community College.

PURCHASE MANAGEMENT
Thursday, Oct. 17 - "How to build a minority supplier base" Dave

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
Thursday, Oct. 17 - Deborah McGriff, general superintendent of Detroit Public Schools will speak on "Teaching Students to become leaders" at 6:30 p.m. at Southfield Marriott Hotel.

RETIREMENT PLANS
Thursday, Oct. 17 - Maurice Bernman, of Comprehensive Financial Planning Corporation, will discuss "Retirement plans for the 90's" at 6 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott.

USERS GROUP MEETS
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 17-18 - Future Three Software Independent users group meets in Novi. Information: Dianna Moffat 597-6363.

ANALYZING COMPETITION
Friday, Oct. 18 - a seminar for entrepreneurs and growth-oriented companies sponsored by Deloitte & Touche at 9 a.m. at the Novi Hilton.

CAREER WOMEN
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19 - National Association of Career Women will hold its annual convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Southfield. Call 474-4241.

CONDO ASSOCIATIONS
Tuesdays, Oct. 22 through Nov. 12 - "Introduction to Successional Condominium Association Operation" 7-9 p.m. in Birmingham. Fee: \$75. Information: 591-5188. Sponsor: Wayne State University.

MANAGING CHANGE
Saturday, Nov. 16 - "The Changing World of American Management - Handling Change in the Workplace and the Group Process Concepts and Practices" 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Madonna College. 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Fee: \$125. Information: 591-5188.

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auto talk
Dan McCosh

This makes the guys at Chrysler mad, since they sell more than enough minivans to keep them solidly in third place, save for the fact that minivans are loosely categorized as light trucks, not cars.

Still, it is mysterious that the Chrysler minivan, which in fact is the third best-selling vehicle in the U.S. (First and second are Ford and Chevy full-size pickup trucks) isn't

even on the list of top 10 nameplates in the mod-i-year sales list.

Wierd, it all you look a little closer and realize that because Chrysler sells its minivans under three divisions, and with three nameplates, it has fractured its chances for bragging rights.

Take this a little further, and you realize that the Honda Accord only makes the grade as top selling

nameplate by adding two separate models together - the two-door coupe and the four-door sedan, which share a name but not much else. One could cry 'foul,' but Honda didn't invent this game - Olds used it for years to keep the Cutlass on top of nameplate sales. As far as I'm concerned, people drive cars, not nameplates, and the 'honour' of best-selling 'car' should go to the Chrysler minivan.

Laughable as the reporting methods are, marketing types take the numbers very seriously. Particularly the guys at Ford and Chevrolet, who go at each other annually like one of those rights between two loggers on a single log - forgetting the water is full of Japanese sharks. This year, Ford beat out Chevy at the last minute for top truck sales by tossing in a \$2000 incentive the last month of the model year.

Chevy marketing types who cried 'foul' at this one apparently forgot how they eased by Ford a few years ago by carefully wiping off a fleet full of light trucks submerged in a flood and declaring them as 'sold,' before scrapping them - which put them ahead of Ford in the numbers race that year.

Shinagans aside, the model year sales numbers demonstrate what everybody already knows: sales are down. The Japanese are eating everybody's lunch, and the European makes are dying a quick death.

Like they say? It's a jungle out there.

Pizza maker makes big dough in Europe

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Now, allied to Domino's, Widger is out to make home delivery the order of the day in England. Before being acquired by Domino's, Widger was also courted by Pizza Hut, but he said he was more comfortable working with fellow Michiganers Tom Monaghan and believes Domino's is positioned to make a good run at the international delivery business.

There's also a personal side to Widger's decision. His wife, Ger-

rye, suffered a stroke last year, making it difficult for him to devote himself full-time to the American Pizza Co. stores.

As his wife's condition improves, Widger expects to spend more time again in England, where he had been averaging more than 40 weeks a year.

EVENTUALLY, WIDGER hopes to own up to 35 Domino's outlets in the London area before looking at other countries like Spain and France.

Search for cold call alternatives

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Roberts, who sold copiers, computer hardware/software and business telephone systems for 12 years, had plenty of experience with creative avoidance herself.

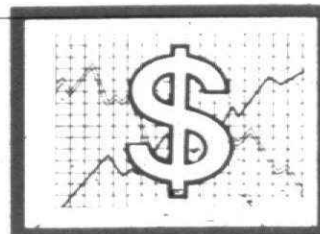
"I knew all the games I played them, observed them," she said. "My favorite was to redo my hair and makeup before I got on the telephone. I was taught to talk on the telephone as if they could see a smile on my face. If they could see the

smile, I figured they knew I had no lipstick on and my eyeliner was gone.

Roberts can chuckle at the excuses from an academic perspective, but realizes that procrastination in the real world can have serious consequences.

"My experience is referrals will come, but too many rely on that," she said. "If you don't do what you did in the beginning and you stop looking for new accounts... it (business) will shrivel up and die or just come in very small amounts."

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William Widger is the largest Domino's franchisee in Europe. His Bloomfield Hills home bears testimony to his many travels.

Pizza franchisee ponders growth in foreign lands

By David Stein
special writer

Smother my pizza with sweet corn, tiny shrimp and pineapple, say our British cousins.

These toppings are among the favorites in Great Britain, where William Widger of Bloomfield Hills has been selling pizza and the home-delivery concept with his America Pizza Co. for the past four years.

This spring, Widger, 54, joined the Domino's team. After turning 13 of his outlets into Domino's stores, Widger is now the largest Domino's franchisee in Europe.

Widger identified a time factor in making the switch with the coming of Europe's unified trade zone in 1992, opening the doors to 350 million customers.

"If we meet with success in England, I think it is a great jumping off point for (the rest of) Europe," Widger said.

He is neither a stranger to franchising nor good timing.

He founded Tuff-Kote Inc. in 1962 as an offshoot of W&M Products, an automotive supply company started by his father in 1940.

By 1981, Widger and his brother

Russell had built the rustproofing service into a worldwide giant with 4,700 franchises in 67 countries as a partner of Astra-Dinol AB of Sweden. The visa stamps in Widger's passport became an inky blur as he handled the international side of the business.

AS AUTO COMPANIES took rustproofing in-house, Widger realized Tuff-Kote would have to explore new areas for sales. Astra-Dinol execs disagreed, so the Widgers sold out to them in 1981.

Widger and his family went to live abroad. But restlessness eventually gave way to restlessness, and Widger, through the suggestion of a Norwegian friend, began a chain of pizza stores along the highway corridor running from London to Birmingham, England.

Home delivery of food is still a novelty outside of London.

"Their eating habits are much like ours were in the '50s, where you came home, and every meal was eaten in the home. You just didn't go out," Widger said. "Sales go right up on payday or they order on kids' birthdays and things like that."

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Creative avoidance hurts sales prospecting

By Doug Funke
staff writer

• Did you hear about the salesman's philosophy regarding prospecting, or making cold calls, that was tied to the weather? His belief — If the weather is nice, no sense trying because no one will be in. If the weather is lousy, forget it because prospects will be in a bad mood.

• How about the salesman who acquired a batch of business cards from receptionists while making cold calls? He went back to his office and flipped off all the prospects without following up by rationalizing

reasons why they wouldn't be interested.

• And did you hear about the two sales colleagues who took half a day to do a 15-minute job on a computer, learned all about the computer in the process but didn't make a single sales call?

Denise Roberts, a Bloomfield Hills sales consultant who's writing a book called "The Weakest Link in Sales," has heard about these and other plays sales professionals use to avoid prospecting for new clients.

"I keep seeing it in company after company after company," she said. "The market changed. Companies had been resting on their laurels.

They lost momentum. With the economy being tight now, we can't let it go on any more."

Roberts offered an explanation for the procrastination.

"MOST PEOPLE avoid prospecting for fear of looking foolish or of being perceived poorly by the person contacted. It's not fear of rejection."

Her solution — a low-key, market-research telephone approach.

"Something like, 'I have a product or service, I don't know if it's of any value to you. May I ask you a few questions?' I'm soft, I'm not going for the jugular, I'm not pushing for an appointment," she said.

Roberts, who has researched case histories for the book, is sponsoring a "creative avoidance" contest to get even more anecdotal fodder. Managers or sales pros can FAX (737-0825) their tales to her through Oct. 15.

Gag prizes will be awarded for the most humorous, most time-consuming and most original entries.

"I have seen sales managers try to deal with all kinds of avoidance by their staffs, and some of them can come up with really imaginative methods," she said. "One sales rep used to hide in the stairwells at the

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'I knew all the games. I played them, observed them.'

— Denise Roberts
sales consultant



Personal exercise trainers compete with health clubs

By R.J. King
special writer

Tennis, squash and racquetball courts typical of health clubs are up against new competitors for fitness dollars in suburban Detroit: personal trainers who provide custom workouts either in homes or exercise studios.

Exercise studios are "the most efficient and safe way for people to get in shape, and stay that way," said Collin LaLonde, owner of Fitness By Design in Southfield. "We design a workout program to meet the individual fitness level and goals of a client," he said. "Clients are assigned a personal trainer to guide them through solid balance of muscular strength, endurance and flexibility."

Fitness By Design opened two years ago, and includes all the exercise equipment typical of a major health club — stair climbers, treadmills, stationary bikes, free weights and a variety of arm and leg extension machines. Noticeably absent in the 1,300-square-foot studio are health bars, whirlpools and saunas.

Harold Fried, a partner with the Southfield law firm Fried, Saperstein, DeVine and Kohn, said he attends three hourly sessions a week at Fitness By Design, even though he is a member at a nearby health club.

"I never had much luck working out in my basement or at the club. It seemed like the phone was always ringing or you'd wind up socializing with friends and colleagues," said Fried, who pays \$25 for an hour session.

"With the exercise studio, however, it's just me and the trainer. I know the program is being done right, and there's no waiting for a machine to be free. In six months, I've lost an inch and a half off my waist and I feel great."

EXERCISE STUDIOS are expect-

'I never had much luck working out in my basement or at the club.'

— Harold Fried

ed to grow in numbers as more and more people become aware of the health benefits of regular exercise but find they have less time to work out or feel health spas are too crowded or too intimidating.

The pros of one-on-one training include personal attention, efficiency, motivation and commitment while the cons are the expense — prices range from \$25 to \$200 an hour — and the loss of the social element of an exercise class.

Personal trainers will also visit the home. Jan Jacobs, a competitive triathlete who holds a master's degree in exercise physiology, said she opened Fit For Health two years ago to provide personalized exercise programs for people who prefer their own homes.

"Mostly I work with business executives and women who want to get back in shape after pregnancy," said Jacobs, a Birmingham resident. "Following a fitness evaluation, I'll prescribe an exercise program for a client and be there every session to guide them through how often, how hard and how long."

Jacobs, who is also a dental hygienist, develops exercise programs for area athletes too. Fees are \$40 an hour. Like most personal trainers, Jacobs asks that clients pay 10 sessions in advance, to help instill commitment. Both LaLonde and Jacobs say they, or a member of their staff, are certified to design exercise and fitness programs for people who have high blood pressure or heart disease.

BEFORE EMBARKING on any physical training, both recommend people over 35 have a stress test done. The growing popularity of personal trainers has not been lost on area health clubs, though such trainers often oversee the progress of two or three people at a time, and in an informal setting.

Kitty Elenbaas, fitness director at the One On One Athletic Club in West Bloomfield, said the club has offered the use of personal trainers since it was redesigned from a tennis club six years ago.

"The use of personal trainers by our members has grown significantly in the last two years, but they still make up a small percentage of our total membership," she said. "People are aware that exercise is becoming more sophisticated, and they want to be sure they don't hurt themselves."

Currently, One On One has five trainers on staff. The fee is \$30 an hour, and includes, like most other programs, nutrition counseling. Specific dietary needs are referred to a physician.

When selecting a personal trainer, it's considered essential to choose one who is a member of either the International Dance and Exercise Association (IDEA) or the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) is considered essential.

"After an initial interview where we go over past medical history and any past or present injuries, we start out with a light workout and then see how the client feels before starting the next session," said LaLonde, an IDEA member.

"It's important to retest or you might have someone getting hurt. We also set realistic goals for our clients and let them know it usually takes two to three months before changes are seen in the body. But people will automatically feel better right away."

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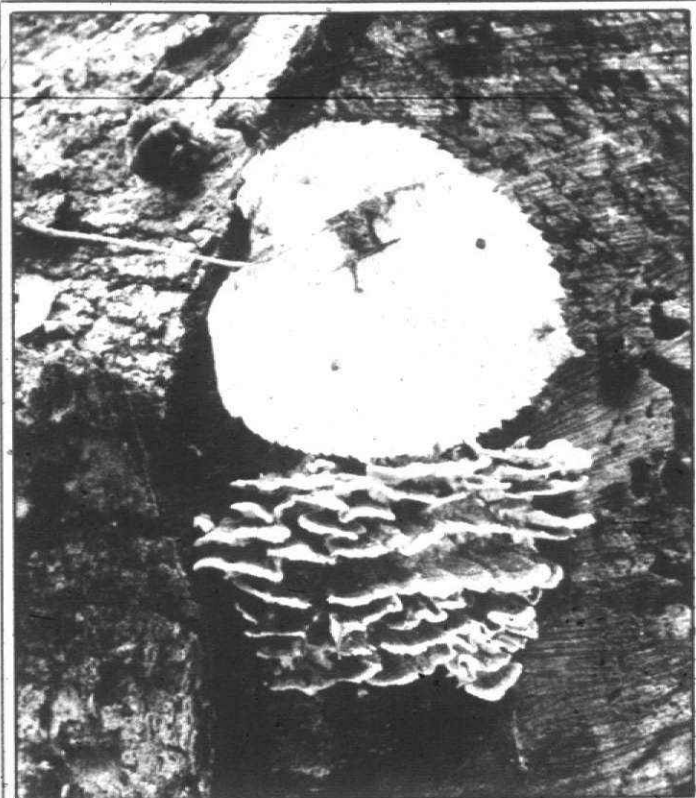
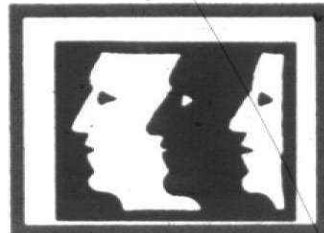
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Leaves and bracket fungi are among the many points of interest on nature walks being offered by the Friends of the Miller Woods. The nature preserve is in western Plymouth Township and is owned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Fall's glory shows in Miller Woods

By Julie Brown
staff writer

THE GLORIES of a Michigan fall aren't limited to the state's northern regions.

Those regions certainly show fall's splendor, but the beauty of nature is also easy to spot closer to home. The Miller Woods area in western Plymouth Township offers such a sampling.

The Friends of the Miller Woods are offering monthly "Explore the Woods" walks 1 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. The next walk will be 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the woods, on Powell west of Beck in Plymouth Township.

"There's always something different to learn about and people just enjoy being out there," said Emily Kemnitz, president of the Friends group. Many mushrooms were seen in the woods during the September nature walk, and participants talked about different varieties of mushrooms.

"We talk about whatever we see or whatever people ask about," said Kemnitz, a Plymouth Township resident. She and Joyce Holmes, Friends vice president, are conducting the nature walks.

EACH MONTH features a different theme, and the focus this Sunday will be on "October's Party," the color change seen in the woods. The Sunday, Nov. 10, theme will be "Those Who Go and Those Who Stay," focusing on such topics as migration, hibernation and insect survival tactics. "Winter

Weeds" will be the Sunday, Dec. 8, theme.

"A lot of the kids ask about bears, and we have to disappoint them," Kemnitz said. Bears don't live in the woods, but birds, raccoons and other small animals do make their home there.

"We haven't had deer the last couple years." As the surrounding area has become more built up, deer haven't been spotted. Even so, Friends members keep an eye out for signs of deer.

"We always check out the footprints in times of snow, see what's there," Kemnitz said.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district owns the Miller Woods land. Hard-working members of the Friends group help to maintain the site and to increase awareness of its importance.

"We want people to understand what a nature preserve is," she said. Learning about nature is rewarding for those of all ages, particularly as an area becomes more developed and fewer wooded sites remain.

"THEY'VE BECOME rather rare, so it's a valuable tool, an outdoor lab for all of us." The site's also a haven for birds and animals, although its primary benefit is as an educational tool, she said. Its relatively small size means some animals can't call it home.

The Friends of the Miller Woods also welcome new members of the organization. Membership information's available from Emily Kemnitz, 453-6912.

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Handing out Bibles on the streets of Moscow was an eye-opener for Rich Miller.

"I had reactions of all different types," said Miller, who recently traveled to the Soviet Union with a musical group. Some Soviets thanked him, while others were more hesitant.

They'd check to make sure no one was watching and would then quickly hide the Bible in a coat or newspaper. "You could tell they wanted it, but they just didn't want to be seen by whoever."

Many Soviets have lived their lives in fear of the KGB and they're not convinced things have changed all that much, he said.

Not too long ago, Miller's travels to foreign lands didn't extend beyond Canada.

Going to Montana was a big step for me," said Miller, who left for the Soviet Union Sept. 1 and returned Sept. 11.

Miller, who grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1974, traveled with the Spirit of America Choir.

The tour was sponsored in the U.S. by Youth for Christ International. A number of mission groups in the Soviet Union assisted in coordinating the gospel music festival, which involved many different musical groups.

"WHEN PEOPLE ask me about my trip, I usually say 'Well, do you have three hours?' " Miller, 35, finds it difficult to sum up his experiences in a few words. "It was very interesting, very, very interesting."

The musicians thought the attempted coup in August might make their travels impossible.

"I think God's plan was that he wanted this to come off," said Miller, who worships at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

The musicians, some of whom live in the Detroit area, performed at the Palace of Congress in the Kremlin "which was very history-making in itself." They sang outdoors at a concert in Moscow's Gorky Park.

He found a mixed reaction to the idea of religious freedom in the Soviet Union.

He and others were handing out Bibles their last day in Moscow and found those Bibles, printed in Russian, disappeared quickly. Black market Bibles are quite expensive, said Miller, a Livonia resident who works as a laboratory technician at NSF International in Ann Arbor.

Choir members spent several days in Moscow and traveled to other areas, including Leningrad. They split up into ensembles of about 12, and some sang in schools "which is something you wouldn't have in this country."

His group sang at an orphanage "which was really neat. I enjoyed that." They sang for about 20 young people. The singers had learned a few songs in Russian and taught those to the children and teenagers at the orphanage.

THE AMERICANS also sang in an

Singing a new song

Salem grad takes gospel to Moscow



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Rich Miller, who grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1974, traveled with the Spirit of America Choir last month to the Soviet Union. Miller

said he purchased the nesting dolls with the faces of Soviet political leaders on the black market.

800-year-old cathedral in Tallinn, Estonia's capital.

"A lot of the barricades were still up," said Miller, who plays the trombone with the Plymouth Community Band. He saw gigantic granite boulders in the capital's streets.

The group's guide, who was from Estonia, told them that the move toward independence in the republics had begun some time ago. Estonia had had its own currency printed up for some time, and Estonians were just waiting to put it to use.

All travel arrangements for the musicians were made through the Soviet state-owned tourist bureau — "They kind of direct you where they want you to go. I guess we saw the better side of Russia, the better side of the Soviet Union."

Their contact with ordinary Soviet citizens was somewhat limited, but the singers did get to speak to people following concerts.

Many students and some professionals speak English, Miller said,

although older people generally don't. His knowledge of the Russian language is limited to such basic words as hi, goodbye, please, thank you, yes and no.

THE VISITORS went to a flea market in Moscow, which "made me stop and think for a while because it seems too much like free enterprise." He saw a variety of handcrafted items at the market.

Miller brought home souvenirs, including a Boris Yeltsin T-shirt he bought from a street vendor in Leningrad. He and the others saw the Moscow Circus and did some sightseeing.

It was harvest time when they were in the Soviet Union, "so food was fairly plentiful. In the winter, it's going to be very tough."

He saw long lines at the service station and the bakery. "Bread," he said, "seems to be a big thing in the Soviet Union and it's very good, as a matter of fact."

Lines were also long at the state-

operated liquor store, where Soviets get their supply of rationed vodka.

Miller, who earned a bachelor's degree in natural resources from Michigan State University, studied some Russian history in college — "History is an avocation of mine." He does historic re-enactments in the summer, focusing mostly on the American Revolution.

HED' LIKE to return to the Soviet Union. One of the most striking things he noticed during his visit was that few people on the streets smiled.

"You don't see people laughing or smiling."

He visited a small store in Moscow and saw how limited the choice of merchandise was. "It's not like going to Meijer's."

He thinks about that now when he goes shopping, and wonders how Soviets would react to seeing such a large store.

"They wouldn't know what to think," he said.



Skylark, a folk/acoustic trio featuring (from left) Tom Wall, Anne Jackson and Betsy Beckerman, joins the lineup of musicians in a local

series offered by The Friends of the Canton Public Library.

String, jazz, folk music on tap at Canton library

Music-lovers looking for something to do Friday evenings don't have to travel far. The Friends of the Canton Public Library have planned a musical series with the first concert set for Friday, Oct. 25.

"So often, people want a little something. They want to start off their weekend in a pleasant manner," said Marcia Barker, Friends volunteer coordinator at the library in Canton.

Often, those who have been working all day are looking for something to do, but don't necessarily want to go out dancing until 2 a.m. The concerts will provide a relaxing, enjoyable option, said Barker, a Canton resident.

"The Friends thought it was another way to reach out to the community. It's just another way of reaching all the people in the community." Other area libraries have held concerts and those have been

well-received, she said.

THE MUSICAL series in Canton will feature

• 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, The Anderson Quartet, a string group.

• 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 1992, The Dennis Tini Quartet, a jazz ensemble.

• 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, 1992, Skylark, a folk/acoustic trio.

All performances will be in the meeting room of the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill. Refreshments will be served.

Ticket price is \$5 per concert or \$12 for the series, and tickets are available at the library reception desk. A drawing will be noon Friday, Oct. 11, at the library. Two winners will be chosen to receive free series tickets.

Friends of the Canton Public Library members, who are already planning next year's concert series, tried to include a variety of musical styles, Barker said.

"We're real excited about being able to bring in different flavors of music."

The library's closed Friday evenings, meaning concert-goers and musicians won't have to worry about disturbing patrons who are trying to read or do research.

"So we'll have the building all to ourselves, and it'll be nice." The library's being closed Friday evenings also means there won't be any parking problems for concert-goers, Barker said.

For more information, call the Canton Public Library, 397-0999.

Library should be first stop when building a birdhouse

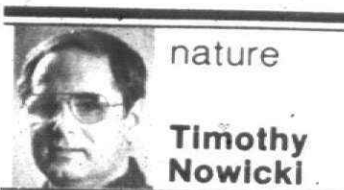
One of the first things I remember making with my dad when I was a young man was a bird house. We drew some plans on paper, collected the wood, measured the pieces, he showed me how to saw a straight line, pound nails and mount it in the yard. I was very proud of that house, and even to this day, somewhere in our family album is a picture of that bird house.

It seems like it's almost second nature for a young person to build a shelter for an animal. Not only does it develop skills, but it instills an awareness of other animals and their needs.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is already gearing up for next year's Bird House Building Contest. Teachers from schools in the O&E readership area came to a workshop the other day to learn more about the contest.

There were teachers talking to other teachers about the benefits of including this competition in their regular curriculum. They mentioned how it gave the students a purpose and goal. It gave students a sense of self-esteem to complete the bird house, have it entered in the competition, receive a certificate for entering the competition, and to see it on display at the Builders Home and Flower Show at Cobo Hall.

BUILDING a good bird house does



nature
Timothy Nowicki
not start in the shop though, it starts in the library. In order to build a proper house, one should know the habits, habitats and requirements of the prospective tenant. There are certain size requirements that need to be addressed, such as hole size, floor size, height of the hole above the floor, and other specifications. If the house is to be customized, it should be done without detriment to the bird using it. Learning about the habits of the bird will allow the student to make suitable modifications.

Then once the research has been completed, sketches have to be made. Putting down ideas on paper and changing them as the design evolves is a learning experience in and of itself. Finally, getting into the shop to layout, cutout and construct the house allows a student to manipulate tools and material to make the final product. Realization of a concrete object from a mental conception is a very rewarding feeling.

No matter what the final outcome, experiencing the process and committing to construct a house makes



Jennifer Henson of Redford Township won a blue ribbon for her wood duck house in this year's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Bird House Building Contest.

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ART EXHIBITION & SALE

For the sixth consecutive year, The Community House is hosting a juried art exhibition and sale featuring over 150 Michigan artists and their creative interpretations of "OUR TOWN." THE OUR TOWN ART EXHIBITION & SALE opens Wednesday, October 16, 1991, with a Gala Preview evening. Four exciting days of speakers, programs and awards have been planned to benefit The Community House. Show will be juried by William A. Bostick.

arts will speak on "Creativity In Business: How To Recognize It And Deal With It." An optional tour of the OUR TOWN Exhibit will follow. \$5.00.

Lunch With Patricia Hill Burnett Thursday, October 17th, 12:00 p.m. Internationally acclaimed portrait artist will present slides of her work and speak on "Painting The Famous And Infamous." Luncheon and optional tour of OUR TOWN. \$30.00. Limited seating.

Art and Jazz II Friday, October 18th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Hor d'oeuvres, cash bar, drawing and musician Randall Fruehauf. View the exhibition. All art on sale.

Gather some friends for an evening of art and fun. \$12.00 advance ticket, \$17.00 at the door.

Children's Workshop Saturday, October 19th, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Local teachers, Sally Jones, Sue Babb and Bev Dinsmore will conduct a creative mask-making session for children ages 9 through 12. \$5.00, all supplies included. Limited to 25 students.

Artists' Reception and Awards Ceremony Sunday, October 20th, 4:30 p.m. \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded to the artists. No charge.

To register for any of these events, call the Community House at 644-5832.

Professional Women's Breakfast Thursday, October 17th, 7:30 a.m., William Bostick, nationally recognized artist, instructor, author and advocate of the

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Tail Waggers Bowl, a nine-pin tournament to benefit the Michigan Humane Society, will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The event is open to bowlers and non-bowlers in all age groups. Grand prizes are available for those who collect the most money in donations or pledges-per-pin in youth and adult categories. All participants are eligible to win prizes donated by 75 area merchants. Participants need not bowl to be eligible for prizes.

Sponsor sheets are available through MHS shelters at 37255 Marquette, Westland, 3600 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills and 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit. they can also be obtained by calling event coordinator Laura Zain, 261-3077.

Admission is \$10 per person including a Tail Waggers T-shirt, three games of bowling and shoe rental.

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Livonia benefit fare: music, food, sports

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Livonia Symphony Society and Laurel Park Place will present an evening to delight your senses, "Sunday, Symphony and Sports," on Oct. 27.

Show time is 6-9 p.m. in the Grand Court at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The third annual fund-raiser promises an evening to savor. Proceeds will benefit the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, now in its 18th season.

Hear the moving music of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, taste gourmet foods and baked treats, bid on first-class vacation packages worth \$4,000-\$5,000, see and meet sports celebrities Shawn Burr of the Detroit Red Wings and former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox.

"This year, we have four major sponsors: Northwest Airlines, the Livonia Marriott, Laurel Park Place and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers," said Livonia Marriott general manager Ron Shiflett, co-chair of the event with Betty Jean Awrey of Awrey Bakeries.

BESIDES MAJOR sponsors, the local business community is firmly behind the benefit, said Shiflett, a Livonia Symphony Society board member. Restaurants are supporting the event by providing an array of foods.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun for everybody to get together and support the symphony," Shiflett said.

'I think this is a first in the area with businesses pulling together so that all of the money goes to the symphony.'

— conductor Francesco DiBlasi
Livonia Symphony

Restaurants, bakeries and businesses contributing taste-bud teasers include Akasaka Japanese Restaurant; Ernesto's of Plymouth; Sabatini's Food & Spirits; Embassy Suites; Rock Montana's Ramada; Laurel Manor; Heritage Bakery; Gordon Food Service; Frenchie's Catering, Cafe and Croissanterie; Livonia Italian Bakery & Cafe; Elite Sweets; Sweet Dreams; Holiday Inn Livonia West; Roma's of Livonia; Ground Round Restaurant; D. Dennison's of Livonia; Leo's Coney Island; Little Caesar's; The Coffee Beanery; Y Not Yogurt; Marriott Courtyard; Marriott Hotel; and Olga's Kitchen.

A silent auction will offer resort vacations with a choice of destinations, courtesy of Northwest Airlines and Marriott Hotels.

FOR THE third year, Laurel Park Place will provide the setting for the fund-raiser.

"As a new member of the community, we feel we want to support the community and we feel the symphony is a big part of the community," said Michael Buescher, marketing director for Laurel Park Place, a Schostak Brothers venture.

"We're coordinating the restaurants, trying to ensure there's a variety of foods. Ann Taylor is going to do a holiday fashion show in the store. For the silent auction, the Detroit Pistons have donated 10 autographed basketballs," Buescher said.

"But far above all that, the symphony performance is the highlight of the evening."

Light classical and popular music selections will include Camelot, Deep Purple, Finlandia and excerpts from the "King and I" and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

GUEST SOPRANO Nancy Delewsy Villeneuve will perform a medley of songs from Oklahoma and Twentiana.

The Livonia resident's singing credits include Michigan Opera Theatre productions of "La Traviata," "I Pagliacci," "Madame Butterfly," "The Magic Flute" and "Carmen." She appeared in August with the Livonia Symphony at "Music Under the Stars."

Guest conductor Ernie Jones will lead the orchestra in performing selections of "Blue Danube" and Big 10 marches.

"A new arrangement hot off the presses features a medley of Duke Ellington's songs," conductor Francesco DiBlasi said.

DiBlasi thanks businesses in the community for contributing all the elements necessary to make the fund-raiser a success. "I think this is a first in the area, with businesses pulling together so that all of the money goes to the symphony."

IN VIEW of the current economic situation, many members on the board of the Livonia Symphony Society say the fate of the symphony rests on major fund-raisers like the annual benefit at Laurel Park Place.

"It's important to support the symphony. With the loss of the grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts, it's going to be hard to raise funds for the operating budget," board member Lee Alankas said.

Alankas asks that all members of the community support the symphony by attending the fund-raiser.

"I think everybody can enjoy a relaxing, nice evening. It's going to be delightful and you'll be supporting the Livonia Symphony," Shiflett said.

"Sunday, Symphony and Sports" tickets bought by Oct. 14 are \$20; afterward they are \$25. Tickets are at the Livonia Marriott and the Laurel Park Place offices within the mall. Call 462-1100.

Superstar tenor

Luciano Pavarotti (left) and David DiChiera speak at a press conference before the internationally known tenor's last local visit in 1988. Pavarotti will make his second appearance at Joe Louis Arena Sunday by special arrangement with the Michigan Opera Theatre. DiChiera, MOT general director, said the famous tenor's performances attract even fans who normally do not attend opera.



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On stage Local opera booster hosting Pavarotti

By William Coutant
staff writer

WHEN SUPERSTAR Luciano Pavarotti performs at Joe Louis Arena Sunday, it will have a lot to do with the vision and determination of Michigan Opera Theatre founder David DiChiera.

And there are parallels between the famous tenor from Modena, Italy, and DiChiera, a longtime Birmingham resident.

Both have excelled in their careers by using their talents and personal charisma. And like Pavarotti, DiChiera's success has not

been overnight.

DiChiera, who came to teach music at Oakland University in Rochester Hills in 1962, can remember a time when staging a major production was only a dream. Although the Detroit area boasted a great symphony, the lack of an opera company was something of a shock.

"I was fairly surprised to find that Detroit had no opera company and no music hall," DiChiera said.

NOW IN its 21st year, the Michigan Opera Theatre is among the top companies in the country for its size, staging six productions a

year, more than longer-established companies in Philadelphia, Seattle, Miami and Cincinnati.

With plans to move into a permanent hall, the historic Grand Circus Theatre undergoing restoration in downtown Detroit, in fall 1994, MOT will be able to stage even larger productions.

After graduating from UCLA, DiChiera, a Los Angeles native, studied opera history in Italy before embarking on a varied music career that includes coaching, conducting, teaching and, for the past 21 years, directing MOT.

The company started as a "grass-roots"

venture. Starting with three productions in 1971-72, MOT prospered under DiChiera's direction. This year, Pavarotti will start the season Sunday, Oct. 13, at Joe Louis Arena, followed by the first MOT performance of "Candide" in November, in honor of its creator, the late Leonard Bernstein.

ALTHOUGH PAVAROTTI had been to Detroit while touring with the Metropolitan Opera, he had not performed here solo.

"We had met at presentations and various celebrations when I was president of Opera

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Plymouth Symphony to feature piano duo

Schedule preview, 2D

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra opens its 46th season with "Piano Brilliante," a celebration of the magical music of Mozart Friday, Oct. 11.

Concert time is 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Guest artists Ralph and Albertine Votapek will perform Mozart's 10th concerto, "Concerto in E-flat, K. 365" for two pianos and orchestra.

The initial concert begins with Mozart's Overture to the opera, "The Impresario." It is followed by his four-handed concerto written for his sister, Maria Anna, whom he lovingly called Nannerl. The program closes with "Symphony No. 2" by Johannes Brahms.

The Plymouth Symphony decided to open the 1991-92 season with a concert to celebrate Mozart's music because this year commemorates the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death in 1791 at age 35.

"It's wonderful music and a nice way to start the season. It's just an appropriate time to play Mozart. He

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Albertine, Ralph Votapek guest artists

'The Storyteller' fittingly salutes American Indians

WHAT A joy it was to see the completed version of Canton sculptor Joe DeLauro's long-awaited "The Storyteller," unveiled Sept. 19.

The Canton Community Arts Council commissioned the 26-inch-high bronze sculpture for the culturally diverse township 18 months ago.

The work is dedicated to the American Indian — "people of the earth" who "had great imaginations," as DeLauro put it.

"As Indians used a storyteller as well as art to communicate within tribes," said DeLauro, especially impressed by the Aztecs and the Mayans.

A nationally renowned sculptor who's a spy 75, DeLauro said he "always felt Indians should be honored."

"I always felt they had a lot of wisdom that we had ignored. For ex-

'Indians used a storyteller as well as art to communicate within tribes.'

— sculptor Joe DeLauro

ample, they had the idea of ecology long before we did. They had respect for the earth and all it produces."

Despite a national reputation, fine arts degrees from Yale University and the University of Iowa, 50 years of sculpting experience and 100 commissions to his credit, DeLauro leaped at the chance to salute Canton — home to be and his wife, Dorothy, for 24 years.

"I hope I'm doing something lasting for the community," said DeLauro.



Bob Sklar

ro, Canton Community Arts Council founding president and a man who believes "art should bring people closer together."

BEFORE MOVING to its permanent home in the Canton Public Library this fall, "The Storyteller" will tour Plymouth-Canton elementary schools with DeLauro in tow. "I'm really looking forward to that. Kids are enthusiastic about life and very honest in their questions."

At the library, "The Storyteller" will sit in the quiet reading lounge by the fireplace, an area that sports a Southwest feel.

"The sculpture is significant in that storytelling is what we're about here," said Jean Tabor, library director. "It should be a real inspiration for adults and children alike."

"The Storyteller" no doubt will complement the library's growing collection of books on Native American culture.

DeLauro sees the library as a fitting home for "The Storyteller." He was first introduced to a library as a youngster through a storytelling session. And he has long been an avid library user.

DeLauro is an honorary member of the Michigan Society of Architects, founder of the University of

Windsor fine arts department and a former art professor at Marygrove College and the University of Detroit.

He works from a home studio in a variety of media: marble, limestone, bronze, aluminum.

ALTHOUGH HE once exhibited in the Del Fiorino show in Florence and taught in Rome, the New England native prefers commissions to exhibitions.

His commissions are displayed in Italy and Ecuador as well as the United States.

Locally, "Dancing Girl," depicting graceful movement, brightens the Detroit Public Library. "Creation, According to the Myth of the Iroquois and Wyandotte Indians" adorns the fountain at the Hiram Walker Distillery in Windsor. Several churches boast his work.

His biggest work? "Collavino," a 37-foot-high concrete column outside a Windsor concrete company.

While a fine arts professor at the University of Windsor during the '60s and '70s, DeLauro was commissioned to do a bronze bust portrait of Paul Martin, Canada's ambassador to England.

His most-recent exhibit, "Ode to a Square," runs through October at the Southfield Civic Center. Part of Michigan Outdoor Sculpture III, the aluminum unit design is based on a square from which springs a variety of designs.

Talk to Joe even for just a few minutes and it readily becomes clear his creative thirst is a long way from being quenched. "Doing my own thing is what I like most."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.

creative impressions

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VAAL MEETS

Artwork for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's upcoming show at Livonia City Hall will be judged at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 in Room 24 of the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Road, Livonia.

David Sharp will do the judging. VAAL members will meet at 7 p.m. The free art show, including oils, watercolors and mixed media, will run Nov. 1-22.

BOOK SIGNING

Plymouth Township author John Vranak will sign copies of his new

book, "The Polish Trivia Book," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at B. Dalton Bookseller, Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt & Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call 522-0840.

FLOWER SHOW

The 31st annual Chrysanthemum Show of the Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will be held in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile, 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 12-13.

The show theme is "Melody of Music." Floral arrangers will interpret the theme with artistic arrangements featuring chrysanthemums. There is no admission charge.

INDONESIAN ART

The arts of Indonesia will be discussed in Cranbrook P.M.'s art ap-

preciation series, 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 14 and 21.

For more information and to register, call 465-3635.

Hope Palmer, professor of art at Henry Ford Community College and adjunct art historian at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will discuss the images in art that serve as an introduction to the culture of the Indonesian archipelago.

The Central Javanese temples of Borobudur and Prambanan, narrative reliefs and fine sculpture created between the eighth and 15th centuries will be presented.

Dirk Bakker, chief photographer at the DIA, will provide on-site photographs of the temples as well as art and artifacts of Indonesia.

NEW PIPE ORGAN

Church organist Mark Brampton

Smith will play the dedicatory recital on the Zimmer pipe organ at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

The three-manual, 35-rank organ was installed in May. For tickets, call the church, 453-5280. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert.

Three works by Bach, selections from Jean Langlais' Suite Breve, a 1990 composition by William Mathias and an extended virtuoso piece, Fantasy and Fugue on the Choral by Liszt, will be presented.

Smith studied at the Eastman School of Music, where he earned a bachelor's degree in organ performance. He earned a master's of music degree from the University of Michigan. He also is organist at Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor as well as

accompanist for the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers and the Boychoir of Ann Arbor.

This is the first in a series of four concerts performed on the new organ. Dave Wagner, WQRS radio program director, will perform in January. Frederick Swann, organist at Crystal Cathedral in California, will perform in March. In October 1992, Smith will again perform.

That annual special section comes out on Thanksgiving Day.

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PHOTO SEMINAR

The Photo Guild of Detroit hosts a seminar "Mountain Light" by world-renowned landscape photographer Galen Rowell at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the EMI Management Education Center.

Rowell is known for his evocative photography of the outdoors, especially mountain landscapes.

The seminar will feature the photographic principles and techniques documented in his book, "Mountain Light: In Search of the Dynamic Landscape" (Sierra Club Books).

Seminar fee is \$50. Pre-registration is a must. Call William Buchanan, 371-5486.

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.

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DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Friday, Oct. 11 - Salon des Refuses, an exhibit of 1990-91 MCA grant semireceptions, runs to Nov. 8. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. Gallery hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1452 Randolph, Detroit, 577-2450.

DETROIT FOCUS GALLERY

Saturday, Oct. 12 - Opening reception of "Flowers Revisited," exhibit featuring works by Glynis Sweeney, Jeff Blomster, Tom Humes, Jeff Covino, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Exhibit runs to Nov. 9, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit, 962-9025.

GALLERIE 454

Thursday, Oct. 17 - Landscapes by Jamie Young, representative of the new breed of American impressionists, will be exhibited to Nov. 16. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Oct. 17. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 176 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 646-4454.

CLARE SPITLER WORKS OF ART

Sunday, Oct. 20 - "Through the Lens: Three Views," a show of teapots, continues to Oct. 25. The teapots selected for the show explore a full range of esthetic and intellectual perspectives. Many are works of art, while others are merely clever novelties. Still others evoke images of community and political observations. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ARIANA GALLERY

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SISSON GALLERY

"Abstractions," new work by James Pujowski, Stephanie Saris and Mary Clark, continues through Oct. 11. Hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SOUTHWEST PAVILION

Oakland County Sculpture III continues through October. Louis G. Redstone and Michael Curtis head the committee that invited 19 Michigan sculptors to show their work in this outstanding setting. It's a great opportunity to see the work of these artists. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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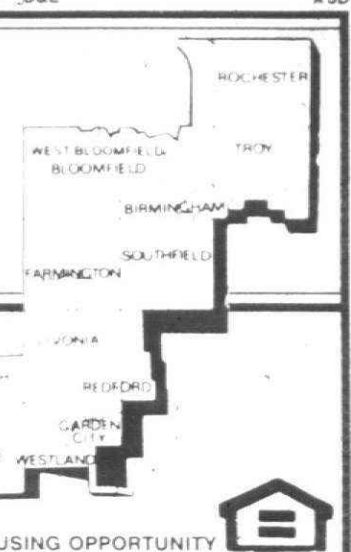
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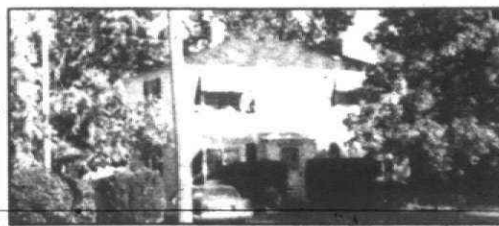
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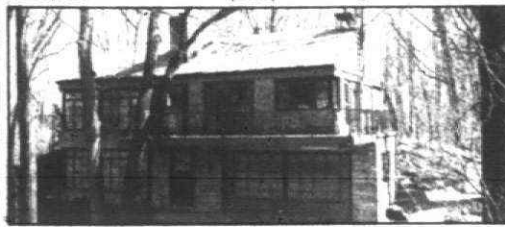
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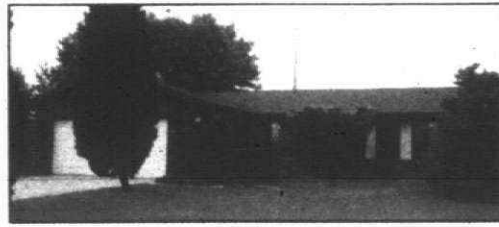
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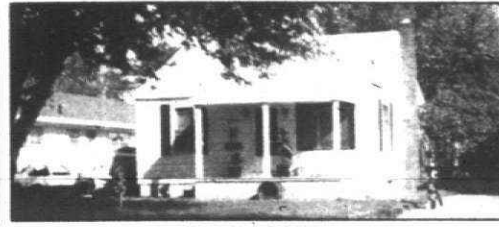
NOVI

2200 SQ. FT. HOME. Huge family room with gas fireplace, newer carpeting, dining area with deck overlooking wooded area - very private yard. Four large bedrooms, 2 baths, attached 2 car garage.
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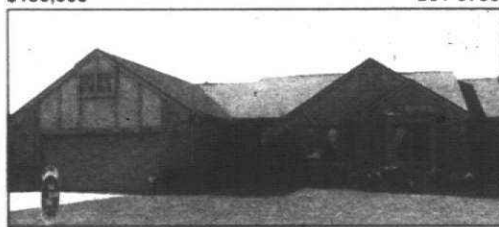
PLYMOUTH

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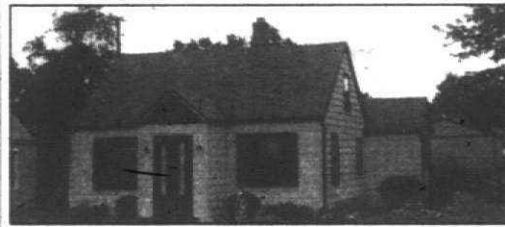
NORTHVILLE

SQUEAKY CLEAN - In-town charmer. Mere blocks to the Cider Mill, schools, downtown Northville. Classic front porch. Large family room, basement, garage. Must see!!
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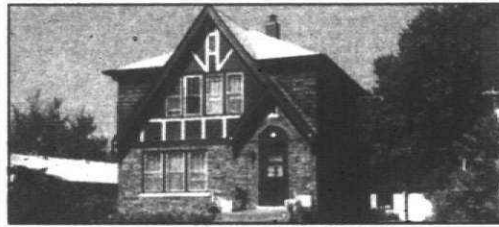
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ALL THE BEAUTY OF PERFECTION. Spacious 4 bedroom Canton Quad, quality designed. Has brick ceramic tile in large open foyer, fireplace in front room, lovely bay window in living room. Extra wide driveway.
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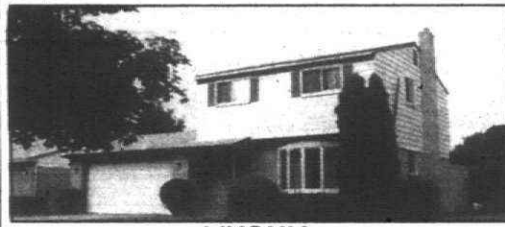
WESTLAND

BRAND NEW RANCH. Pick your own colors, and some options. Features 3 bedrooms, Great Room with ceiling fan, Merillat cabinets, air conditioning, 90+ furnace, prep for bath in basement.
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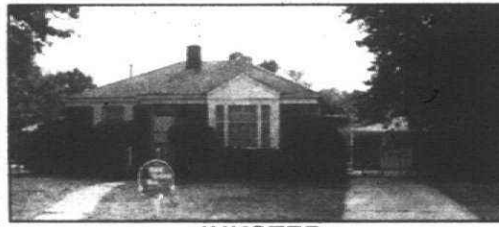
CANTON

ROOM FOR HOLIDAYS. 4 bedroom Canton Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Large enclosed hot tub room. Family room with fireplace and bar for entertaining. 3 car garage for that boat.
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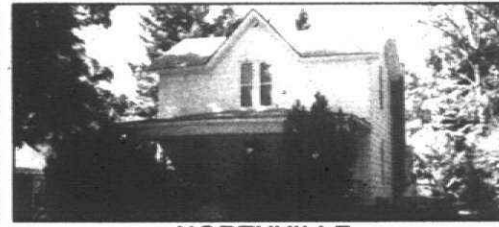
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CAREFREE LIFESTYLE Beautiful up-dated Colonial with all-new bathroom, newer carpet all through house, all newer windows, extra insulation, new garage door with opener. Home has many extras.
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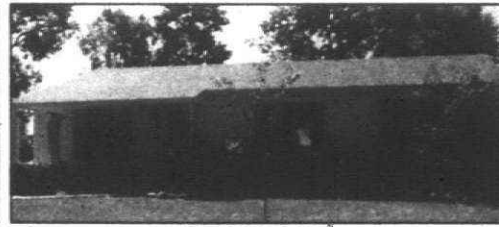
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QUALITY & CHARM ABIDE in this Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, custom fireplace, hardwood floors, formal dining room, new hot water heater, Andersen windows, and roof. Newer central air and Karastan carpet.
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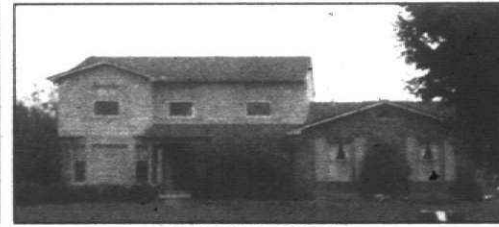
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THE SUMMER'S WIND Catch it before it's gone! Four bedroom home with private Master Suite. Updates throughout home with closet space to spare! Livonia schools and reduced to beat competition!
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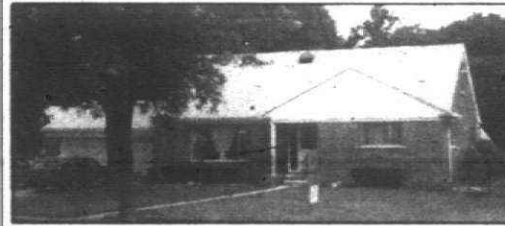
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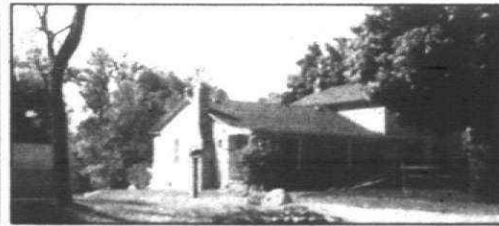
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PRETTY CAPE COD. Custom built, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, ceiling to floor windows, brick wall fireplace in living room and family room. Hardwood pegged floors. Furnace (85), air (86), roof (83). Lots of trees.
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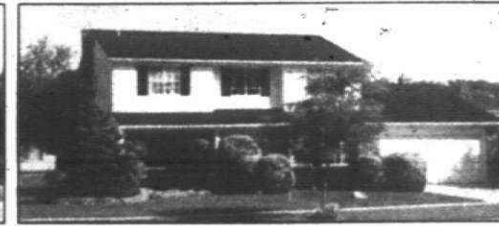
CANTON

HISTORIC COUNTRY FARMHOUSE on 2-plus acres with 3 1/2 car garage, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 fireplaces, leaded glass windows and doors. Wrap-around porch and deck. First floor laundry, pole barn.
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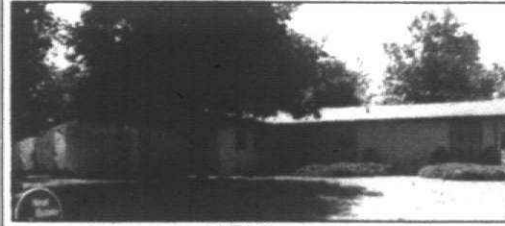
CANTON

COUNTRY SETTING. Aluminum Canton ranch nestled on almost an acre. A well maintained 2 bedroom home with central air plus 2 1/2 car garage.
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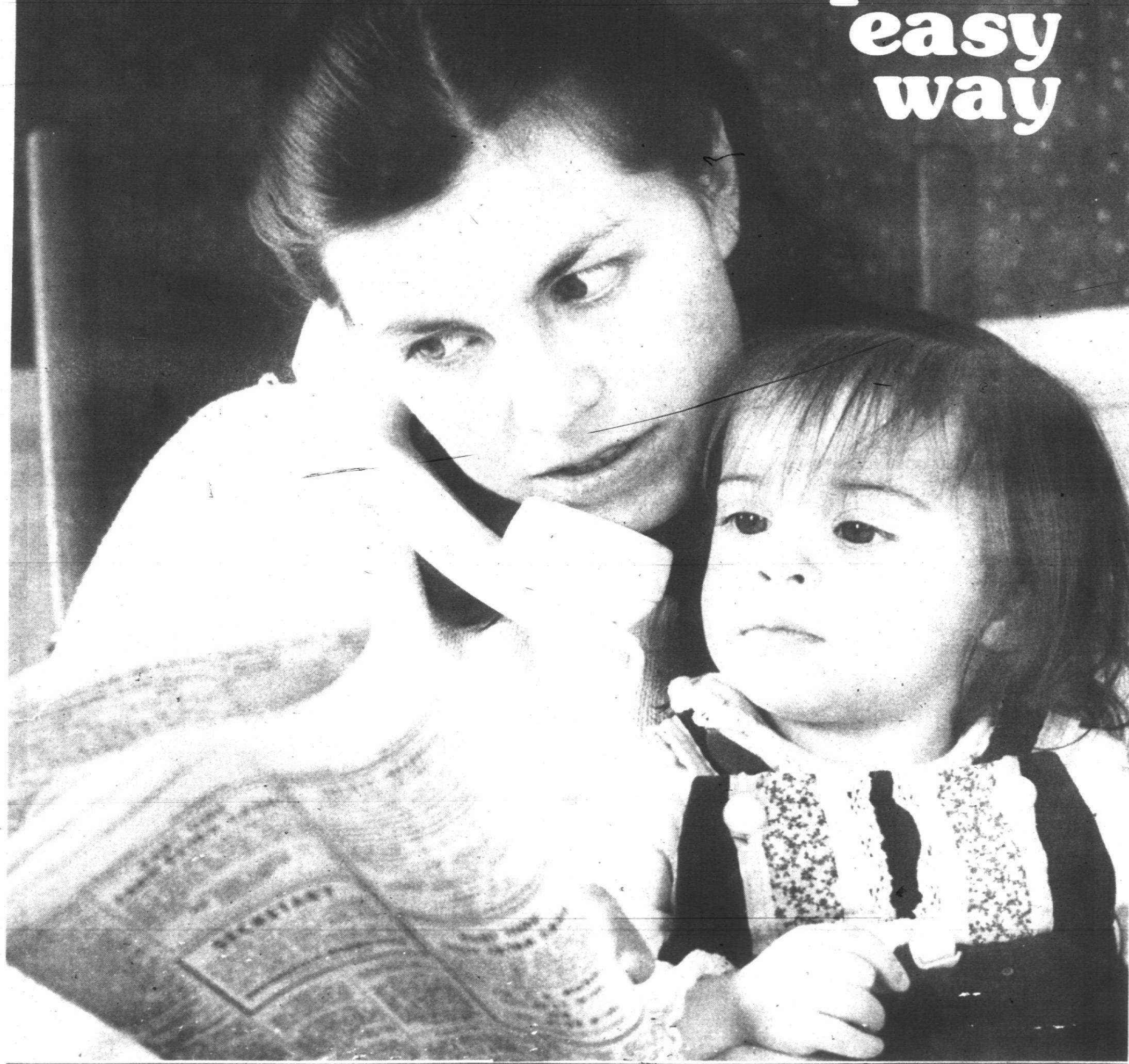
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Opinions vary on open houses

By Doug Funk
Staff Writer

Open houses mean different things to different people.

Sellers seem to think they're a good marketing tool.

Agents, who can make contacts for future business at open houses, say they'll work them to please sellers but find that many more sales result from appointments and private showings.

Many prospective buyers use them to get a feel for a particular market. And, then, lookers sometimes become buyers.

"I find open houses to be very effective because they (lookers) get inside and then emotionally become buyers," said Mike Leighton, an agent for Real Estate One in Livonia.

"The open houses I have sold people had been looking, they were knowledgeable about what they were looking for and they had searched the area," he added.

But Leighton admitted that only about 20 percent of his sales result from open houses.

"I WILL DO it if a seller requests, but frankly I've never had a lot of success," said Mitzie M. Phillips, who recently was selected Realtor/Associate of the Year by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors.

"I don't know why," she said. "Perhaps people are out looking, they're not committed, they're perusing the market."

"An open house gives a house a lot of exposure," added Phillips, who works for Max Brook in Bloomfield Hills. "People driving and looking

definitely will peruse for signs.

"Open houses are probably better in a really strong market rather than slack," she said. "In strong market times, people are really aggressively looking and ready to buy."

Why do people go to open houses?

"You don't want a hard sell, do you?" said Susan Lozano, who also works at Max Brook. "You're able to come in, tour the house, get comfortable."

Lozano suspects that houses at the lower end of the spectrum would sell better at open houses than those at the higher end.

"A LOT OF people who go through open houses have no idea what the price range is," she said. "They just think the outside looks pretty. Under \$100,000, people in that range can definitely tell, 'This is

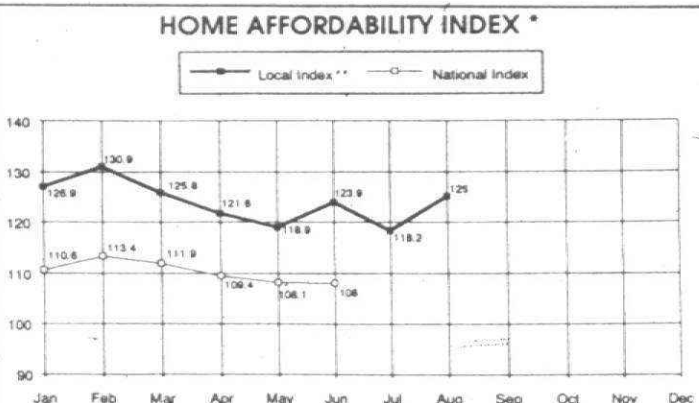
my neighborhood.'"

Going to open houses is a good way for first-time buyers, people new to an area and people who haven't bought or sold for a while to get a handle on what's happening before they get serious about shopping.

"I think the most effective time for an open house is shortly after it's listed, then maybe two or three weeks later," Leighton said. "At the very beginning, this takes care of neighborhood traffic. It's a preview for friends, family and neighbors who may know of someone who wants to buy."

An agent hosting an open house has the opportunity to meet all kinds of potential customers.

"If they're not interested in or can't afford that particular house, you're in a position to advise them on something else," Leighton said.



Affordability index remains favorable

Metropolitan Detroit continues to offer more affordable housing than other major metropolitan areas.

Metro MLS, the state's largest multiple real estate listing service, puts the area's housing affordability index at 125 percent. This means that a household with a median annual income of \$33,380 has 25 percent more income than needed to buy an existing house at the August median price of \$84,500.

Half the homes on the market sell for more than the median price, half for less.

"Based on lending requirements of the First National Mortgage As-

sociation, a household with an annual income of \$26,713 would have qualified for purchase of an August median priced home in the area we cover," said Allen C. King, Metro MLS president.

Following a formula developed by the National Association of Realtors, the local housing affordability index is based on a 20 percent down payment with a 30-year mortgage based on today's rates, even though many homes are bought with lesser down payments.

Metro MLS listings encompass a 1,600-square-mile area in northwest Detroit and major portions of Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

Seek court solution to parking problem

What is the best way to deal with illegally parked vehicles that are owned by residents of the condominium?

Normally condominium documents give the association a wide variety of remedies including the towing of vehicles as well as seeking legal redress in the courts. While towing away of vehicles may appear to be the most expedient and effective in certain situations, there is no guarantee that the person will not bring the car back again or that he may not sue the association for

wrong repossession or damages incurred as a result of the improper towing.

The preferable remedy, although admittedly more expensive, is to seek court intervention, assuming that you have attempted to seek redress through various administrative remedies at the condominium: giving notice, posting a sticker on the vehicle regarding pending legal action, and giving adequate notice of the intent of the association to deal with the problem.

Assuming that these measures have been taken, it would appear



condo queries

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that seeking an injunctive order requiring the owner to comply with the restrictions is the most effective remedy because the court retains the right to hold the defaulting co-owner in contempt of court for failure to

honor his obligations under the condominium documents.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics you would like to see discussed in this column by writing Robert M. Meisner at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Birmingham Farms 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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SITTER to watch 2 1/2 year old. Mon. Wed. & Fri. 8am-2pm. In Nursery at my place of employment. Downtown Farmington area. 473-7204

BABYSITTER for 3 1/2 yrs. & 20 month old girls. Prefer in our Redford home. Flexible schedule 2-4 days per week. 535-5252

BABYSITTER/LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING 2-3 days, own transportation, references required, good pay. Evenings after 6pm. 855-3337

BABY SITTER - loving person to care for 16 month old in your home or mine. 3 days a week. Rochester Hills. 465-8542

BABYSITTER needed part time in my home. 3 and 5 year old. Wed. and Thurs. 3pm-7pm. \$4.50 per hour. Call. 349-4538

BABYSITTER NEEDED for 5 month old girl. 2 yr. old. Tues. thru Fri. 3:30 to 6pm. Rochester Hills. Oak Hill Apartments. 652-0508

BABYSITTER NEEDED in my home 3 days per week, December to June for newborn & 6 yr old boy. 160-0120

BABYSITTER needed Mon. thru Fri. 8-4:30pm. Livonia area. Must have own transportation and references. Days 589-5650 Even. 425-7005

BABYSITTER NEEDED For 2 children 10 & 12 years old. 2 1/2 days per week. 8am-5pm each day. 644-8561

BABY SITTER needed in my West Bloomfield home. High school or college grad. Varied evening hours. Weekends. Good pay. 855-6438

BABYSITTER WANTED - Outside of your home. Flexible hours. \$5/hr. Minimum 2 yrs. experience. References. 644-8561

BABYSITTER WANTED - 3 boys under 7. For weekend evenings. Non-smoker. Own transportation. References. 855-4545

BABYSITTER wanted in my home. Tues & Thurs. 8:30-4:30pm for 9 month old. Walled Lake area. References required. 624-1214

BABYSITTER with references, mature, to take care of 9 month old twins. 7:30-5:30 in my Oak Park home. After 5pm. 545-3018

CRISPING ENERGETIC person for children, 1 morning per week. Great for (early education) college student. references. 625-6154

CHILD CARE - for 3 school age children. 2-5:30pm. 1313-3344

CHILD CARE - Loving, responsible person to care for infant. Mon-Fri. our Farmington Hills home. Long term. References. 473-1424

CHILD CARE person needed for 10 month old. In our Farmington Hills home. 30 hrs a week. Light housekeeping. References. 473-1424

CHILD CARE 30-40 hrs per week to care for newborn. In our Farmington Hills home. References required. 855-5733

CLEAN HOMES Mon-Fri. 8:30-3pm. Own car. \$5-57 hr. Nice work. Good conditions. Apply Tues. & Wed. 9:30am-11:30am. Parkville Plaza. 32340 Five Mile. 464-1111

DEPENDABLE, RESPONSIBLE, loving person to care for 2 children in our W. Bloomfield home. Reliable transportation & references required. 851-1196

GRANDMOTHER needs live in care. 3 days a week. Weekends included. \$150. References required. 546-9566

GROSSE POINTE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY 855-4576

80 YEARS RELIABLE SERVICE Needs experienced Cooks, Nannies, Housekeepers, Gardeners, Butlers, Couples, Nurse Aides, Companions and Day Workers for private homes. 18514 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms. 473-4532

HOUSEKEEPING/BABYSITTER Live in needed for loving Birmingham family to help care for children & home. References required. Please call between 8:30 & 5pm. ask for Jan. 647-7900

HOUSEKEEPER/COMPANION for gentlewoman. 40 hrs. 12 yr. live-in. Must be able to drive & non-smoker. Rate or salary is negotiable. Send resume to: P.O. Box 959, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. 473-1424

HOUSEKEEPER - Daily dinner preparation for family of 4 to include planning & shopping. Weekly light housekeeping to include laundry & ironing. Must have own transportation. Plymouth area. 451-7917

HOUSEKEEPER for Grandma, live in, winter in Florida, older woman. Excellent dance music our specialty. Reasonable Rates. Bryan, 473-6470

HOUSEKEEPER - Foreign Born. Live-in. One 7 year old daughter. Bloomfield Hills. Non-smoker. Please message. 551-4841

HOUSEKEEPER/NANNY Live in. Non-smoker. Beautiful home. Great 5 yr. old. Car required. Bloomfield Hills. MI 48303. Call 626-3103

HOUSEKEEPER - 1 morning per week, 4-5 hours. \$6 per hour. Call evenings. 462-2313

LIVE-IN - Companion/Housekeeper to assist handicapped woman. Mature, must drive, have references. Leave message. 661-6300

LIVE-IN NANNY desired by Troy couple with 3 girls. Salary competitive. Call 348-5540

LIVE-IN to care for female MS patient. Room & board plus \$100/week. References. 453-0130

LOOKING for energetic, caring woman for child care. 4 days (flexible) in my Farmington Hills home. 681-9753

LOVING CAREGIVER to provide on-to-school care for my 12 yr. old sons. 8:15-8:15am Mon. thru Fri. in my Canton home. \$45 per week. Own transportation. 458-9478

MALE OR FEMALE Nurse Aide. Housekeeper, hourly or live in. For elderly incapacitated patient in Farmington Hills. 473-8118

508 Help Wanted Domestic

HOUSE MANAGER/KEEPER, professional couple seeks mature, responsible experienced individual for total home management in Farmington Hills. Duties include: full house cleaning, laundry, shopping, misc. tasks & errands. Full time, live out position. Approximate work references mandatory. Own transportation required. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Lisa Mon. thru Fri. between 1-3pm 754-1404 or 981-4824

LOOKING for a kind, Reliable, Mature Woman to live in and care for an Elderly Artistic Woman. Approximate \$1000 per mo. Call 464-1878 or 532-4851 or 537-6240 or 981-4824

MATURE, LOVING grandma type lady needed for part time child care in our baby home. 1 day per week, a few weekend nights, possible vacation care 4 wonderful, daytime only. No. of OC/Managers. Flexible hours. Please call Joy, daytime only. 788-1617

MATURE WOMAN wanted to live in or day work with flexible hours. Must be experienced housekeeper and loving with children. W. Bloomfield area. Call. 683-2298

MOTHERLY NANNY to care for 3 school aged children. 7, 8, & 13. 8am-5pm Mon. thru Fri. Cooking, cleaning, & activities with children. Excellent salary. Shelby Call. 655-4332

MOTHER OF 2 needs after 3:30 pm. Week. 7am-3:30pm. Mon. Tues. Fri. N.W. Livonia home, serious inquiries. 476-5653

WANTED - Experienced Nanny/ Housekeeper. 8:30-3pm. Mon-Fri. in the Plymouth area. Provide loving care for 2 1/2 yr. old. Must have reliable transportation. Please provide excellent references in writing. Only persons willing long term employment need apply. Please call. 459-0438

NANNY - experienced in our Farmington Hills home. 7 mo. & 3 yrs. old. 2-5:30pm. 1313-3344

NANNY/HOUSEKEEPER live-in for 2 boys. 2 & 4. Private room. TV. Non-smoker. References. Orchard Lake. Days 584-0262 Even 681-3883

NEEDED loving babysitter in our home. 2-5:30pm. 1313-3344

NEED WOMAN with lots of TLC to care for our children. 20 & 10 & 4. Days in our Wayne home. Call after 5pm. 326-8535

SITTER needed for 6 month old in our Wayne home. 2 nights, either Thurs. or Sat. Must have own transportation. 729-0120

WORKING SINGLE mother would like full time help with my lovely children. Live-in optional. Call days. 443-2787

509 Help Wanted Couples

APARTMENT MANAGERS & CARETAKER COUPLES With maintenance background. Good salary w/benefits for right couple. See us for information. 625-5661

APARTMENT MANAGER - Refined, mature couple for a quality building in Farmington Hills. Prior experience. He must be a handyman & she must be personable & people oriented. Excellent opportunity for the right couple who want to live & work in the area best location & for a quality firm. Ideal for a retired couple who want to keep active. Call after 5pm. 645-5700

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LOVING, CARING mother wishes to babysit your little one. 1 yr. & 8 mos. only. Livonia area. Please call anytime. 474-0033

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LOVING MOTHER wishes babysitting before or after school. Some days. 13 Mile & Orchard Lake. Call anytime. 553-0297

MATURE WOMAN seeking baby sitting position. Also will do housework for additional salary if needed. Call & leave number at 788-2589

MOTHER OF TWO, ages 3 & 1 1/2 yrs. is available to care for your child full or part time, toddler, preschooler or TLC. Meals included. References upon request. Reasonable rates. Livonia Area. Debra. 421-4236

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COUPLE TO WORK - Man to cook, woman to do light housekeeping, babysitting & driving. References available. 647-4874

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Models in the Long Lake Meadows Subdivision in Troy feature the return of front porches.

Porches make mini comeback

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Many architects, builders and home buyers haven't given much respect lately to front porches.

But at least one builder here has found that customers will respond to front porches if offered as options on new houses.

John Bolland Jr., vice president for the Troy-based family company, doesn't know exactly why there's an interest, and he doesn't expect that it will become a trend.

But buyers seem to like the option on his models in the Long Lake Meadows Subdivision, Troy.

"I suppose a porch is more traditional minded and I suppose our customers are more traditional than contemporary," Bolland said. "This particular ranch (Meadowlark) is long and wide. From that standpoint, a covered porch gives it a little more warmth."

Bolland conceded that his porch evolved more from a design perspective than to serve as functional space.

But many of the porches, up to 20 feet long, on houses built by Bolland in Troy are well decorated with chairs, benches, planters and wall hangings that seems to indicate people spend time there.

Robert Stensen has lived in a Bolland model for three years.

Jones added. "People don't use it. When people come home from busy days, they want privacy, serenity, time to unwind."

"It's a question of privacy," concurred Irv Tobocman, a Birmingham architect. "The front is the non-private part of the house. Given the two choices, would you rather sit at the front or rear? Most opt for the rear."

Large porches were scaled down when smaller new houses were built in cookie-cutter fashion on small lots after World War II. But the porches were still well used. Young families, plenty of children, sidewalks, living in close proximity fostered a sense of community.

NOW WE have subdivisions — not neighborhoods — with larger houses on larger lots, sometimes no sidewalks and certainly fewer kids.

"These days, quite frankly, in many communities people six doors away don't know each other," Jones said.

Also, a sense of cocooning has developed. People seem to want to be left alone in their secluded yards or master suites after work.

Television, especially with dozens of cable options, has replaced people watching as a pastime. And who needs to sit on a porch to cool off with air conditioning?

"If we want to be outside, decks, patios and terraces have moved to the back yard," said Bob Bryce, a West Bloomfield architect. "I guess it's for privacy."

"We never asked what drives people to pick a house with a covered porch," Bolland said. "It (porch) gives us an avenue of changing the front a little bit and we find it caters to our customers so we stick with it."

RANCHES AND other architectural styles are best suited to longer porches. Styles with several peaks and roof lines aren't as amenable. "Tudors, the towering look you try to create, doesn't lend itself to a horizontal porch," Bolland said.

There are other exceptions to the general rule that people don't seem to want porches.

"We're doing a house on Maple Road with a nice entry, a little front garden so you go from the sidewalk through the garden to the door," Tobocman said. "It's possible we'll develop a front area for people to sit on a porch so they can be part of the street scene."

Bryce has a front porch on his West Bloomfield home on a site opposite a lake.

"I have a beautiful natural front yard with a stream running through. I like the feeling I get on the front porch looking at the yard. It's not necessarily a socialization thing, but a nice environment. The dogs watch the kids. It gives them something to look at."

But on balance, front yards are smaller than rear yards. You can do more exciting things, creativity, in the rear," Bryce said.

Porches of old: a 2nd living room

(AP)After years of being cut off from the outside world in centrally air-conditioned ranch homes, Americans are unclenching the screen door and catching a summer breeze from a porch swing, rocker or glider.

The front porch is a selling point for many new houses and is being restored rather than closed in or lopped off of older house and inner city rehab projects, according to Renee Kahn, co-author of "Preserving Porches" (Henry Holt and Co., \$18.95).

Kahn, a housing preservationist and director of the Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program in Stamford, Conn., says the porch, exposed to the elements, is often the first part of a house to deteriorate. But removing it is usually destructive to both the building's and the neighborhood's character.

"The condition of its porches telegraphs the state of a neighborhood better than anything I know," Kahn says. "Unattractive porches are a clue to a deteriorating neighborhood."

"If you paint and repair it regularly and keep water from accumulat-

ing, a porch will easily last 150 years or more."

Victorian porches were often enclosed during the winter with temporary panels of glass between the columns and rails and likewise screened to minimize the insect problem in summer.

BEFORE THE ADVENT of large metal screens, wood blinds, shutters, lattice work and draped fabric panels were put up to shield the porch from too much sun and insects. The use of striped canvas awnings dates back to the late 19th century. Reproductions of these old fashioned items can be purchased today.

If you have a porch in need of repair, Kahn suggests:

- Start by doing research on your own house. There are sometimes marks on the facade where parts were once attached. Most old houses were built from standard plans. Look around the neighborhood for houses of similar style that still have their porches.

- Books on old building styles are invaluable. "Preserving Porches," for example, pictures and describes

characteristic porches of each of the main architectural styles of the 19th century and early 20th centuries.

- Consult a historical society for help. Local preservation groups may have photographs of old neighborhoods and lists of craftsmen specializing in restoration.

- Look for a sympathetic contractor. "A good carpenter understands that getting the details right is essential," Kahn says.

Once the basic structure has been restored, it's time to furnish the porch.

"OLD PHOTOS show porches furnished with hammocks, wicker furniture, potted plants and even oriental rugs on the floor. Some porches had shutters or blinds to shelter you from the elements," Kahn says.

Reproductions of old wicker, rustic twig, cast iron and metal porch furniture and planters are being marketed widely, and grass or sisal rugs are readily available.

Porches didn't really get started until the 19th century.

"Occasionally," says Kahn, "they

were added to houses built prior to 1830, but mostly in the South where the climate encouraged sitting outdoors."

Though we associate the porch with small-town life, it wasn't until 19th century industrialization that it came within reach of the middle class. Hand-carved "gingerbread" trim could now be stamped out yards at a time, and cast or wrought iron, once custom-made by a blacksmith, was mass produced.

Central heating and electric lights, which were in use by the end of the 19th century, eliminated the need to keep the porch from blocking out the sun. So porches became even more like a second living room, often shaded by awnings, screens and a flower trellis or two.

"Until World War I, front porches were an architectural and social necessity," Kahn says. But they were gradually replaced by a side or back porch or dropped altogether.

In the building boom after World War II, suburban developers dispensed with exterior frills for the sake of economy.

Buyers buying, builders building

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Steadily declining interest rates plus some incentives offered by builders to break the logjam of pent-up demand apparently have sparked an uptick in the new housing market here, several builders reported.

"Low interest rates have dramatically helped the new housing market," said Bernard Gliberman, president of Crosswinds Communities in West Bloomfield. "We had a record quarter (55 sales), and this quarter will be another (70 sales)."

"These interest rates are a real opportunity for people to buy," Gliberman said. "You have two things working at the same time. You have very good prices and low interest rates."

Thirty and 15-year fixed mortgage rates now can be obtained at 8 1/2% and 8 3/4% percent, respectively. Rates were three quarters of a percentage point higher on both options as recently as July.

A 3 1/2% percent option on a 30-year \$100,000 mortgage translates to \$54 per month.

"We've had two of our best months ever," said Michael Horowitz, president of The Selective Group in Farmington Hills. "Number one, it's very aggressive pricing. Number two, we're competitive. And number three, we have a good product."

"PEOPLE SEE this as a good time to buy for value, and interest rates are icing on the cake," Horowitz said.

Selective signed slightly more than 30 sales contracts during the past two months, said Ellen Whitefield, marketing director.

"Every site sold a lot in both September and August," Whitefield said. "I think lowering of interest rates certainly had something to do with it."

Selective, which has projects going in Plymouth, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills, had been offering some extras earlier this summer to stimulate demand, but less so now, she said.

Gliberman said he's sold about 150 condominiums in Westland, with a starting price at \$76,000, in less than a year. Affordability plus the lowest mort-

gage rates in years make for a great combination, he said.

"Tremendously more people are able to buy today," Gliberman said. "The biggest thing and the whole thing is the (mortgage) payment has dropped dramatically."

Crosswinds also is now building in Farmington Hills.

LOWER INTEREST rates have led to more activity at a couple of projects involving Burton/Katzman Development of Birmingham.

"We are beginning to see sustained interest in the lower end of the market — a condo project in the low \$90s (Walled Lake) is getting a significant amount of traffic," said Lawrence Goss, executive vice president.

"In Brighton, more on the upper end at Pine Creek Ridge, we're getting a lot of interest from builders who want to buy lots on a spec basis," he said. "I attribute that to more confidence in the economy and interest rate certainly is a factor."

But traffic hasn't transcended to a dramatic jump in sales, Goss added.

A corresponding drop in rates for builder construction loans apparently doesn't have as great an impact on housing starts. Construction rates are tied to the prime interest rate financial institutions charge their most credit worthy customers or consumer mortgage rates.

"BUILDERS AREN'T in a speculative mood today," said Michael Lubig, manager of the mortgage department for Standard Federal Bank headquartered in Troy. "Everyone is taking a pretty conservative approach today."

Al Marshall, manager of business development for First Federal of Michigan, agreed.

"There's probably less speculative model loans today," he said. "Builders are still shy. They're not confident about the economy."

"It (construction loan rate) doesn't affect whether I build or not," Gliberman said. "Demand affects it."

But he conceded that lower carrying costs, worked into the price of a home, can be beneficial

to buyers. "It would be a factor," he said.

"You're not going to say, 'Interest rates are down, let's go build a few specs,'" Whitefield said. "We like to keep a very steady pace. We don't do spec building based on (construction loan) rates."

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Holzman, visiting professor at LTU, is a principal in the New York City architectural firm of Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates.

His projects include the Columbus (Ind.) Occupational Health Center, the Madison (Wis.) Civic Center, the Brooklyn Children's Museum and the BEST Products corporate headquarters.

Progressive Architecture magazine described the firm's contemporary work as suggesting "both vitality and the emergence of a new point of view about design."

Holzman's talk, as well as the four other speakers in the ARCHITECTURE series, is open to the community at no charge and begins at 7:30 p.m.

This is the 15th year for the ARCHITECTURE series.

"Certainly, the reputation of the series and the university has helped me greatly in planning these programs," said Gary Keeskes, director of continuing education and professional development at LTU.

"I've literally knocked on doors the last eight, 10, 12 years. They (architects) know I'm very serious about having them come out here. We treat our speakers right on campus and word has spread through the community."

The remaining dates and speakers are:

- Nov. 7 — James Wines, co-founder and principal of SITE in New York City. SITE has been advancing architecture beyond pure function to an active art that comments on a wide range of social and environmental concerns. His topic is "Green Architecture."
- Dec. 5 — Moshe Safdie, who has offices in Boston, Montreal and Jerusalem. Major works include Habitat 67 in Montreal, National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, Jewish Quarter renovation, Jerusalem, and master plan for the new city of Keur Farah Pahlavi, Senegal.
- Jan. 18 — Roger Ferri, a New York City architect who earlier was trained in classical painting. He designed the Hudson River Center, a mixed use development, Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bay Hotel and tapestry work for the Americana Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Feb. 6 — Frank D. Israel, who has offices in Beverly Hills, Calif. He has designed many homes in the Hollywood Hills area.

Advanced reservations or tickets aren't necessary for the ARCHITECTURE series. The presentations usually are well attended by students, teachers, professionals and people generally curious about a subject.

"Mainly, I get insights into what they do and why they do it," graduate architect Eric A. Murrell said of the speakers. "It's always interesting to see what angle an architect takes when he looks at a project."

Jennifer Woolke, an architecture student at LTU, has attended the lectures for years.

"I think a lot of students decide to go long after they're required to," she said. "I go because they're interesting, informative and give you a broader-base view of the world. People who come in are diverse. And it's interesting to hear what goes on in other parts of the world."

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Financial woes plague construction industry

Construction business was flat or fell during the first two quarters of the year, according to a survey conducted by the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM).

General contractors reported the greatest decline, with business volume dropping more than 20 percent, according to John A. DeMattia, CAM chairman and president of Lerner-Lunden Co. Novi. He contended that Michigan's construction industry is composed of small businesses struggling to stay afloat during harsh economic conditions.

There is a great misconception that construction companies are big with big jobs and big revenues. It's simply not true. In fact, 84 percent of our members are making a living by doing jobs that are valued at less than \$250,000, DeMattia said.

More than half (51 percent) are going after jobs that are worth \$50,000 or less. That's consistent with national statistics, he said. About 84 percent of all businesses within the construction industry report less than \$1 million in annual revenues. 71 percent report less than \$500,000 a year.

THE SURVEY was undertaken in cooperation with the Construction Services Group of Deloitte & Touche Morv. That 4 percent of the association's 4,000 member firms responded to the survey, Deloitte & Touche tabulated the responses to protect member confidentiality and worked with CAM to analyze the results.

DeMattia said the survey responses reflect an industry that is clearly worried about increased competition, stagnated cash flow and more trouble getting paid for work performed.

CAM members reported an increase in their competition for fewer available jobs. More than 43 percent of the members reported that they must compete with at least five other companies each time they bid a project. 12 percent reported competing with more than 10 other companies each time they bid a project. 4 percent reported competing with more than 15 other companies each time they bid a project.

DeMattia placed the bidding process in economic terms.

It takes money to bid a project.

When there are fewer jobs to bid and more competition, contractors gamble more on each bid.

Nearly half (46 percent) of all business are in a worse cash flow position than they were a year ago, and 30 percent experienced their greatest financial losses during the second quarter of '91. Manufacturers were hardest hit with 37 percent reporting that they were in worse shape than three months previous to the survey. Sub-contractors ranked second with 32 percent listing their cash flow as worse than three months earlier.

MORE THAN A quarter of the respondents reported that they expect it will take more than a year to collect as much as 10 percent of their total revenue. Twelve percent said that it could take longer than a year to collect up to 20 percent of their revenue. Subcontractors appear to be the hardest pressed with nearly half expecting to take more than 12 months to collect between 5 and 20 percent of their annual revenue. About 10 percent of the respondents believe they will be forced to write off between 5 and 10 percent of their outstanding revenue as uncollectible.

John Fovens emphasized the significance of the figures in comparison to profit margins in recent years. He is a partner and director of the construction services group of Deloitte & Touche.

"Considering that industry profit margins continue to shrink, a year delay in getting 10 percent of 20 percent of a company's earnings can mean serious financial trouble for many businesses," Fovens said. "A total loss of 5 or 10 percent can spell disaster."

It's no secret that bankruptcy is a common part of working in such a high-risk industry, but the last few years have definitely seen an increase in business failures. Much of that can be attributed to lower profit margins, increased competition and a growing problem in collecting money.

RESPONDENTS WERE asked to estimate the number of their competitors that would be forced out of business within the next year. Sixty-seven percent anticipate at least one of their competitors will close over the next year. Twelve percent expect at least three to five competitors to close the doors for good.

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Survey respondents indicate that three types of projects currently account for most of the work: industrial and transportation jobs (26 percent), office buildings (19 percent) and educational facilities (11 percent). New construction is still providing the most work (57 percent), but renovation and maintenance accounted for more than a quarter of all projects.

About 15 percent of the respondents are considering expanding their business scope outside of the United States, the largest number coming from suppliers (29 percent) and manufacturers.

Thirty percent of respondents said they would not choose to make their living in the construction industry if they had to start a career today. Many charge that it is too easy for inexperienced people to enter the field. The respondents expressed worry that competitors who lack knowledge and experience fail to serve their clients and tarnish the image of the industry by their inability to provide quality work at realistic prices.

According to DeMattia, the survey is the first step in a plan to develop construction statistics that might project changes in construction levels and help CAM members better prepare their businesses to react. CAM plans to conduct the business survey twice each year and measure the results against prior surveys. The information will be made available to members and others involved in the construction industry.

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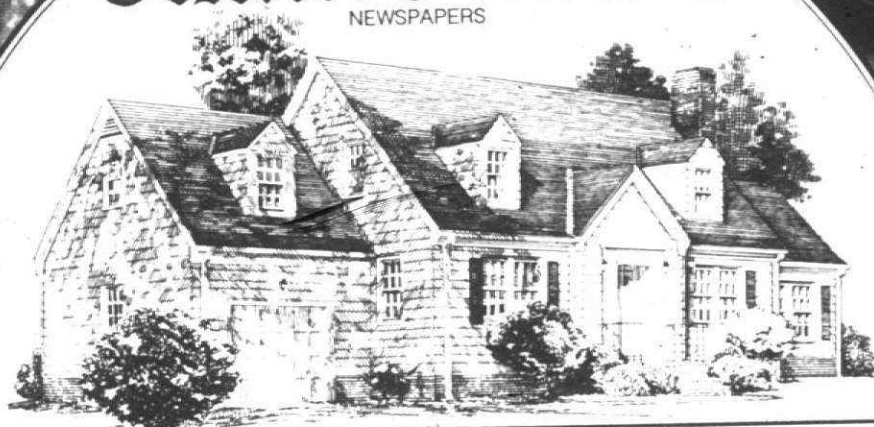
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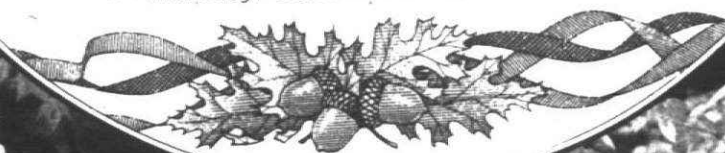
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Here's a winter checklist

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

AS IF life weren't busy enough, there's still 101 things that have to be done before the weather turns cold:

● FURNACES

- Before that first cold snap, turn your thermostat on and set the temperature on high to see if the furnace goes on. It's better to find out that the furnace is broken now, than in the middle of the night in November.
- Filters should be replaced every two months during use.
- The blower unit needs to be oiled at least once every year.
- Most heating and cooling specialists recommend cleaning at least every two years.

● WINDOWS

- Air infiltration through windows is one of the greatest causes of heat loss. An eighth of an inch crack around an average size window is the same thing as having a 4-by-6-inch hole in the wall.
- Caulking should be applied around the exterior of window frames where the frame meets the home and anywhere else two different materials

- or parts of the house meet.
- Weatherstripping should be applied around the perimeter of window sashes.
- Plastic sheeting and shrink rap kits that cover windows can be used to reduce air infiltration.

● DOORS

- Caulking should be applied around

- the exterior of door frames where the frame meets the home.
- Weatherstripping should be applied around the perimeter of window sashes.
- Doors don't leak only around the frames; substantial heat is lost

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Batten down the hatches, bundle up the house... and listen to the warm. Winter's on the way. Fall is the best time to get the house ready to do battle with the winds, rains and snows of winter. Routine maintenance now can mean a saving on energy costs later. Within that backdrop, we've selected "Keep the Home Fires Burning" as the theme for this special fall home improvement guide. Inside you'll find a variety of original stories with tips for keeping your family toasty warm when Ol' Man Winter blows in.

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Boost home's energy efficiency

By Susan Tauber-Hyke
special writer

REMEMBER ALL the press and celebrations focusing on Earth Day last April 22? We heard and read how and why we should do all we can to help preserve Mother Earth.

Mother Nature is getting ready to put us to the ultimate test to see if we paid any attention on Earth Day. What's the test, you ask? Another Michigan winter.

Passing the test means making your residence as energy efficient as possible for the upcoming winter. Regardless of what type of house, condominium or apartment you live in, you want your place to use as little energy as possible so you can be kind to both our planet and to your budget.

There are several things to do to prepare your home for the cold Michigan months. Some of the things are simple and only take a few minutes of your time. Some require complex procedures. Some are inexpensive; others are costly.

It's up to you to decide how energy efficient you want your home to be. Just keep in mind that the more energy conservation practices you follow, the more comfortable your home will be this winter.

OFFICIALS FROM both Consumers Power and Detroit Edison have general

hints for surviving the winter without costing you and their energy reserves a fortune.

"Let the sun shine in when it's cold outdoors," said Kenneth Aho, Edison energy conservation specialist. "That way, you are using solar energy to help heat your house to a habitable temperature."

Aho had other general tips, such as dialing down your thermostat when no one is home for several hours, changing furnace filters at least once a month and making sure there's enough insulation where it should be.

He recommended not using an open-hearth fireplace to heat your home. If you have an unused room, close the door and block its heat register.

Both Detroit Edison and Consumers Power are concerned with insulation, ventilation and caulking. Edison has a home insulation program with low financing available. Call 1-800-482-2983.

If you want to check your house's energy efficiency yourself, call Edison at 482-2983 and request fact sheet copies.

"People who use energy from Consumers Power can call the Consumer Affairs Department at 433-5890 to request more information on home energy," said Dick Kravick, residential marketing services superintendent for metro Detroit. "They also can call 1-800-842-6971 for an energy audit."

Light bulb cost savings

There's more to consider when selecting a bulb than just its cost. Certain types of bulbs have a longer life than others. Here's a comparison of four common kinds of bulbs:

Type of bulb	Cost	Life in hours
60-watt regular	.55¢	1,000
54-watt energy saver	.70¢	1,000
42-watt halogen	\$3.50	3,500
13-watt fluorescent	\$7	10,000

Source: Splane Electric

Electrical

"There are many ways to save watts of electricity and money at the same time," said Gene Beres of Detroit-based Splane Electric Supply, which has stores in Livonia, Madison Heights and Van Buren Township.

"You have to remember that every time you save a watt of electricity, you save money. You may have to spend \$50 on light bulbs in order to save money in the long run, but the expenditure will reduce your electric bill every month and increase the life of your light bulbs."

Beres, in charge of lighting outside sales, says consumers can use a formula for computing savings on various light bulbs.

He says to multiply the hours a bulb burns per day times 365 days times the watts saved by going to a lower wattage bulb times the kilowatt amount that Detroit Edison charges per hour, about 10-cents per hour (use .0001 in the formula). Then by comparing what each bulb costs and its life expectancy, you'll discover how much you are saving with the different bulbs.

"There are different kinds of light bulbs, called lamps, available on today's market," Beres said. "An incandescent light bulb is the regular bulb. There are different kinds of watt-saving bulbs that use a lower wattage to produce the same amount of light."

"Examples are General Electric's Watt-Miser and Sylvania's Super Saver. Then there's the halogen bulb (Sylvania's Capsylite) and the

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Plumbing

Plumbing equipment is among the largest energy users in a house, said Tom Leckie, vice president of Bergstrom Plumbing in Livonia. He's talking about toilets, shower heads and hot water heaters. And he has suggestions for making them kinder to the environment.

Most of his suggestions mean new equipment, however, because older equipment uses more water and energy to do the same amount of work as newer equipment.

"Toilets made prior to 1980, for example, use 5 1/2 gallons of water per flush," Leckie said. "Newer energy-saving toilets use 3 1/2 gallons or less per flush. Some use one gallon or less."

"If you add up how many times your toilets are flushed in your house a day times the amount of water saved, the savings can be quite significant. You can try adjusting the float in your existing toilet so it needs less water but new toilets are worth purchasing."

The same is true of shower heads. Older shower heads were made to use 5 gallons of water per minute, Leckie said. New ones are redesigned to use 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 gallons per minute.

"The new ones save you two ways — by the amount of water saved and by the energy saved by not having to heat up the extra water in your water heater," Leckie said.

LECKIE ADDED that you can put a flow restrictor on an old shower head but results may be an unsatisfactory shower.

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Heating

Fred Angell, service manager for S&M Heating and Sales in Southfield, suggested four things people can do to save energy:

- Use a programmable thermostat.
- Install a humidifier.
- Have the furnaces cleaned every winter and the air conditioner cleaned every spring.
- Change their furnace filters once a month without fail.

"Programmable thermostats are necessary, particularly when people are out of the house for long periods of time," he said.

The best ones, he said, are made by White Rodgers and by Honeywell.

"Some of them are really incredible. They come with a brain. After they've been on a wall for 24 hours, they know how long it takes to bring the temperature up or down to a certain level, so they will preempt the program and tell the furnace when to turn on."

"This way, the furnace won't kick on at the time programmed, it will already have the house at the temperature you want it to be at that certain time."

Angell calls a humidifier "totally necessary. You want the moisture in the air during the cold months."

"Just think about what it's like in the summer when it's hot out with low humidity compared with what it's like at the same temperature but with a higher humidity. You feel the heat more with the increased humidity. That's what you want in your home in the cold months."

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Windows

Windows can be either a friend or a foe during the winter, depending on what kind you have. If they are wood or vinyl windows, they are your friend.

Aluminum windows? Foe, said Gary Weston, president of Weston Window Replacement in Plymouth, Hartland and Gaylord.

"Energy costs were inexpensive when aluminum windows came out so they were widely used," Weston said. "However, the aluminum frame actually conducts heat and cold air. It doesn't help keep it inside your home."

What can one do to help the situation? Replace the windows with either wood or vinyl frame windows, which would cost about \$5,600 to \$8,700 for an average-size colonial house. Or, if that is too costly, use plastic window coverings over the entire window and frame to keep the heat in, Weston said.

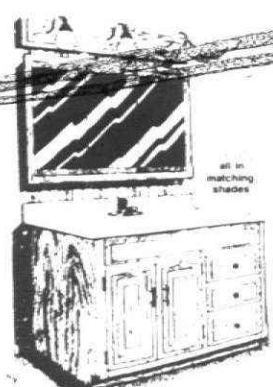
"It's really best to replace with good windows if you can. They help increase the value of your house while you save on energy costs and have the use of the windows while you live there. You can save 20-30 percent of your energy costs if you replace aluminum windows with vinyl or wood."

"Storm windows don't help solve problem with aluminum frames, either. All storm windows do is help decrease the ice buildup on your windows."

If you do replace your windows, he recommends buying Type E glass. "This type of glass blocks out the sun's ultraviolet rays so it keeps houses cooler in the summer and reflects the heat back into houses in the winter," Weston said.

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"Shower heads are designed to work on so many gallons of water per minute. If you reduce this number with a flow restricter, your shower head may not be worth using."

Leckie does recommend flow restricters on sinks throughout the house. He said they help reduce water usage from faucets. New faucets already have flow restricters.

New water heaters also are more energy efficient. They use less gas to heat the same amount of water in an

hour than older ones and are better insulated.

"Most families don't realize that their hot water heater costs them between \$220 to \$250 per year to use," Leckie said. "Any reduction they make increases gas use efficiency."

"They can space their showers so not everyone showers in the morning, for instance. They can lower the temperature of their hot water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or to warm. They can put a hot-water blanket on their heater."

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fluorescent unit that are even more energy efficient."

BERES COMPARED the bulbs this way: a regular 60-watt light bulb costs 55 cents and burns for about 1,000 hours. The 54-watt energy saver costs about 70 cents and burns for 1,000 hours. A 42-watt Capsylite bulb costs about \$3.50 and burns for 3,500 hours. A 13-watt fluorescent bulb (suitable for covered light fixtures) costs about \$7 but burns for 10,000 hours.

"If you use the formula to figure out how much money you'll save, you'll see you are way ahead by using the fluorescent bulb. If you burn a 60-watt bulb 10 hours a day, you're spending \$21.90 for that lamp in a year. If you replace that bulb with a fluorescent, you're only spending \$4.75 a year," Beres said.

For about \$6 one can buy an adapter that changes a regular lamp to one that uses a fluorescent bulb.

Beres had these other tips:

- **Ceiling Fan** — Useful in both summer and winter for reducing energy costs. In summer, you want it blowing up to bring the cool air up towards the ceiling. In winter, have the fan blow the warm air off the ceiling. Keep the fan turning slowly so it doesn't cool the air. Ceiling fans keep the thermostat from kicking on the furnace. They help maintain a uniform level of heat.

- **Dimmer Switch** — An excellent way to save energy because every time

you save watts, you save energy and money. Good to use with ceiling fans to control their speed.

- **Motion Sensor Light Switch** — Takes the place of an existing switch in a wall box. Turns light on when someone walks into a room and turns the light off when it detects no more movement in the room after a certain amount of time.

Heating

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"Also, the humidifier helps swell wood around windows to act as better insulators. It eliminates nasal congestion and electric shocks and make a home comfortable to live in."

PEOPLE NEED to be sure they are buying the right humidifier for their home. It needs to be designed for the home's square footage, Angell said.

Preventive maintenance on your furnace and air conditioner also is an energy saver, he said.

"You wouldn't expect your car to run smoothly without maintenance checks. The same is true for your furnace. It should be cleaned and checked every spring. This adds about seven years to your equipment's life expectancy."

Angell warns people to beware of telemarketers who call during the winter offering very low prices to clean your furnace.

"A good company can't do it for \$29.95. Expect to pay about \$50 for furnace cleaning. If a company condemns it, be sure to get a second opinion," he said.

Now's time to prep your furnace

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

PICTURE A dormant furnace in the basement gasping and sputtering, realizing winter is near. Picture it desperately striving to warm your house. Picture its little ticker as it gives out.

Picture your blue toes when you wake up at 3:30 a.m. to find your furnace has — to put it euphemistically — passed on.

Now picture the repairman telling you he'll be right out to fix the furnace — in about seven days after he takes care of the other multitude of furnaces he has agreed to fix.

And while you're at it, picture the dent in your checkbook when the repairman leaves.

So grab a screwdriver and get down in the basement and prep that metal beast for the winter months ahead.

WHAT TO DO
So you're in the basement, crawl space or back room, and the furnace is in front of you — now what do you do?

"One thing people don't do but should is to go down to the furnace in the middle of August and see if the pilot light is still on," said Bob McQueen of Flame Furnace in Livonia.

It would amaze people the number of calls heating and cooling servicers get on the first morning of the annual cold snap

that need nothing more than a relighted pilot light, McQueen said.

That done, the homeowner should change the furnace filters and oil the blower unit. Locate the access panel to the blower unit and remove it to reveal the blower fan and above air filters.

Instructions for oiling the blower unit and changing the filters often are found on the inside of the access panel, but the homeowner may have to go hunting for the owner's manual, McQueen said.

A rule of thumb is to change the air filters every two months during furnace use, McQueen said, adding it may even be wise to change the filters every month during heaviest usage.

Oiling the moving parts on the blower unit should be done annually in the fall. Experts also suggest cleaning the inside of the blower unit chamber as much as possible.

For those furnaces equipped with a humidifier, McQueen said the homeowner can clean or replace the filter in that as well.

BE FILTER WISE

Don Green, owner of D&G Heating and Cooling in Livonia, said most people think furnace filters are designed to filter dust and dirt particles from the air we breathe, which they do, but the real reason for the filter is to protect the furnace blowers and burners.

First, a dirty filter impedes air flow

and makes the furnace work harder, he said.

"I had a customer once who had a foot and a half of dirt in the bottom of the blower chamber," Green said. The customer was amazed when the furnace came on after being serviced and heated rooms previously left cold.

But filters also serve another valuable purpose: they keep the burners and heat exchanger clean, he said. Plugged or partially plugged burners prevent the furnace from getting a complete burn, which means less heat, but it also means incomplete combustion.

When burners or a heat exchanger aren't working properly, combustion creates an excess of carbon monoxide, which is harmful and can even be deadly, Green said.

The better the filter, the better off the homeowner is, he continued. "Ninety percent of the time, when we have to replace the blower unit, it's because people didn't change their filters."

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New rage: direct-vent gas fireplaces

By Joan Boram
special writer

THE SNOW is snowing, the wind is blowing. In the lane, snow is glistening. Baby, it's cold out there.

Sound familiar? It should: it's a Michigan winter.

Not to worry. Here's what to do:

Get a stack of the latest magazines, a cup of hot cocoa, crawl into bed and reach for your ever-ready remote control. ZAP! You've got your direct vent gas fireplace to keep you warm.

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rescue of the frostbitten.

"Direct-vent gas fireplaces are a brand new product," says Dean Berry, owner of Fireplace and Spa, Southfield. "And we expect them to become a really hot item."

"You can put a direct-vent fireplace anywhere you can put a clothes drier; you just run the vent through a wall. They're really amazing. They offer the coziness of a fireplace with the heating abilities of a furnace. They're made to order for condos, townhouses or finished basements."

"On earlier units, the flame looked like a gas lamp. The newer models have an

incredible flame for an unvented unit."

AT ATLAS Veneers and Fireplaces, Troy, the staff sees a lot of people who are remodeling or adding additions or

dormers to existing homes and are looking for a way to heat the new space. "These people are natural customers

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Fireplaces heat like furnaces

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for a direct-vent gas fireplace," said Rob Matujow, manager. "The existing furnace may not provide enough heat for the new addition or the venting from furnace to addition may be so intricate that the air cools off before it reaches the new area."

"With a direct-vent gas fireplace, they kill two birds with one stone: they get a cozy look and they can heat the new area very efficiently. You get heat, beauty and efficiency at a reasonable cost. The average operating cost is 10-15 cents per hour, including the blower."

"The direct-vent gas fireplaces are in the 99-percent efficiency range," Berry said. "And they produce 25,000 BTUs, maximum. 25,000 BTUs will heat 800 to 1,000 square feet."

Most unvented gas fireplaces come with a wood surround, available in different styles — English, French, modern, for example. Base price for a direct-vent gas fireplace is about \$1,000 plus the cost of installation.

BOTH BERRY and Matujow agree that sales of wood-burning stoves are flat.

"We couldn't get enough wood-burning stoves during the Arab oil embargo," Berry said. "But people got used to paying high energy costs. And when wood-burning stoves were at the peak of popularity, the EPA got involved. Smoke emissions now have to

meet environmental standards.

"Fireboxes are smaller. And burn tubes re-burn smoke to get rid of minerals and gases before it exhausts up the chimney, so you get a second burn from fuel. Other stoves have catalytic converters. The stoves are a lot more efficient now, but prices have almost tripled over the last 10 years."

"They're also much more decorative than they were. Earlier stoves were just a black box and functioned only as a heat source. Today, they're available in brass, glass, enamel and porcelain finishes. People use them like wall hangings; their primary function is aesthetic."

"Gas logs have become very popular, also," Berry added. "Three years ago, we sold practically no gas logs at all. So far this year, we've sold almost 7,000." Prices for gas logs run from \$99-\$400.

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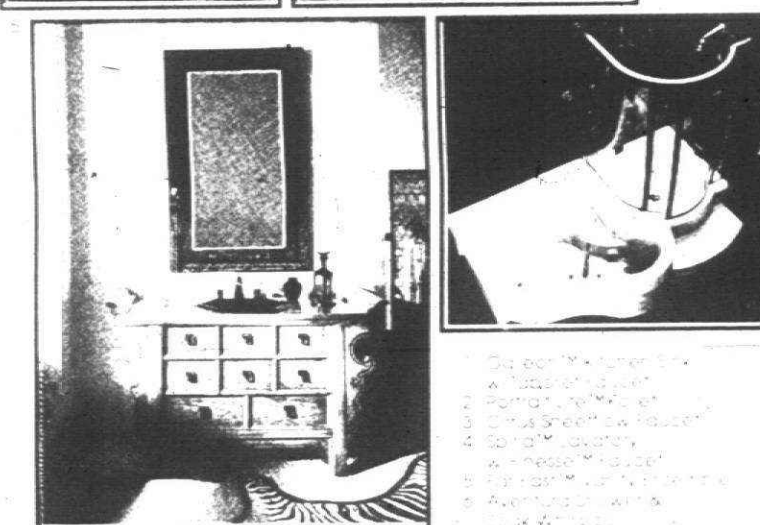
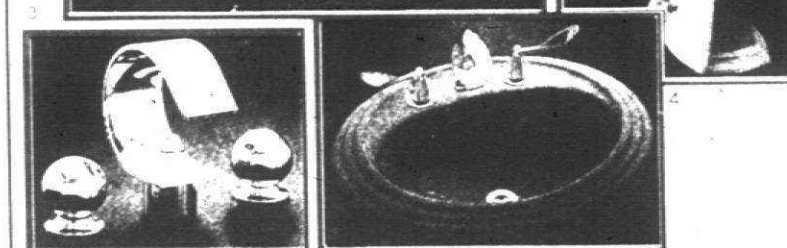
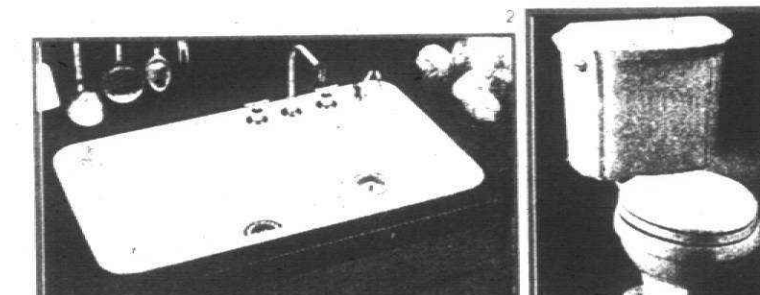
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Sunrooms spruce, enlarge, add value

By Arlene Funke
special writer

HELEN MERRILL adores the spacious sunroom added to her Plymouth home four years ago. "Typically it's where I spend all my free time," Merrill said. No wonder. The 15-foot by 22-foot

room, encased in glass, overlooks the family's brick patio and flower-filled yard. The fully energy-efficient room is light and airy, furnished with pale green carpeting, white wicker furniture and accented with peach-and-white cushions. Merrill and her husband, Kenneth, 61, retired from Ford Motor Credit Co., hired Old Village Remodelers of

Plymouth to build their sunroom. The room's warm, Victorian ambience was conceived by Merrill, based on photographs in design magazines. Barbara and Jim Suhay of Birmingham added a sunroom six years ago. They hired Bob Stern Builders of West Bloomfield. "I think we wanted more room on the first floor for entertaining," said Barbara Suhay, who teaches at a community college. "What we use the room for, more often, is informal dining. We eat dinner out there every night."

enhance the resale value of a house, said Bob Binsfield, a contractor who specializes in such work. "People fall in love with the glass room," said Binsfield of Bloomfield Hills, president of Southfield-based Conservation Unlimited. The Merrill sunroom, entered through French doors off the den, features 17 windows with removable wooden mullions, which give the effect of panes. All the windows open. The room has its own furnace. Ceiling fans provide ventilation. The Merrills decided against



BILL HANSEN

Helen Merrill of Plymouth enjoys spending time in her light, airy sunroom. The energy-efficient room, which overlooks her tree-filled yard, can be used year-round.

SUNROOMS ADD living space and

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Tips for preparing furnace for winter

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catching large particles of dirt and some dust. "But when the oil dries up, it only catches large lint and dog hairs."

People would be far better off buying high-efficiency pads that last longer and clean better.

Better still, Green said, are the electronic air filters electronically remove fine particles from the air. These filters must be cleaned three times a year.

● KEEP A LOOK-OUT

Preventive maintenance is the preferred plan of attack, McQueen of Elame Furnace said.

Nevertheless, there are a few warning signals.

"If you have black marks running up the wall by the heat register or inside the access panel, that's a sign that soot is coming through the furnace and there's something wrong," McQueen said.

Generally, soot is a sign of incomplete combustion or a faulty heat exchanger,

which means a serviceman should be called.

"If you have green plants and the leaves are falling off, that's a sign of excessive carbon dioxide," McQueen said. Excessive carbon dioxide could mean a bad or dirty heat exchanger that needs repair or replacement.

Unusual noises like squeaks or even vibrations generally indicate bad bearings or a bad drive belt in a blower unit, McQueen said.

A furnace that kicks on and off during usage could mean a bad or dirty thermostat or it could be indicative of a more serious problem, McQueen said.

● SCAMS AND CHARLATANS

Fred Angell of S&M Heating Sales Co. in Southfield said one of the greatest problems facing the industry is the telemarketing scam.

Generally, the scam works like this: A phone call asking whether you want your furnace cleaned results in a visit. During the cleaning, the serviceman finds a problem such as a faulty heat exchanger.

Implying the existing furnace is dangerous, the serviceman offers to sell a new furnace at a good price. "He tells the homeowner they should put in a new \$1,600 furnace or they may die the next day," Angell said.

Angell said the best way to protect yourself is to always get a second opinion if someone condemns a piece of equipment. He suggested homeowners

are safer when they initiate the service call, rather than the company calling the homeowner.

"Another popular scam is called the mortuary scam. Disreputable companies keep a list of obituaries and then call several weeks later saying so-and-so wanted us to come out and do a service call this week."

A dead give-away is the price these companies charge. "You can't clean a furnace for \$29.95," he said.

Common sense dictates that a serviceman with \$30,000 in parts, a \$12,000 truck and being paid \$10 an hour can't make a service call that inexpensively.

When possible, Angell suggested homeowners should find out how long a company's been in business, should get a list of referrals and make sure the company is licensed.

If suspicious, Angell suggested calling the local building department for complaints and checking with the better business bureau.

● WHAT EXPERTS DO

Besides changing air filters and lubricating the blower unit, there's little a homeowner can do for today's furnaces, which is why most suggest having furnaces checked at least every two years.

Furnaces, especially high-efficiency ones, continue to require special training and tools to service.

Sunrooms brighten homes

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air conditioning, since the room faces north and nearby trees provide shade.

The job cost around \$30,000. "The primary goal was to make it look like it had always been part of our home so it didn't look like it was added," Merrill said.

Last May, the Merrill home was showcased as part of the Plymouth Symphony's annual house walk.

THE SUHAY home, a 1940-era, colonial-style, is near Quarton Lake. Barbara Suhay and her husband Jim, a financial specialist at Ford Motor Co., have two teenage children.

The Suhays also enter their sunroom from the den. The couple obtained several estimates before picking their contractor.

Extensive work was required to connect the room to the central heating system. The job took around two months to complete. It cost around \$30,000.

"We didn't try to do it the cheapest way," Barbara Suhay said. "He was very efficient and kept within budget."

The Suhay sunroom is air-conditioned. It's very cozy during cold months, Barbara said. Although the room has two heat ducts, one is adequate for warmth.

Both Merrill and Suhay emphasized the importance of researching your

project. Work closely with the contractor and be prepared for some inconvenience while the work is being done.

Finally, said Merrill, don't overbuild and expect to recoup your investment upon resale.

Winter checklist

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through air infiltration at the bottom of the door. Check to see if there's a draft. If there is, replace the threshold or buy a threshold shield, which attaches to the bottom of the door.

Time to buy a new door? Make sure it's a solid insulated core door. If the doors have glass panels, make sure they're insulated glass panels. Many exterior doors have magnetic seal weatherstripping, which helps prevent heat loss.

● MISCELLANEOUS

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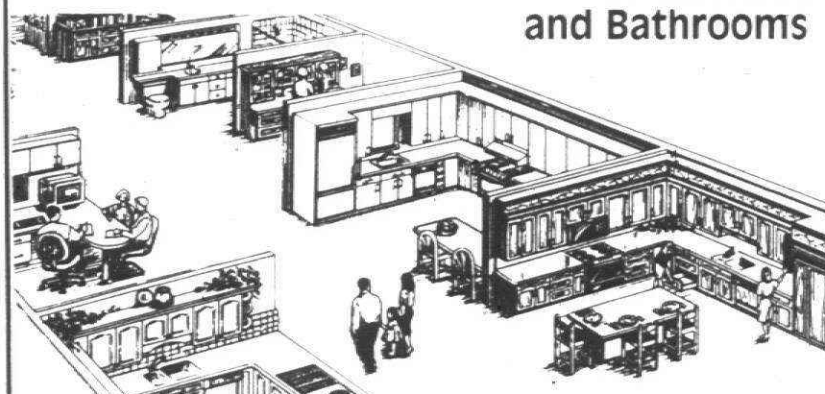


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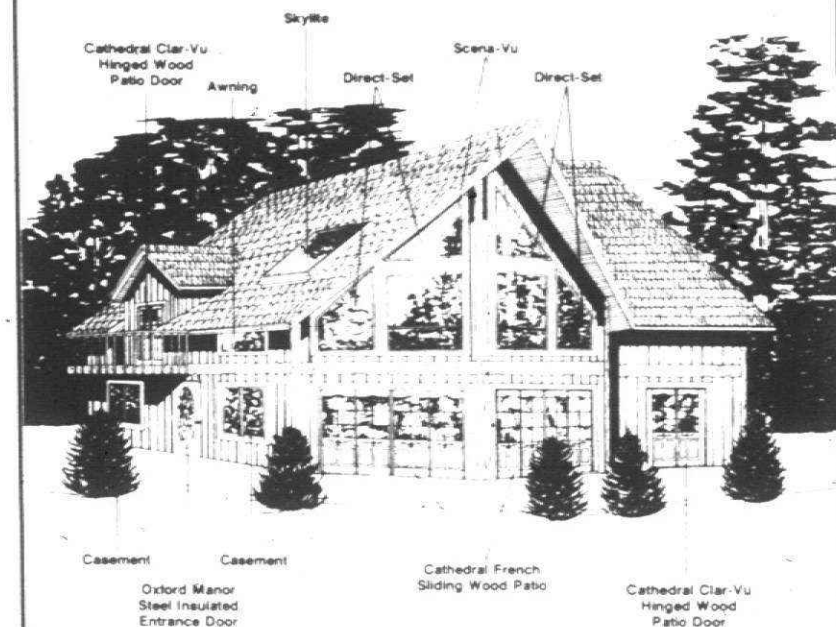
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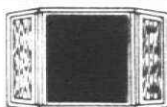
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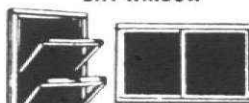
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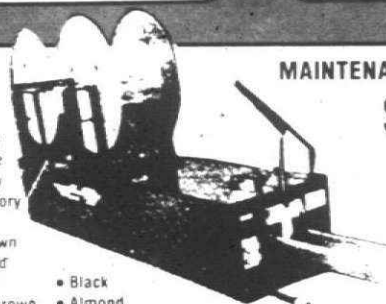


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