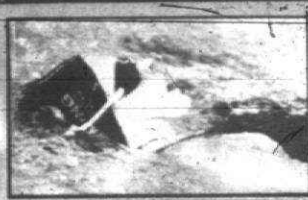


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Church still hoping to house homeless

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Backers of an effort to bring homeless people to a Plymouth Township church for one week say they're not giving up.

The township government last month rejected a request from the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, to bring a group of 60-65 Detroit homeless to spend a week here in January, as part of an inter-faith effort involving more than a dozen suburban churches.

Township Supervisor Gerald Law said in early December, "When someone formally requests some-

Congregation awaits word on appeal to county

thing, we must apply our ordinances — I don't have the power to override ordinances."

But Doug Koenig, an elected lay leader at the church, said, "There's still a significant amount of support from the membership" for the church participating in a homeless sheltering effort.

IN NOVEMBER, church outreach chairman Ted Kuhns wrote in a letter to the township requesting approval, "The homeless problem is a growing local emergency situation."

Township officials picked up on that language, and asked county executive Edward McNamara to "immediately undertake a study to consider the nature and extent of this problem and the possible implementation of the Emergency Management Act."

The letter states that if a state of emergency is declared, "the county executive may suspend ordinances and provide for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing."

Both Law and McNamara were unavailable for comment Monday on a county response to the letter.

But earlier the township's response to the church was clear: "Your church was not designed, built or inspected to comply with fire, building and public health laws applicable to multiple family housing," wrote township attorney Judd Hemming.

"The housing of multiple families in a church may result in an ex-

tremely dangerous condition for the inhabitants," he continued.

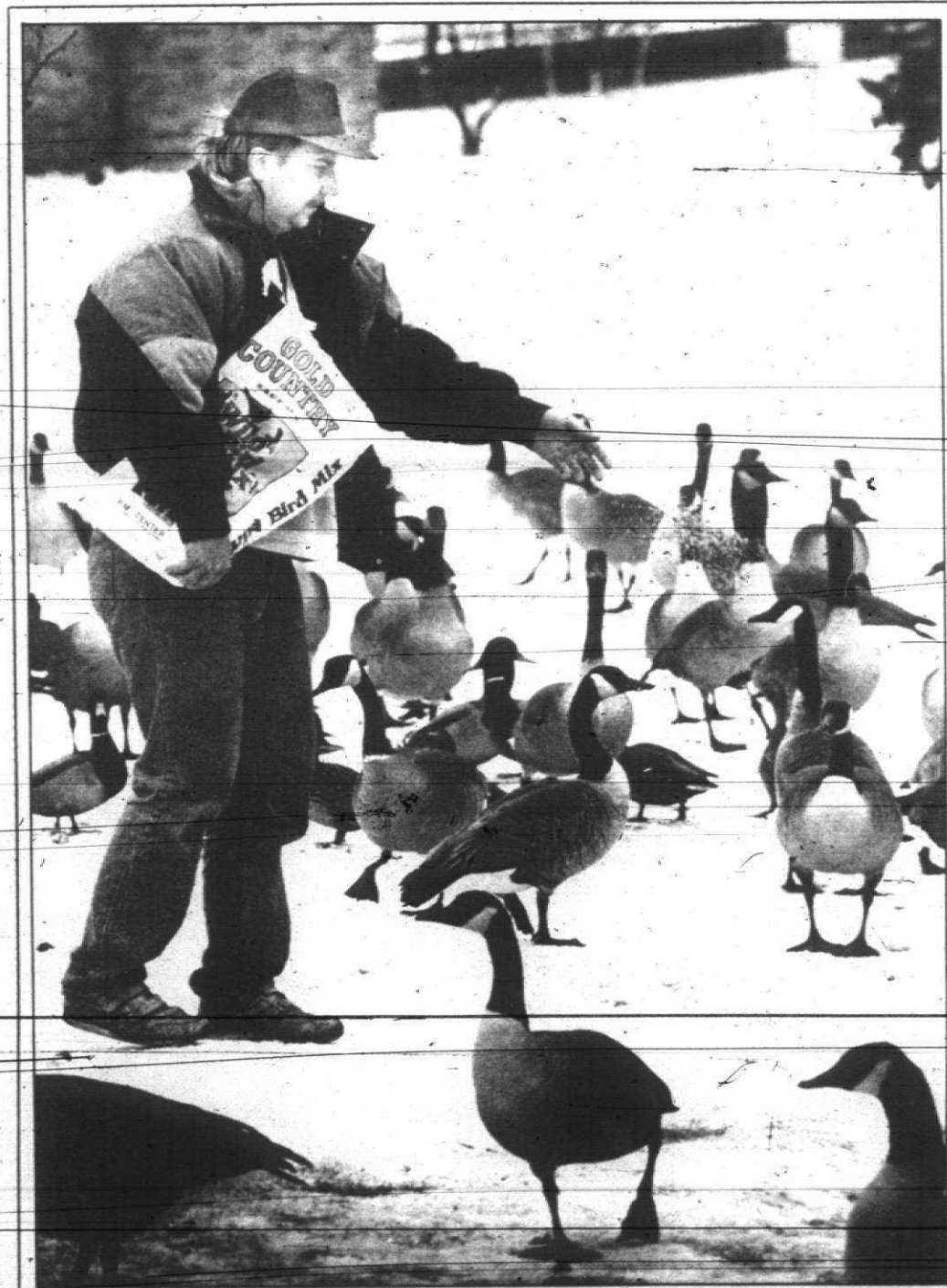
While the homeless-shelter effort has happened in Northville and Livonia churches, "Some churches are doing it but are not asking permission from local government," Law said.

Would it have been a better approach to just bring in the homeless without asking for township government approval? "That's been the position of some of the other churches," Koenig said.

He said township approval is not sought for youth church group sleep-overs and sleep-overs involving traveling church groups. But Koenig said a permit was sought this time because this group was to stay for a week, rather than a night or two.

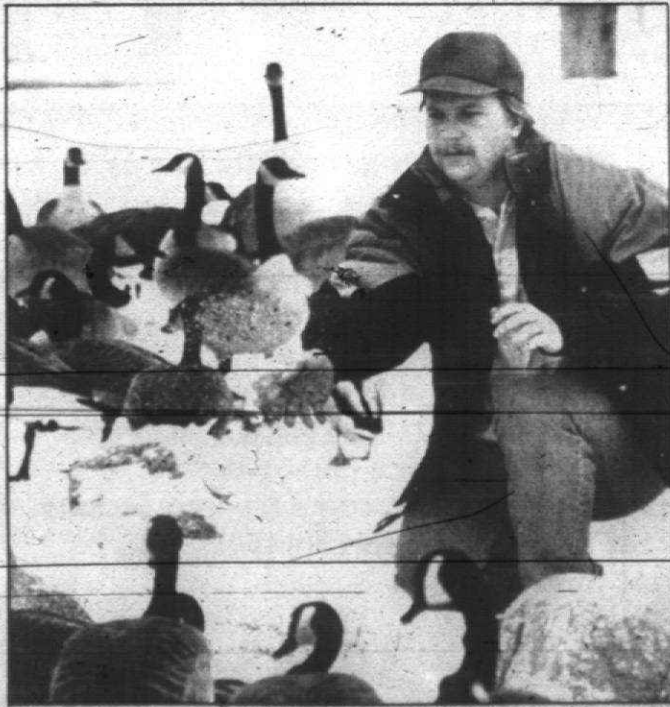
KOENIG SAID church pastor John Grenfell "is appealing to McNamara" over the problem; Grenfell was unavailable for comment Monday.

While the homeless-shelter effort had been scheduled for this month, Koenig said the church is "prepared to accept the homeless as part of this program whenever they will allow us to do it."



**Come
and
get it!**

Winter can be tough for wild fowl. But not for these Canadian geese in Hines Park in Plymouth Township. There's always somebody passing by to feed them. Above, Mark Lohrmann of Canton makes some feathered friends with his bag of bird food. Right, Lohrmann gets up close and personal.



Local court on track to get third judgeship

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The go-ahead to hire a third 35th District Court judge and to make the courthouse renovations needed to accommodate his or her honor is expected this year.

The court's advisory board agreed last month to seek a third judge. Now, the trustees of communities served by the court — Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Northville and Northville Township — must vote on whether to approve creation of a third judgeship.

Each of the communities should decide "by the 14th of January," District Judge James Garber predicted.

IF ALL APPROVE THE step — as they did initially in 1990 — an approval process is set into motion that could end with the state Legislature approving creation of that third judgeship.

Should that happen, a primary election would be scheduled for August and a general election for November, before the judge would assume office Jan. 1, 1993.

Garber and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack say that because of the court's growing case load, creating a third judgeship would be less expen-

'We are already number one in the state as far as case load per judge.'

— Judge James Garber

sive for taxpayers than the alternative — which could involve the state mandating that a third judge come in, at a cost borne 100 percent by local governments.

Should the communities seek a third judgeship, the judge's salary is paid in part by the state.

In May 1990, the court building authority approved withholding \$600,000 in 1990-92 in court proceeds normally returned to the five communities to pay for an expected addition or renovation.

So far, Garber said \$358,000 has been set aside for the renovation. "The thought is we could probably accomplish building the third courtroom with what we've set aside."

Garber said he plans to meet Tuesday with district Judge John MacDonald and architect Erick Carne to discuss three options for expanding the courthouse to accommodate a third judge.

THE LIKELY OPTIONS are: cre-

ating a new courtroom on the first floor and moving probation and the civil division to an expanded basement; putting the new court in an expanded basement; or building an outside addition.

Stressing the need for a third judge, Garber said, "We are already number one in the state as far as case load per judge."

He said a study projects the court will handle more than 50,000 cases a year by 1996. "The average across the state is 11,500; we're already at 18,000 or 19,000."

Garber said another factor favoring creation of a new judgeship is tougher drunken driving laws, which demand disposal of cases within 77 days.

While the court advisory committee had sought a third judgeship to begin in 1991 — and won state approval — the board voted in 1990 to delay creation of that judgeship, citing cost to the communities to pay for court improvements.

Woman is volunteer bone marrow donor

The next time you think it's a big deal to donate blood think about Maggie Hineman of Canton.

Hineman, 42, donates bone marrow to save strangers' lives.

"I'm a creature of emotion, but I'm also a creature of reason," she said. "A few days of discomfort to save a life? There's no question."

Hineman has been a key solicitor for the Red Cross since she began working at Michigan Bell in 1978. After donating whole blood for three years, Hineman decided there was more she could do.

"Those who know they have an acceptable blood should get off their butts and donate so they can save a life," said Hineman, a Michigan Bell staff supervisor.

It all started when she learned that one of her co-worker's children needed a bone marrow transplant. She learned that the test to find a compatible bone marrow donor, the HLA-typing test, is done for free as part of the Red Cross pheresis program. She describes the process as a glorified blood donation.

Unfortunately, Hineman wasn't a match for the child, but she said she realized that she may be a match for one of the thousands of people across the country who needed her HLA type. There's only one chance in 20,000 that there will be a match up.

The procedure, unlike a whole blood donation, uses both arms. Blood is drawn from one arm, spun through a centrifuge where platelets, white cells, and red cells are withdrawn and separated. The remaining



Maggie Hineman donor with a big heart

fluid is then returned to the donor through the other arm.

Pheresis is an economical way to donate blood components because the amount of platelets collected during one pheresis procedure equals the amount of platelets from eight to 10 whole blood donations, according to a Red Cross spokesperson.

Blood is rarely transfused in the form that you see it when it leaves the donor area. Specific components are separated from each unit of whole blood at Red Cross laboratories, enabling doctors to transfuse

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Brothers expect to win big with 'Game of Lose'

It sounds more like the contents of a kitchen junk drawer — a couple of dice, a penny, some plastic insects, a collection of screws and a few plastic hands.

But toss in some funny money, 100,000 in real Nicaraguan Cordobas and a game board that resembles a slow moving vortex and you have "The Game of Lose."

"It's unique in the type and level of humor used and using the term 'lose,'" said Reyn Hendrickson of Ann Arbor. "It's a turn around on the typical game structure. The best a player can do is be the last one to lose."

Hendrickson and his brother Peter are Lost Horizons, creators of "The Game of Lose." More than a year in the making, it's been on the market for about two months. And while it's not selling in lots of 1,000 yet, response is such that the brothers are calling their first entry into the adult games market a success.

"It's a heavy duty spoof," said Peter who lives in Troy. "It takes a depressing subject and elevates it to fun. It offers a challenge and humor aimed at an adult crowd."

"The Game of Lose" is modeled after reality in a warped way. The players move around the board, plundering John Q Public's Cookie Jar, buying property from a savings and loan that sucks up money faster than a Hoover vacuum cleaner does dirt, and gaining power through gluts (represented by the screws), blights (the insects) and swindles (the outstretched hands).

A PENNY is used to keep track of the national debt and when it hits a certain amount, the IRS — represented by a lumbering miniature dinosaur — is unleashed to collect taxes from every player on the board.

For the player who falls on hard times and declares bankruptcy, there's freeloading, better known as Swellfare. The freeloader stays on the board and on his turn, solvent players collectively cough up \$1,200 to the S&L which gives \$50 to the freeloader and keeps the rest.

"In this game the player never leaves the board," Reyn said. "Rather than play 20 minutes and spend the next four hours making drinks for the other people, you become a milstone around the neck of successful players."

Mixed in with the mayhem are hostile takeovers, S&L gambles, petty crime (when John Q's life

savings dips below the Shattered Dreams Bookmark, he turns to petty crime), graft and payola and lists for such things as false promises and emotional baggage. There's even \$500 rubber checks with notations of "hope they don't get Telecheck."

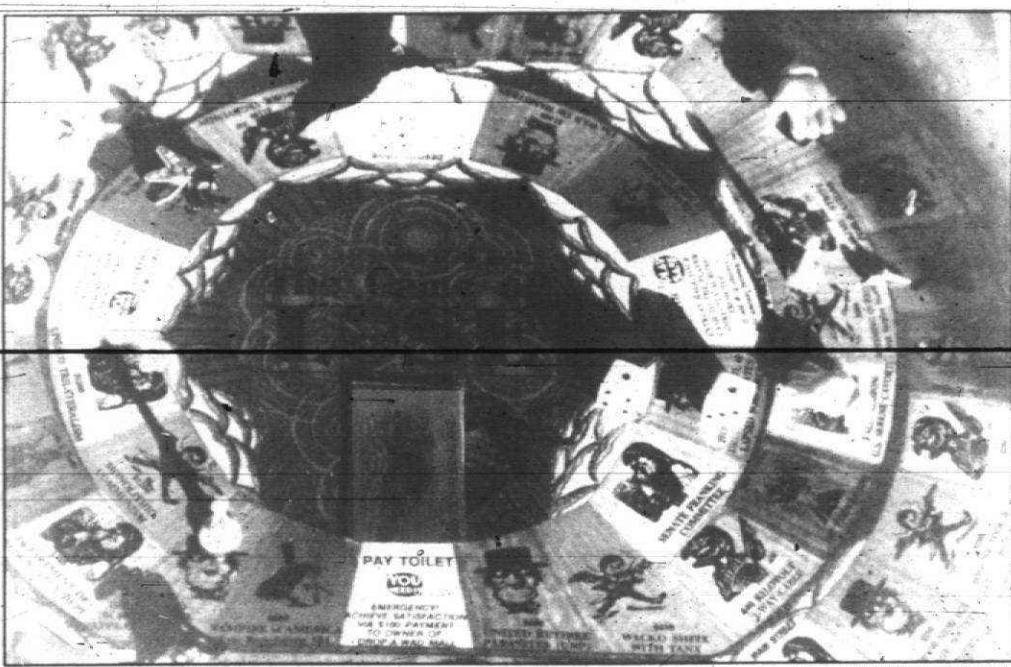
The money is copies of "hyperinflated" paper currency from foreign countries and each game box comes with some real money. Now before you run out to buy the game just for the cash, keep in mind it's a \$0,000 Nicaraguan Cordoba bill.

WHILE IT sounds like a lot of loot, it's only worth about 40 cents to a collector. Inflation is at its, Nicaragua no longer prints a 50,000 Cordoba note.

In fact, the Hendricksons were able to get their hands on about a half billion Cordobas for a \$53 investment. It took some doing.

"We called the embassy in Washington, we called the consulate in California, we even called the central bank in Nicaragua, trying to buy Cordobas," Reyn said. "The bank couldn't help us because it was on strike. Can you believe it? The main bank and it was on strike."

"We talked to someone going down there and got them to buy up a bagful for us. When we bought



In the "Game of Lose" the best a player can do is be the last one to lose. The elements in this board game include bankruptcy, hostile takeovers, petty crime, S&L buyouts, graft, payola and rubber checks.

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obituaries

TERENCE AUBRECHT
Services for Terence Aubrecht, 42, of Canton were Saturday, Dec. 28, at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Aubrecht was born Dec. 19, 1949 in Bedford, Ohio. He died Tuesday, Dec. 24, in Canton.

Mr. Aubrecht is survived by his wife, Karen Aubrecht; his mother, Joyce Aubrecht; stepmother, D'Eta Aubrecht, one daughter, Erin Aubrecht of Canton, two brothers, Scott Aubrecht and Douglas Aubrecht; and two sisters, Beverly Shear and Barbara Aubrecht.

Dr. Weldon Spracklen officiated the service.

OWEN E. CUFFE
Services for Owen E. Cuffe, 93, of Detroit will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 1992 at Lambert Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will be at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Cuffe was born July 5, 1898 in Jackson. He died Thursday, Dec. 26, in Detroit. He was a retired insurance auditor and a World War I veteran.

Mr. Cuffe is survived by one niece, Dorothy J. Shaffer of Plymouth, one nephew, one great-niece and one great-nephew.

Mr. Harold G. Wright officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Organ Fund First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

JOHN STETZ
Services for John Stetz, 78, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, formerly of Plymouth-Northville area, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Stetz was born June 25, 1913 in Czechoslovakia. He died Monday, Dec. 9, in Cedar Falls. He came to the Plymouth-Northville area in 1971. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks. He was a supervisor at General Motors and retired after 41 years with the company.

Mr. Stetz is survived by two sons, Norman A. Stetz of Livonia and Donald N. Stetz of Cedar Falls; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one sister, Anne Cronin of LaPeer.

The eulogy will be given by daughter-in-law, Sylvia Stetz.

KATHLEEN A. HOFMANN
Services for Kathleen A. Hofmann, of Brighton were Friday, Dec. 27, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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RUTH E. ROTNOUR
Services for Ruth E. Rotnour, 96, of Westland, previously of Plymouth, were Monday, Dec. 30, at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Rotnour was born Dec. 2, 1895 in Livonia. She died Sunday, Dec. 29, in Garden City. She was a life long Plymouth resident and was a saleslady and buyer for Minerva Dunning for many years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 115 and the Plymouth Historical Society.

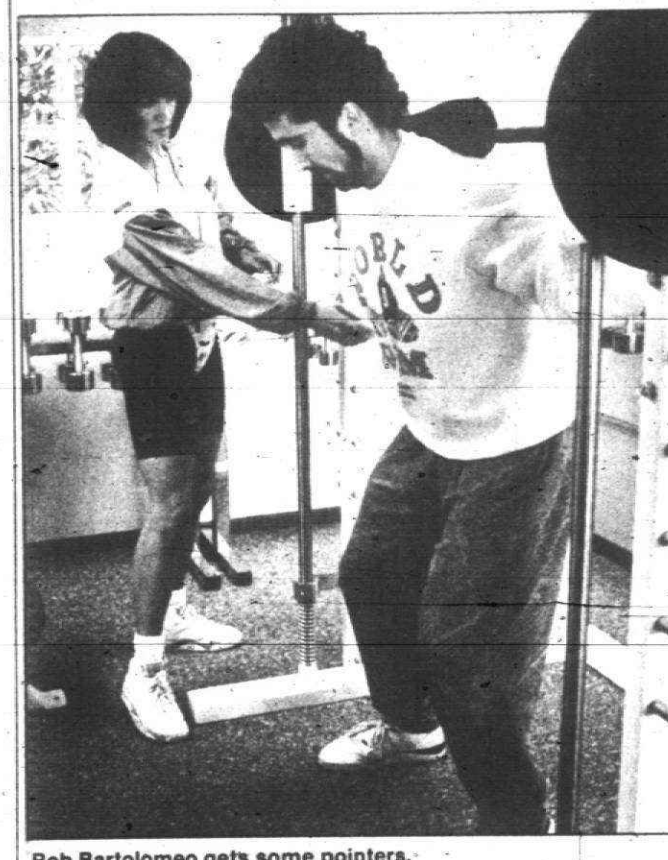
Mrs. Rotnour is survived by one daughter, Phyllis Grikscheit of Bloomfield Hills, two grandsons, two great-grandchildren and one sister, Winifred Downing of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Readings for the Blind.

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Janet Britten talks about the importance of combining physical and mental health.



Rob Bartolomeo gets some pointers.

At Canton gym Personal trainer helps pump up the stars

By Diane Gale
staff writer

When Danny DeVito and Jack Nicholson are in town filming "Hoffa," Janet Britten expects to show the heavyweights how to lift weights.

"They wanted someone who wouldn't be awe-struck," said Britten, a personal trainer at the World Gym in Canton.

And the Livonia woman certainly isn't. She's helped tone up the biceps of such heavyweights as Oprah Winfrey, Joan Kennedy, Tracey Ullman and members of the English royal family. There are others, too, but she said they wouldn't appreciate their names being used.

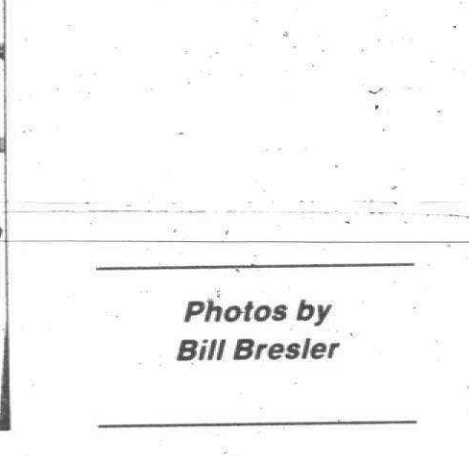
"Joan Kennedy is working really hard," said Britten explaining Kennedy wants to be a role model and plans to write a book.

WHEN BRITTEN walks into a room you can see that the willowy brunette is physically fit. She only has 14 percent body fat. But it's what you can't see that she says is vital.

"My entire premise is that the mental aspect is an important part, said Britten, who works as a freelance personal trainer at various spas in metro-Detroit.

In fact she's considering a doctoral project that promotes the importance of the synergism between the health of mind and body. If you realize your goals through physical fitness you can reach other goals, she said.

Janet Britten demonstrates "squats" to Lisa Bonner of Canton.



Photos by Bill Bresler

INSTRUCTING WATER exercises, stress management, aerobics and weight training for 15 years, Britten said she was impressed by members of the Jacques Cousteau family for their ability to combine physical and mental health.

"They're physically fit. Their lives depend on it. And they recognize the balance of fitness, stress and relaxing."

"I think the 90s is going to be a decade of balance."

Britten rattles off the five components of physical fitness as an evangelist while the Ten Commandments: aerobic capacity, strength, endurance, flexibility and body composition. And of course, she adds, the importance of mental health.

SHE TALKS from experience when she points to the importance of exercise to combat physical problems.

In college she hurt her knee and a long scar marks the area where a pin was inserted. Britten did aerobics and dance to rehabilitate.

And exercise became the key to building muscles after she lost upper body strength after a 1987 car accident.

"The fact that I had special problems makes me more empathetic with people with special problems," she said. "I understand the dedication, motivation and discipline."

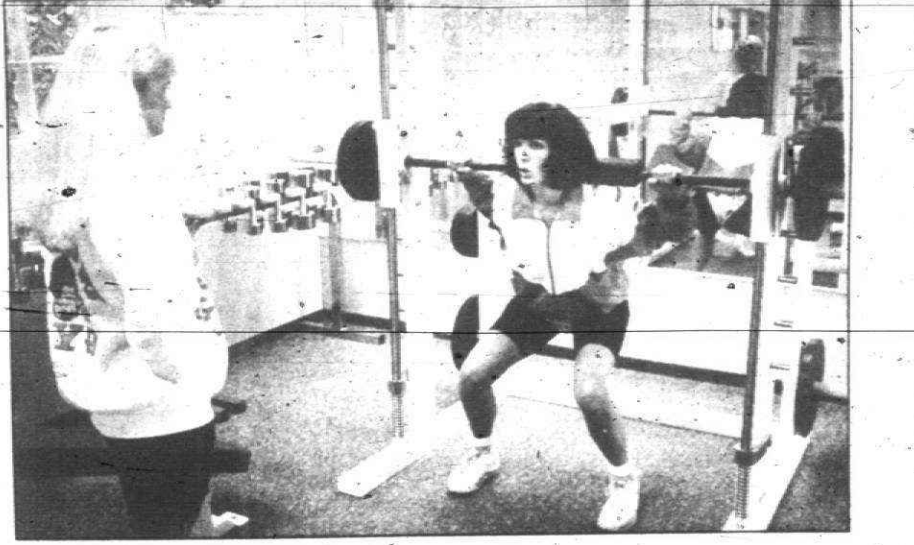
"I really do care. I really want to see people feel better, because if you feel better you will look better."

SITTING ON a weight bench at World Gym, Britten describes a whirlwind tour of training experience. In England she owned her own business, "American Fitness Program," and worked at the exclusive "Golden Door" in California, as well as at Cal-a-Vie, also on the West Coast.

She often saw corporate heads at these spas, too.

"They're high profile, high stress and in order for them to cope with life they recognize that they need to have healthy lifestyles," she said.

In the past, personal trainers were for the super elite, Britten said. And now they're for anyone who is interested in specialized work-outs.



Housebreaking duo arrested

Armed robbers met up with police shortly after reportedly breaking into a Canton house on Foxthorn last weekend.

The homeowner was awakened by someone ringing his doorbell Dec. 28. He looked out the peep hole, but didn't see anyone.

Two men forced their way into the house when he turned the outside lights on and opened the front door.

One of the men had a gun and told the man that if he's quiet he won't get hurt, police said. He pushed the victim on the couch and put a gun up to his neck while the other man went from room to room in the house.

One of the men tied the victim's hands and feet and wrapped a towel around his mouth securing it with a belt.

The men left the house and apparently were stopped by an officer who was taking an accident report. The robbers reportedly almost hit a pedestrian.

Police learned that the car was stolen and after stopping the men found blank checks, rings, watches, coins and other goods that were reportedly stolen from the Foxthorn residence, police said.

KNOW WHEN TO FOLD THEM: Five people were playing cards in an apartment unit on Brook Park when two of the men got into an argument over \$5 last weekend.

One of the men stood up and tipped the table knocking glasses and ash trays to the ground.

The argument continued when one of the men reportedly got up and said, "I'm going to get my shotgun."

He returned from another room with a shotgun and pointed it at the other man's head. A girlfriend of the

GRINCH STRIKES: Statues of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a Snowman were reportedly stolen from the front of a house on Buckingham last weekend.

The Clauses were valued at \$50 and the snowman's listed worth was \$20.

These are only some of the incidents recently reported to the Canton Township police. For police and fire emergencies dial 9-1-1 and for business information call 397-2000.

Fire scorches outside of Cloverdale

The Cloverdale restaurant suffered minor damage to outside brick Friday after a trash container was placed next to the building and set on fire.

According to a report filed with Plymouth police, the burned plastic trash can was discovered against the building at 8 a.m. A fire set in the container apparently burned after melting the container and scorching the side of the building, police said.

The building owner could think of no suspects, the report said.

four Plymouth businesses were reported Friday to police.

A kitchen door and another door were discovered pried open by a thief-or-thieves at the Side Street Pub, 866 Fralick, at 6:15 a.m. The vandalism caused \$1,500 in damage and cash was taken, according to the report filed with police.

At the Farmers Insurance Group office, 880 Fralick, desks and file cabinets were found pried open after someone kicked in the back door. The vandalism was discovered at 8:20 a.m. No items were reported missing.

There were no witnesses to the break-ins, police said.

Police nab driver for lobster theft

A Miesel Sysco security guard got his claws into a truck driver and an employee who apparently were packing a truck with stolen lobsters, along with approved items.

About \$1,000 worth of lobsters were packed onto the truck from a loading dock at the Van Born Road food supplier, police said.

Recently the Canton company discovered through an inventory that \$9,000 worth of the succulent white meat had been stolen.

The truck driver reportedly confessed to taking the lobster and selling it for his own use, police reported.

Mall will feature jazz in '92

The sounds of jazz and the hottest fashion for 1992 will be featured during the Jazz in the Park Series beginning in January at Laurel Park Place mall, 6 Mile at Newburgh in Livonia.

The free monthly concert series will feature some of the area's most talented jazz musicians.

The series will begin Sunday, Jan. 19, when the Ron English Quartet will perform from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Fashions from Ahhh Cashmere, Gantos, and Jos-A-Bank will be modeled informally during the show.

Shoppers' attending the concert will have the chance to win tickets to see the Royal Pizzanero Stallions perform Feb. 16 in the Palace at Auburn Hills.

Other Concert in the Park Series, also from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, will be the Steve Wood Quartet on Feb. 8 and the Dennis Tini Jazz Duo on March 15.

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Naturalist offers winter bird feeding tips

By Ryan Turkik
staff writer

An area naturalist says backyard bird-watchers can enhance their viewing pleasure this winter if they offer birds something to eat — and drink.

Hanging a feeder may attract some birds already in your neighborhood, but most seek nourishment in natural habitats first, said naturalist Pam Bigley of Rochester Hills.

"Birds don't come to a feeder unless they need to — if there's an absence of food," said Bigley, who operates a nature supply store in Rochester. "But birds can't always find

She does caution against using concrete baths until spring, because they could crack.

Birdbaths are most important in the winter because natural water sources may dry up or freeze and snow is a poor source.

"It takes a lot of snow to make a tiny bit of water and it chills birds, so they have to eat that much more to get their energy up," Bigley said. "Snow is an inefficient way to get water."

If you set a birdbath in the back yard, a variety of birds may come and then eat from your feeders, she said.

You can buy birdbaths in wood or concrete at places such as nurseries, hardware stores or shops like Bigley's or make one by setting an upside-down garbage can lid on a stump or clay pot.

Whatever kind of bath you choose, put no more than two inches of water in it to prevent birds from drowning, make sure it has a ledge on which birds can perch, and make sure it is stable — the slightest movement may frighten birds.

BIGLEY SUGGESTS buying a birdbath heater or using boiling water in colder months to keep the water from freezing.

Creosote poles will stop squirrels from climbing up while the greasesticks. Axle grease is the most effective, but it's black and messy.

Bigley suggests buying a baffle for poles that will block ascending squirrels for good.

IF YOU WANT to see birds more clearly when they eat, you can buy tube or see-through feeders. But make sure they have an acrylic exterior, because squirrels will chew through plastic.

Landscaping your yard with greenery will provide birds needed shelter. Shrubs with berries and coniferous trees with seeds and flowers offer cover and convenient food sources, Bigley said.

But she said no formula exists to build an ideal bird sanctuary. "The only rule is that there is no rule."

Bigley, who has a degree in wildlife biology and management, said she welcomes questions about bird-feeding and bird-watching at her store and gives lectures on these topics there and at schools.

Bigley said people most commonly ask if they can take long vacations after putting seed into feeders, fearing the birds will starve once the feeders become empty.

"It's not true that you have to keep it up," Bigley said.

"You can go south for the winter. Half the people in the country feed

birds. The odds are good that someone else will feed them. And they'll still come back in the spring."

IN FACT, the only outdoor activity more popular than bird-feeding is gardening, said Charles Barnes, head naturalist of the Troy Nature Center, adding that interest in bird-feeding has grown along with increased concern about environmental issues.

"People are becoming more aware of the natural world around them and they are incorporating it into their everyday life," Barnes said. "Feeding and watching birds is one of the easiest things to do."

And a good place to do it is Michigan, where half of North America's 700 bird species nest or migrate through, he said.

The Detroit Audubon Society has a rare bird alert phone line, which is used by bird-watchers to report recent sightings of rare birds. Callers can learn of the sightings by calling 278-4288.

But seeing all the different birds in Michigan, Barnes said, is simply impossible.

"The first 30 are easy," he said. "After that it gets hard. If you really work at it you could see 180, 200 species. But you'd have to know the habits of the birds and where to look for them."

THE NATURE center has naturalists on staff to answer questions about bird watching and feeding.

More information is available at the Troy Nature Center, 6585 Cooldge. The phone number is 524-3567.

Unusual volunteer donates bone marrow

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only the component that is needed. Hineman's name and HLA type were entered into the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry by the Red Cross.

Her motivation is clear. "It's simple. If you have something someone needs, you give it to them," she said.

She donates pheresis every one or two months because she has a positive blood type, the most common of the eight blood types, and the most in need.

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State board, lawmakers clash on issues

By Tim Richard
staff writer

The State Board of Education supports requiring 90 percent school attendance by students who want to take part in sports and other extracurricular activities.

The top elected board also supports Detroit's request for single-sex schools.

But the board, meeting in mid-December, opposed a bill to require one semester of Michigan history and another to ease the law against corporal punishment.

The board is Michigan's top policy-maker for schools and frequently supports or opposes legislative bills affecting schools.

All proposals are in the House Education Committee, chaired by Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City. Keith has not yet set the agenda for January.

STUDENTS would be ineligible for intramural or interscholastic sports, clubs, performing arts and other activities unless they had at least 90 percent attendance the previous semester.

That's the essence of House Bill 5133, sponsored by Rep. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, a member of the Education Committee.

The state board gave 6-0 support to the concept. Missing were members Annetta Miller, D-Huntington Woods, and Marilyn Lundy, R-Grosse Pointe.

Educators are split. Some see mandatory attendance as a step toward improving school standards. Others see it as counter-productive. It denies an important chance to take part in school life beyond the classroom.

ONE SEMESTER of Michigan history would be required for high school graduation under House Bill 5133, sponsored by Rep. Clark Harder, D-Owosso, a first-term lawmaker and Education Committee member who previously worked on the House staff.

A student's excused medical absence would not be counted against him or her.

THE BOARD split 5-1 in support of bills to allow single-sex schools, along the line of Detroit's proposed black male academies.

The Detroit plan was overturned in federal court. House Bills 5171-2, sponsored by Rep. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, would amend the school code and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to allow single-sex schools. A freshman, Clarke is a member of the Education Committee.

Supporting the concept were board president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, Cherry Jacobus, R-Grand Rapids, Barbara DuMouchelle, R-Grosse Ile, Rich DeVos, R-Grand Rapids, and Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing.

Opposing the concept were Sen. D. Lansing, Missing were Miller and Lundy.

Detroit hatched the academies last fall to address the low achievement, high dropout rates and violence problems faced by boys, particularly blacks.

The Department of Education staff recommended opposing the bills, saying there were constitutional problems with "separate but equal" facilities. "There is no evidence that the problems of black males are caused by the presence of females," it added.

A BILL modifying a two-year-old state law prohibiting corporal punishment sailed through the state Senate in fall, but the state board opposes it.

Senate Bill 338, sponsored by John J. Schwartz, R-Battle Creek, would allow educators to use reasonable force against a student to defend themselves, another student, or property, to obtain a weapon, to prevent a student from harming himself, or to quell a disturbance.

The board opposed the concept on a 6-0 vote.

The bill runs counter to state board policy, embodied in Public Act 25, of setting goals for students to attain ("outcomes") but allowing local districts to decide how many semesters or weeks of a subject ("inputs") to teach.

In general, state officials look with disfavor on what they view as legislative micro-management of the curriculum.

A staff memo points out that the school code "requires public and non-public schools to give regular courses of instruction in the Constitutions of the United States and Michigan, and in the history and present form of government of the U.S., Michigan and its political subdivisions."

The school code also requires a one-semester course in civics for a high school diploma.

THE PLEDGE of allegiance to the U.S. flag would be required at the beginning of every school day under a bill that won only 5-1 qualified support from the state board.

House Bill 5108 is sponsored by Rep. David Jaye, R-Utica Jaye, a second-term member from Macomb County, has gained fame for carrying a pistol for self-defense after making critical comments about welfare recipients.

This bill would require a task staff analysis.

The state board supported it with an amendment encouraging local school districts to make their own decisions on reciting the pledge.

This position was supported by Republicans Beardmore of Rochester Hills, DuMouchelle of Grosse Ile, Jacobus and DeVos of Grand Rapids, and Democrat Salas of Lansing.

Opposed was Democrat Mason of Lansing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Victory Lane Quick Oil Change/Derrick B. Oensler to approve the Non-Conforming Use, Class A Status Request to permit the reconstruction of a non-conforming building in a C-2, General Commercial District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 903 West Ann Arbor Road, Tax ID No. 78-059-01-0029-000. Application No. 1160.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if the Class A Status Request should be issued under Section 23.27 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned C-2, General Commercial District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 15, 1992, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting, application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

GREGORY WILLIAMS, Secretary
Planning Commission

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SC center offers programs for displaced homemakers

"From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips", a program for displaced homemakers, will be presented 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Schoolcraft College-Radcliff Student Services Center.

The program is a presentation of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center.

It is an orientation session for a 16-week program that will meet 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 14.

The 16-week program is financed through the state department of education and labor.

Displaced homemakers are those who have worked in the home for most of their adult lives and who have lost their primary source of income through death, divorce, disability, desertion or separation.

To register or for additional information call the women's resource center, 462-4443. Schoolcraft College-Radcliff at 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford Road, west of Wayne Road, Garden City.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Almeda M. and Don Slatay to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for a recycling center in an IND, Industrial District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Haggerty and Schoolcraft Roads, Tax ID No. 78-023-99-0021-008. Application No. 1158.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND, Industrial District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 15, 1992, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting, application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

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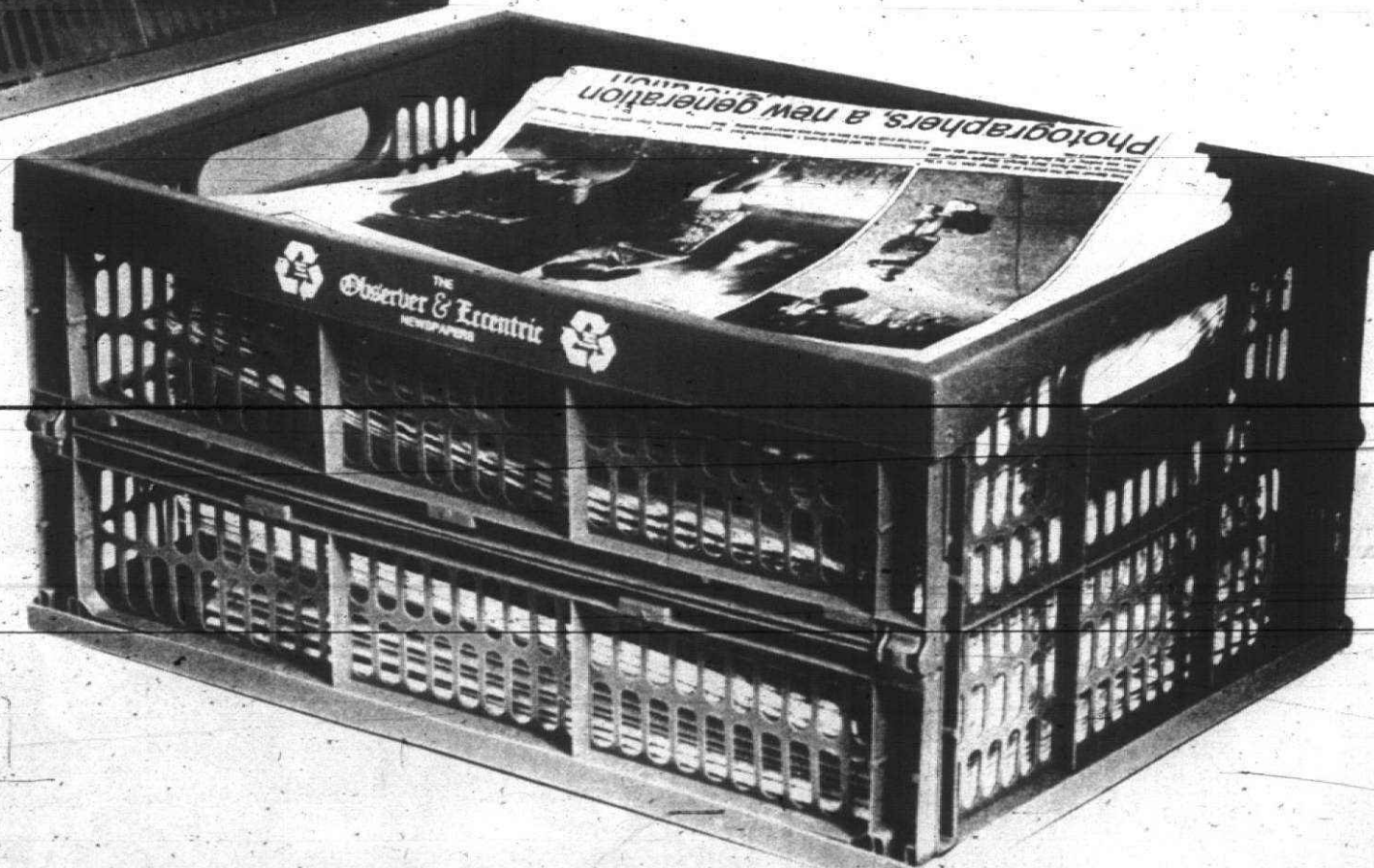
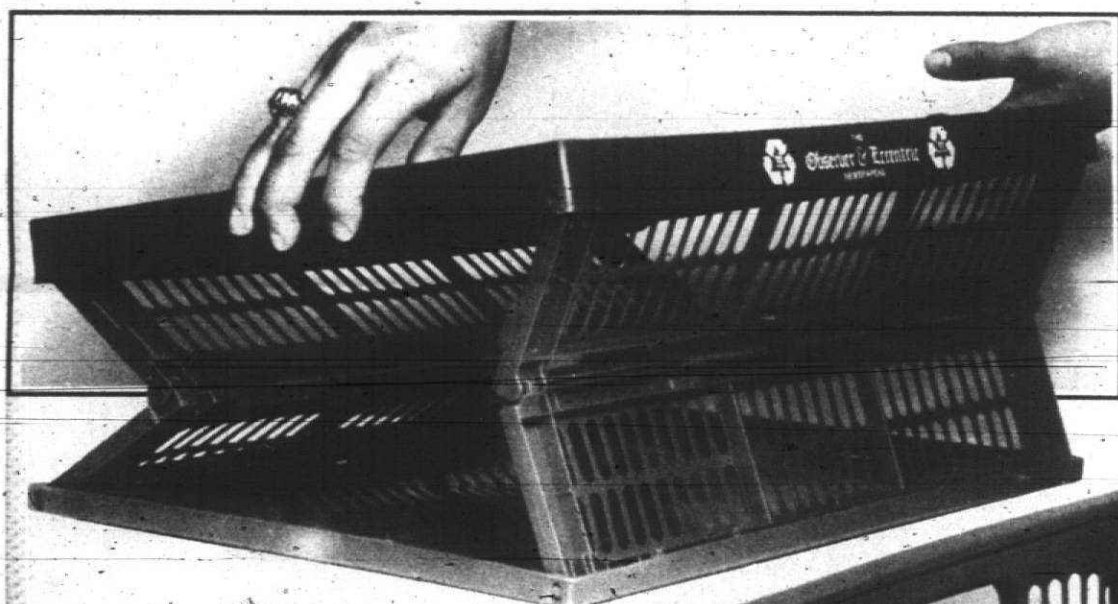
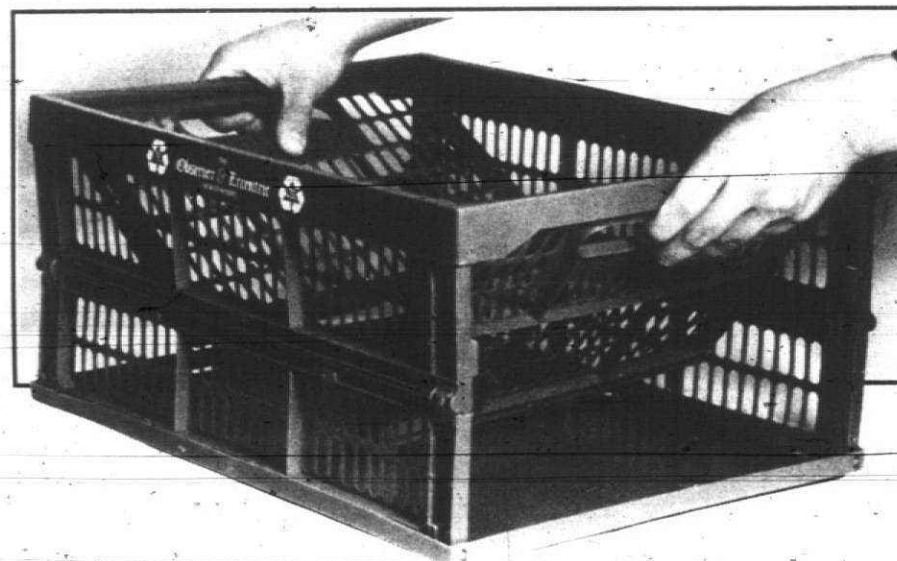
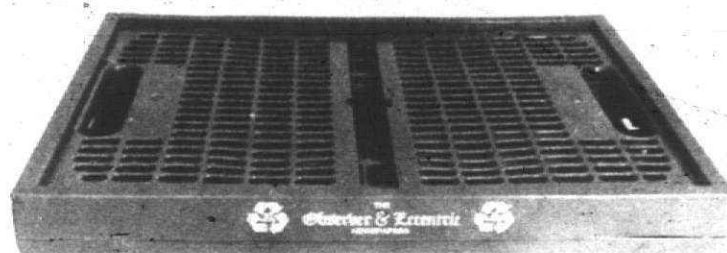
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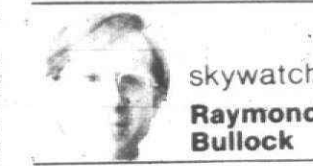
Meteor shower perks up our January skies

JANUARY was named in honor of the old Roman god Janus, the keeper of the gates, who had two faces; one looking back to the past, the other forward to the future.

People still tend to look both ways; first back to reminisce about the previous year, then forward to make resolutions for the new year. Astronomers are especially busy at this time of the year, making their predictions for the next 12 months. Don't confuse astrology with astronomy.

Astronomy is the belief that the planets, located millions of kilometers away, influence life on the earth. Astronomy, on the other hand, is the scientific study of the planets

and other celestial objects. Astronomical predictions are based on fact, not fancy. There will be an eclipse of the sun this month, but it will not be visible from our area. We will see a meteor shower and, with luck and patience, the planets Uranus and Neptune, normally very illusive objects, can be located by using Mars as a guide at the end of the month. This will be a great opportunity for those of you who received a holiday telescope. Of the five naked-eye planets, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter are visible in the predawn sky. Saturn is visible after sunset this month. The amount of sunlight we receive in January will increase by 52 min-



skywatch
Raymond E. Bullock

utes this month.

IF YOU WANT to glimpse Mercury this month, you had better look the first week. Face the southeast 45 minutes before sunrise on the 1st and you'll see an interesting array of objects. The moon is easy to recognize. The brilliant "star" five degrees above the moon is Venus. Five degrees to the lower left of the moon is orange-red Antares, the "heart" of Scorpius. Ten degrees to the left of Antares is Mercury, and seven degrees below and to the left of Mercury is Mars. (One degree is

equal to two Full Moon diameters.) Both Mercury and Mars will be difficult to see. They can easily be lost in the glow of morning twilight. The use of low power binoculars will help you spot them.

Earth is at perihelion on Jan. 3. Perihelion is the point in our orbit where we are the closest to the sun. We will be at a distance of 147,103,000 km (91,405,566 miles). Our orbit around the sun is not a true circle. The orbit is elliptical. Consequently there is a point where we are at our closest to the sun and another when we are farthest. It surprises many people to learn that when we are closest to the sun we have our coldest weather! It is the tilt of the earth's axis, not our distance from the sun, that determines our seasons. The Quadrantid meteor shower peaks on the evening of the 3rd and predawn hours of the 4th. This is a fairly good annual shower, as many

as 40 'shooting stars' can be expected to be seen each hour. The Quadrantid shower is named for an obsolete constellation. The radiant (the point from which the meteors appear to radiate) is located in the constellation of Draco the dragon, which will be rising in the northeast after midnight. To observe the shower, just go outside, look toward the northeast, and be patient. We are fortunate this year; the fainter members of the shower should be visible because the moon will not be scattering light across the sky.

NEW MOON is at 6:10 p.m. on Jan. 4. The moon is located between the earth and the sun and is not visible. In fact, the moon is located exactly between the earth and the sun and there will be an eclipse of the sun. The bad news is, it won't be visible from our area. The eclipse is primarily visible from the Pacific

Ocean and west coast of the United States. The moon is only three degrees to the left of Saturn on the evening of the 6th. The crescent-moon is a beautiful object to observe with binoculars, and tonight it points right at Saturn. Venus passes six degrees to the north of Antares on the morning of the 8th. Mercury is now two degrees above Mars, but both are still close to the southeast horizon. Mercury passes 0.7 degrees above Mars on the 10th and is the same distance to the left of Mars on the 11th.

First Quarter Moon is at 5:32 p.m. on Jan. 12. Raymond Bullock is the former coordinator of the observatory and planetarium at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. He works for a toy company which specializes in laser displays and effects.

Schoolcraft offers new laser-technology program

A new laser technology program offered by Schoolcraft College is designed to prepare students for entry-level technical jobs in medical, telecommunications, space technology and other scientific fields. Employment opportunities for laser technicians are expected to remain strong through the mid-1990s. Three 16-week classes will be offered in winter term; they include: Introduction to Lasers, Laser Optics

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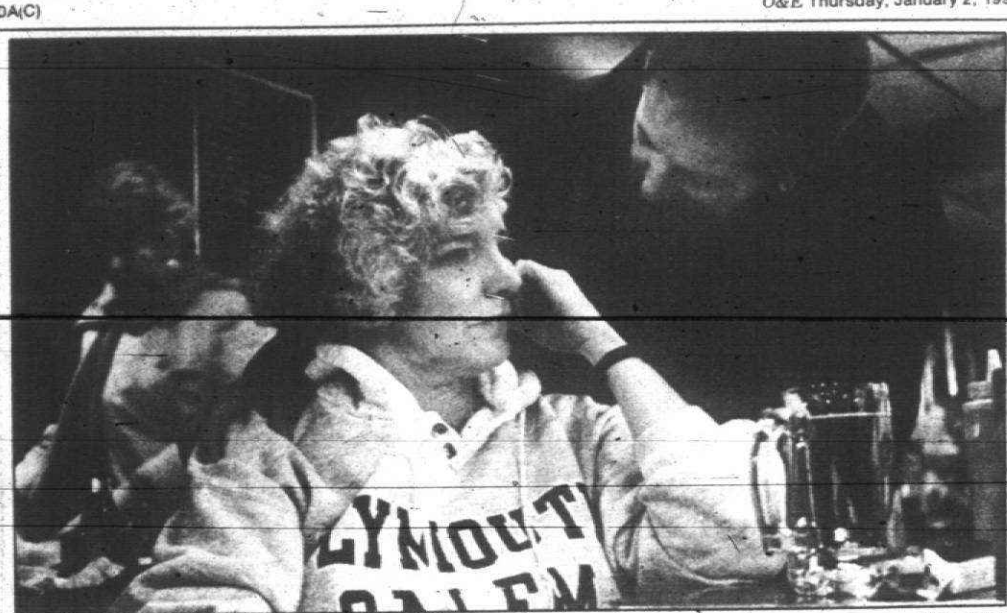
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War broke out in 1991 in Iraq and it hit home in the Plymouth Canton area. Barbara Murphy, a Plymouth-Salem High School teacher, reacted while in a Plymouth tractor to the war's start. Her son was in the Marines during the conflict.

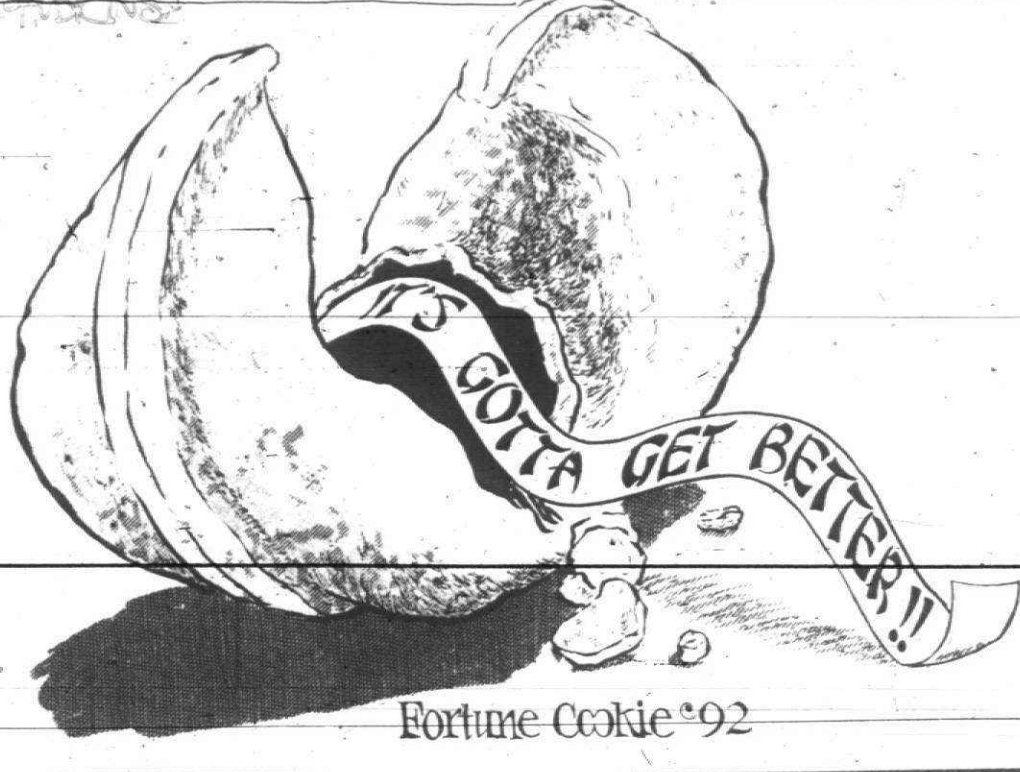
What a year Peace, war both broke out

IT'S BEEN a year to remember. We've had war and peace and everything in between during 1991. And the home front hasn't been immune to those international events. It was the best of times and also the worst. AS THE BERLIN wall came tumbling down, teachers in the Plymouth-Canton schools scrambled to explain the new world for their students. And when the bombing started in Iraq, Plymouth and Canton residents reacted, especially those with sons or daughters serving in the Gulf War. Then came the recession. It was just a blip on our screen during the Gulf War. The first explanation was that people were staying home to watch the war and were uncertain about what would happen to the cost of fuel. What ever it

Looking ahead Critical issues face our region

THE DAWNING of this new year on the heels of the unprecedented change and economic uncertainty in the previous 365 days brings with it a mixture of doubt, insecurity and hope. The future viability of Michigan and its southeastern economic breadbasket largely depends on decisions made on specific critical issues. The following issues are those that we believe are most important for Michigan residents to address:

- **EDUCATION** — We have struggled for years to reach a balance between spending enough for individual schools and local control of curriculum. Our efforts have garnered a meager paycheck. While many students are receiving a barely sufficient education, a growing number are receiving less than is necessary to compete and prosper in the world economy. Even more alarming are the number of youngsters who are dropping out and disappearing from the educational experience, altogether. If we, as a region, are to remain economically sound, we must dedicate more resources and become more innovative in the ways we educate our children and retrain the adult population.
- **URBAN SPRAWL** — Despite the fact that Michigan's population is declining, we continue to build new communities and abandon established ones. The inner ring of suburbs will experience the same fate as the city of Detroit if this exploitation of vacant land continues. It is up to the business community, as well as government leaders, to call a halt to the urban development warfare that pits community against community and in some cases race against race. Developers, retailers, government officials and residents must be willing to plow resources back into their local community rather than abandoning them. If the sprawl continues we all will suffer economically.
- **ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION** — Little in Michigan has received more lip service and received less action than diversification. Yet we remain too exclusively linked to the automobile industry for our economic security. As the hiring power of General Motors and other auto companies declines, we must look to other industries that have brighter futures. We suggest that health care and the computer industry could be bright spots for providing technical jobs for Michigan's future. We also believe that for once the state get serious about backing



It's time to give American auto industry another try

WHETHER OR NOT you're willing to admit it, the car you buy reflects something about you — and not just your income. When I was growing up in the northern Detroit suburbs, every car my family bought was from General Motors. This was a combination of the northern suburbs being "GM country" and the fact that my grandfather's die casting plant, although in Cleveland, had GM as its biggest client. Things changed when I married a conservative, scientific-type from out-of-town, who was less enamored of flashy cars in general than we are in Detroit and who was intrigued by the engineering of Volkswagens. We bought our first car — a VW bug — in Europe, drove it around for a summer and then shipped it back to New York City, where we would live. It was the perfect car for Manhattan. We also found the engineering claims to be true. It lasted 10 years, although I barely making it up the last hill in the Oranges of New Jersey to trade it in on our next car — yet another Volkswagen. NOW WITH children, we used the VW as the commute car, and we bought our first Sedan (that's my daughter's boyfriend's nickname for a sedan) — naturally, a GM car — a four-door, maroon Chevrolet Impala that actually was a semon, since I was the primary driver. Through moves to Houston and to Detroit, we stayed in the VW/GM mode until our first child made it to 16 — then he got the VW — and my husband bought his first (and only) American car — a Chevette. Early on its speedometer broke, seemingly out the only way it could be fixed was by paying to have the entire transmission removed. So we learned to drive the speed limit by feel. It also rusted out something awful, torpedoing my husband back into the foreign car market, this time bearing the label "Made in Japan." He drove his silver Toyota for four years, then gave it to our youngest daughter when she was 16. Six years later, she's still driving it. Meanwhile, after two disastrous



Judith Doner Berne

buys with GM products, in 1987 I clenched my teeth and bought a Japanese car. After three years of no worry, no repair driving, more slack-jawed, I traded it in for another. Still, I've always been embarrassed to be driving them, wishing that Detroit could do as well. NOW MY DETROIT upbringing, the plight of my city and its car-based economy, and the improved ratings of some American cars, such as the Ford Taurus, make me think it's time to give the American car industry another go. Mike Royko, the syndicated columnist from Chicago, however, is stiffing customers and had made quality products, there wouldn't have been much of a Japanese and European car invasion. But because of its arrogance and stupidity, General Motors opened the gates and made itself the great, shrinking giant. He strongly suggests he would never buy another GM product. Royko is probably right. But he's not from Detroit. Judith Doner Berne is assistant managing editor for the Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

points of view Reading between those pr lines

WE IN "THE media" take a lot of flak for sensationalizing, distorting, selective editing. So today let me treat you to a few raw, unwritten, unedited press releases — what industry and government would like you to read. Let's start with the No. 1 auto maker. Media headlines said 21 plants would be closed and 71,000 jobs eliminated. Here's GM's hand-out: "GENERAL MOTORS (NYSE: GM) Chairman Robert C. Stempel today announced an aggressive program involving fundamental changes in the way GM runs its business. "The program will immediately reduce costs, improve the 1992 outlook and substantially resize GM's North American operations to help restore their profitability. "General Motors will run its business in an increasingly lean and responsive manner," Stempel said. "A lean capacity approach will bring GM's North American manufacturing capacity tightly in line with overall market demand. "Organizational changes will continue in order to improve operational focus, eliminate redundant levels and staffing, streamline business practices, and reduce overall re- sponse time. "GM's version sounds great. "Improve the 1992 outlook," Resizes the company. "Improve operational focus." Yec-c-e-h! Let's move on to a cultural institutions. "ALTHOUGH THE more than 41-percent decrease in state support in the current fiscal year will mean drastic changes in the Detroit Historical Department's operations, its Director Maud M. Lyon has announced it will endeavor to continue its primary mission, to educate and entertain the public through presenting Detroit's rich history. "The reduction in state support has meant severe cuts in our operations — closing Historic Fort Wayne; losing 41 percent of our staff since 1990, and losing more than \$1.4 million from our budget," stated Lyon. What's hidden, of course, is that this is a department of Detroit city government. It's Detroit's responsibility, not the state's. Detroit city government has shut down Fort Wayne, cut operating hours and discontinued assessing research questions from the public. Detroit's general fund budget is nearly \$2,000 per person, 2.5 times state general spending of \$800 per person. You need the newspaper to dig that out. "Another example from Detroit again. "DETROIT MAYOR Coleman A. Young said today the city is being forced to stop daily meal services for more than 2,000 senior citizens beginning Jan. 2.



Tim Richard

"Michigan Gov. John Engler's veto of funds for meals for senior citizens. "We have seniors up to 100 years of age being served by our home-bound meals program. "See the propaganda? "We" have seniors in "our" program. When the food goes out, Detroit's mayor takes credit. When the bill comes due, the "inhumane" Engler gets the blame. THE FINAL example is a Michigan National Corp. bank commercial that starts by asking if you're tired of high credit card interest rates. What MNC hides is the fact that several years ago it moved its credit card operations out of Michigan into North Dakota to escape Michigan's usury laws and charge 19.8 percent interest. I had to ask bank officials \$200 from a fellow who called himself my friend. The remedy was to crawl under the car and reconnect the pipes with your hands wrapped in whatever fast-food wrappers were lying in the back seat. As if that weren't enough, my car was also an omen. Whether the root of the problem was a bad childhood, emotional problems or the fact that the former owner used to drive in ways that would make A.J. Foyt nervous, I don't know, but suspect the latter. By the time I transferred to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, the Fury's gas addition had worsened. At 5 1/2 miles per gallon, I might have been driving a Peterbilt. IN JANUARY, suffering from temporary insanity, I tried to coax the brown bomber back home to Rochester, Mich. However, on the six day odyssey, I was unfortunate enough to experience the worst winter storm that hit the Midwest since the Pleistocene Age. And — my fine Chrysler product began to display an alarming malfunction in its transmission. You see, from time to time, the car became confused and thought drive was neutral. But it always cleared up right after scaring the hell out of me. Finally, the ailing automobile coughed its last and coasted to a stop on a cold day in the middle of nowhere (Illinois by name). I was told the problem involved bands in the transmission, but it might have been overexposed in the transaxle for all I cared. So I sold the car to a junkyard for \$45, complete with two new snow tires, a relatively new carburetor, and three six-

Partnerships: Good education policy

IT HAD BEEN decades since I'd visited Detroit's Cass Technical High School. I had represented rival Denby High there in a 1952 track meet where I recall that an anatomical portion of a Cass competitor somehow escaped his running suit during a race on the balcony track, causing female spectators in the gymnasium below to scream even louder for him. Cass also boasted the only quarter-mile who ever beat me in high school — 6-foot, 3-inch Paris "Sandy" Whittington, now a Southfield executive. Because I had also coached in Detroit, my memories of this exceptional school had been restricted to athletics, and I knew of its academic excellence only by repute. Upon arrival for a press conference held to announce an impending partnership between Cass Tech and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, I was greeted by Principal David Sneed, who immediately filled me in on his school's fine academic tradition. "FOR THE better part of this century, Sneed intoned proudly, "Cass



John Telford

had upheld a record as one of the largest, most successful technical and academic urban public schools in the country. More than 95 percent of our student body presently progresses into higher education." It had been decades since I'd conversed with anyone regarding academic matters at U-M Dearborn, where in 1970 I had reluctantly rejected the tempting offer of an assistant professorship in urban education in favor of the more lucrative lure of a directorship at Macomb County Community College (a decision I later had reason to regret). Under the vibrant leadership of Chancellor, Blenda J. Wilson, U-M Dearborn has continued a two-decade tradition of outreach to the urban Detroit community. Being aware, then, of the reputations of both institutions, I had wanted to go that day to witness Sneed and Wilson sign their agreement, which will motivate minority students to enter the teaching and engineering professions and higher education in general. Even before the signing, the two educators had begun a variety of joint initiatives involving U-M-D's schools of education and engineering and its offices of admissions and financial aid. SAID WILSON: "This partnership shows our institutions' mutual commitment to offer opportunities for talented students at all educational levels." She pointed out that by combining high school and university resources

We desperately need to have collaboration like this between many additional schools and universities — not only in Detroit and Dearborn, but all throughout America.

John Telford, a Rochester Hills resident, recently was assistant superintendent in the Rochester School District. He previously was executive director for secondary education in the Plymouth Canton district.

from our readers

Rate increase New year brings is called new anti-drunk driving laws inflationary

To the editor: I wish to raise a shrill voice in protest against Omnicon's increase in the price of service. I decided to compare your rate history with that of another monopoly with which I do business — Detroit Edison. In November of 1985 I used 510 of their billing units. My bill was \$46.70. If I had used the same number of units in November of 1991, my bill would have been \$48.25. I make that to be an increase of 3.3 percent. In the month of November 1985, my bill with Omnicon was \$17.30. In January of 1991, my bill for the same service — assuming no increase in the rate for the premium channel — will be \$29.20. I make that to be an increase of 68.8 percent. Your inflationary costs are no greater than that of Detroit Edison, and, in all probability are less. However, living in a monopoly environment with no regulation, you are taking advantage of your situation and your customers. There are two solutions to the problem, neither of which would be palatable to you. Your utter disregard of what is fair and equitable makes one of these courses of action inevitable and you will have killed the goose which lays the golden egg. Robert D. Vreeland, Plymouth

Opinions are to be shared

Opinions and ideas are best when shared with others. That's why the Plymouth Observer encourages its readers to share their views with others in the From Our Readers column. Submitting a letter to the editor for publication is easy; Letters should be typewritten or printed legibly and kept to 300 words. Letters should be mailed to: the editor, the Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI, 48170. The media has given coverage to these significant changes and details of the new laws are available through the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Michigan state office. The new laws have been long in coming. In 1990 in Michigan, 738 people were killed in senseless, preventable alcohol-related traffic crashes with another 23,114 injured. For MADD, the adoption of the new potentially life-saving laws is further indication of the popular support for ending drunken driving. Just look at the many red ribbons being sported on vehicles now as part of MADD's holiday time Red Ribbon "The One On . . . For Safety" sober driving public awareness campaign. This campaign encourages individuals, families, friends and business associates to drive safe and sober throughout the holidays and all year long. This year the Red Ribbon campaign ended on a high note — the same day that the new anti-drunk driving laws went into effect. Let's hope that as we usher in a new year and a new era, that it is one of real reform and resolution — a time when there is no need to "get tough on drunken driving" because individuals would only drive when sober. Bethany Goodman, executive director MADD, Michigan

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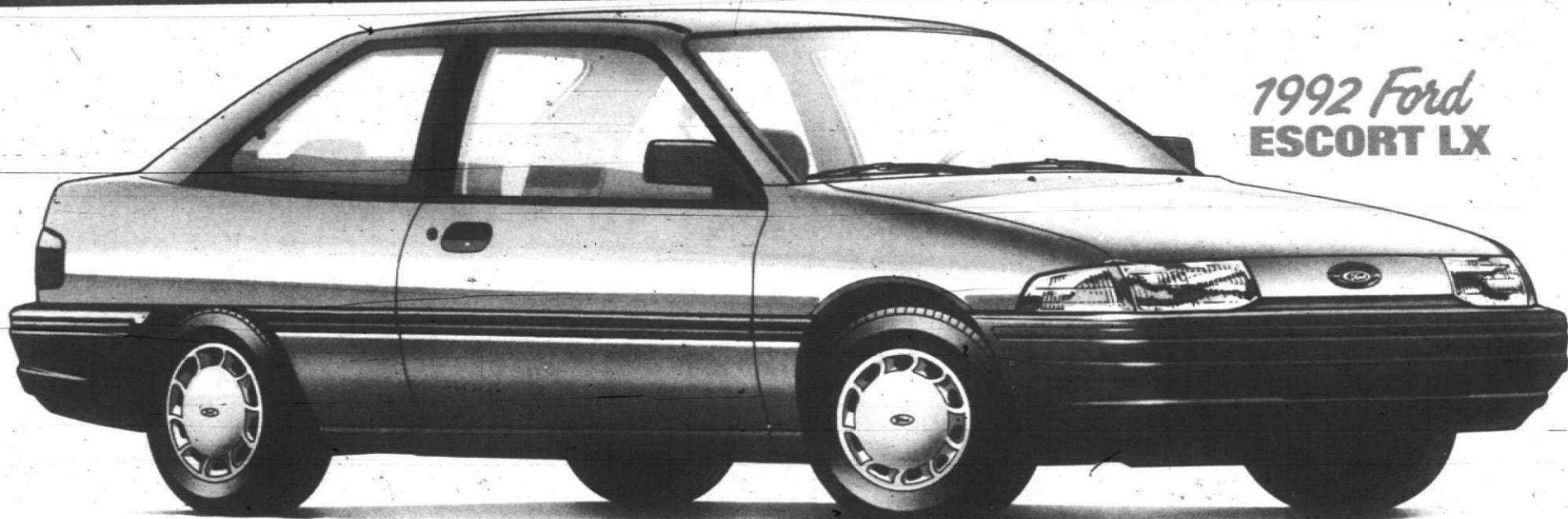
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IN BRIEF

Money from IRS?

This is a twist. The IRS is trying to locate Michigan taxpayers, some of who live in Canton, who are still due tax refunds from their 1990 federal income tax returns.

John O. Hummel, IRS district director for Michigan, said 976 refund checks worth \$391,374 were returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable. The checks range in amounts from \$1 to \$16,309. The average check was \$401. The Canton residents include, Ronald Gordon, Kathryn Foster, Daniel V. and Reita F. Federspiel, Riad Youssef and Susan Kay Quednau.

Ready for soccer

Sure, winter just started. But registration is scheduled to begin Jan. 2 and continue through Jan. 31 for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring season. Boys and girls 5-18 are eligible, league play begins in April. Cost to register is \$34. All new participants must bring a birth certificate when they register, and everyone must have his Social Security number upon registration.

Sign up during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the city recreation department. They will also be open until 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. For more information, call 455-6623.

Sunshine picnic

The Plymouth Sunshine Club's annual picnic is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the Highlands Hammock State Park, off U.S. 27 near Sebring, Fla., at 634 State. The club invites folks to invite any Plymouth friends. Bring a covered dish, table service and a beverage. There are nearby shelters in case of rain. To make camping reservations, call the park at 813-385-0011.

Wetland packet

Canton Township is offering a wetland information packet to property owners who may have questions about wetland regulation and how it affects their property rights and development rights. The packet includes videos and was sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority. For more information, call 397-1000.

Aerobics instructor got late start

She inspires others to begin working out

If you ate too much over the holidays and are thinking about an exercise program, take some inspiration from aerobics instructor Andrea Purzer, 50, of Plymouth.

She began working out at 42, when many feel they are too busy or too old to begin such a program.

"I started going just for my own health," said Purzer. "Weight loss aside, you need to use your body to keep it healthy and to have fewer problems when you're 70 or 80."

A native of Scotland, Purzer came to the United States in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in economics to work for Ford Motor Co.

There, she met her husband, Dick. The Purzers have three boys; Chris, 25; Nick, 21; and Rick, 19.

Purzer gave up smoking after the birth of her third son. "My mother died of emphysema," she explained.

"I spent so much time in emphysema wards, it convinced me to quit. It was re-

ally depressing watching people having to gasp for breath."

To people her age considering an exercise program, she advises, "Get a check-up with your doctor first."

"With a doctor's consent, start with a program that helps you have fun and relax. The more relaxed a person is, the easier the workout becomes."

The aerobic program she offers, at Aerobic Fitness Co. in Northville, is designed so the new or inexperienced client can relax and have fun.

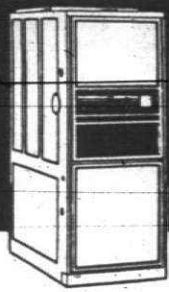
"Andrea is real good with beginners," said Brenda Mack, co-owner and instructor at the Northville business. "People always say I hope I look that good when I'm 50."

Purzer was recently certified by the American Council for Exercise, an internationally recognized organization dedicated to safety and fitness. She studied anatomy, physiology, health screening and testing and emergency procedures.



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Andrea Purzer (above) of Plymouth started working out eight years ago. Now 50, she also teaches aerobics. At left, she leads a class in an exercise.



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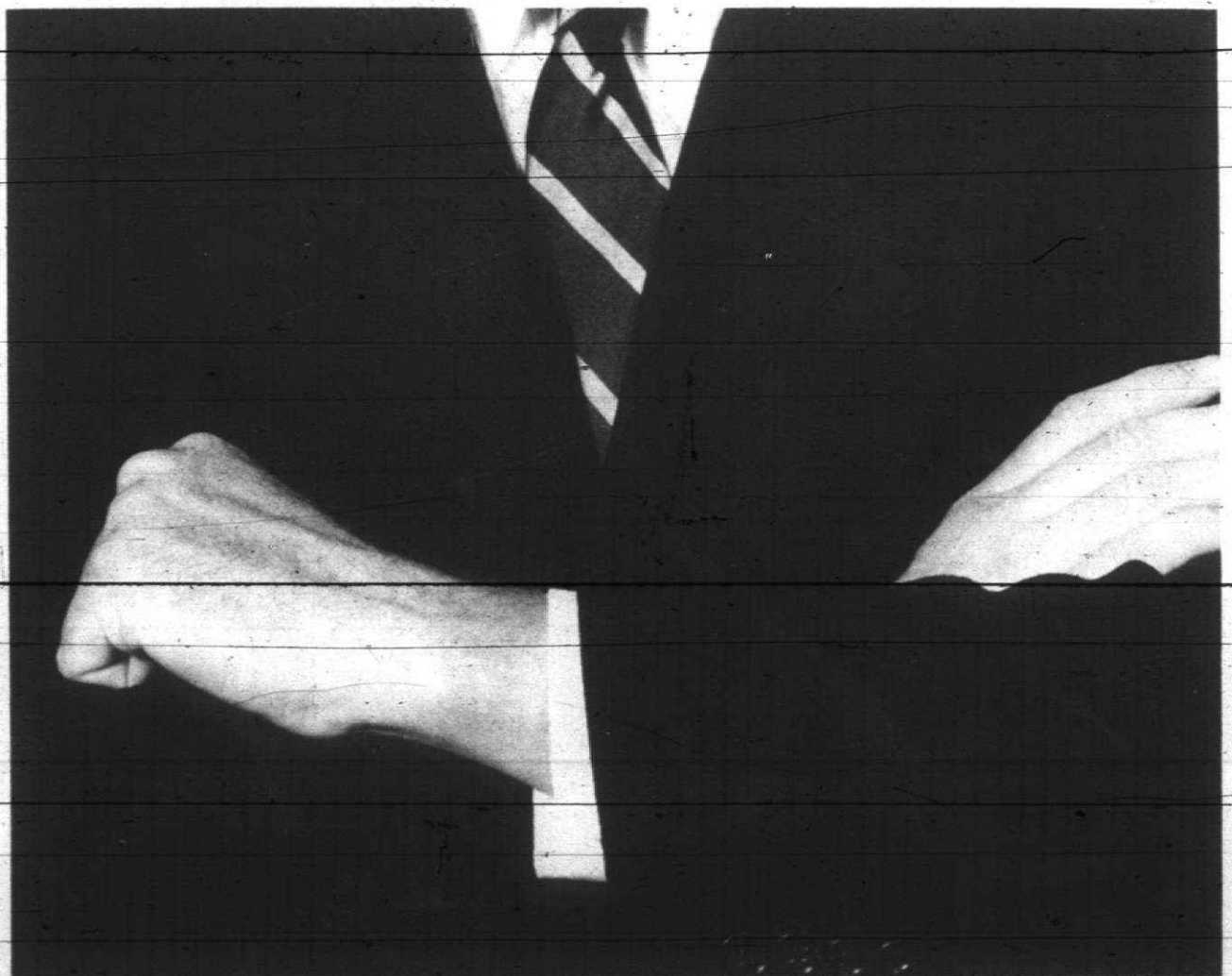
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The class of 1982 will have a reunion Oct. 10 at Dearborn K-of-C. For information, call 824-8550.
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The class of 1982 will have reunion Oct. 10 at Zuccaro's Country House in Mount Clemens. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.
- DEARBORN**
The class of 1942 will have a reunion Oct. 2 at the Holiday Inn in Dearborn. For information, call 338-6033.
- CRESTWOOD**
The class of 1967 will have a reunion Oct. 23 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, call 824-8550.
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The class of 1977 will have reunion Aug. 1 at the Hellenic Center in Westland. For information, call 824-8550.
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The class of 1956 is planning a reunion. For information, call Diane (Stephens) Rader, 563-9224, or Dolores (Wojcik) Looz, 582-5254.
- The class of 1942 will have a reunion Aug. 7. For information, call Neva Hunt Seaward, 722-2158, or Pat Bower Hibbard, 422-8403.
- DETROIT CENTRAL**
The class of January 1952 is planning a reunion. For information, call 559-1144.
- DETROIT CODY**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion March 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For information, write Cody High School Class of 1972, P.O. Box 1266, Sterling Heights 48311-1266.
- DETROIT COMMENCE**
The classes of 1950-53 are planning a reunion. For information, write Commence Class Reunion, Classes of 1950, '51, '52 and '53, P.O. Box 20826, Ferndale, Mich. 8220.
- DETROIT COOLEY**
The class of 1982 will have a reunion July 24. For information, call Reunions Made Easy, 380-6100.
- DETROIT DENBY**
The class of 1982 is planning a reunion. For information, call 824-8550.
- DETROIT FINNEY**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Nov. 28 at St. John's Cultural Center in Sterling Heights. For information, call 824-8550.
- DETROIT MACKENZIE**
The class of 1982 will have a reunion May 16 at the Novi Hilton Inn. For information, call Jim Sapa, (517) 629-5581, or Mike Hughes, 357-4016.
- The class of 1942 will have a reunion Oct. 2 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For information, call Tino Asquini, 422-3507, Joe Juett, 626-3719, Eunice (Kilpela) Orton, 642-7812, Lillian (Dore) Chagnon, 642-4657, or Rose (Hammond) Snell, 363-0161.
- The classes of 1951-52 will have a reunion in late 1992. For information, write P.O. Box 20826, Ferndale 48220.
- DETROIT OSBORN**
The class of 1962 will have a reunion May 9 at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. For information, call 824-8550.
- DETROIT PATTENGLI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
The class of 1940 is planning a reunion. For information, call Vic Palmier, 774-4203.
- DETROIT PERSHING**
The class of 1957 will have a reunion April 4 at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. For information, call 824-8550.
- The class of 1942 will have a reunion Oct. 3 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. For information, call 824-8550.
- DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN**
The classes of 1941-43 will have a reunion Oct. 24 at the Regency House in Warren. For information, call Meiba Austin, 642-3946, or at Jacobson & Associates, 32400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200, Birmingham 48012.
- The class of 1932 is planning a luncheon reunion. For information, call Evelyn, 477-4266.
- DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN**
The class of January 1942 is planning a reunion for April. For information, call Shirley, 642-8548, Florence, 425-1039, or Doris, 382-9144.
- EAST DETROIT**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Oct. 24 at Zuccaro's Country House in Mount Clemens. For information, call 824-8550.
- The classes of 1951-52 are planning a reunion for Oct. 24. For information, call 824-8550.
- EAST LANSING**
The class of 1953 will have a reunion in 1993. For information, call 824-8550.
- FERNDALE**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Aug. 1. For information, call Nancy, 689-7977.
- The class of 1967 will have a reunion Oct. 24 at the Northfield Hillton Hotel in Troy. For information, call 824-8550.
- GIRLS' CATHOLIC CENTRAL**
The class of 1966 is planning a reunion. For information, call Kathleen (Janeczewski) Jensen, 358-0530 (days), or Peggy (Borovica) Carlin, 459-6984 (evenings).
- GRAND BLANC**
The class of 1977 will have a reunion June 20. For information, call 380-6100.
- GROSSE POINTE NORTH**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion July 18 at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. For information, call 824-8550.
- IMMACULATA**
The class of 1976 is planning a reunion. For information, call 525-4607 or 443-0518.
- The class of 1971 will have a reunion June 20 at the Hotel Baronne in Novi. For information, call 824-8550.
- JOHN KENNEDY**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Nov. 27. For information, call Reunions Made Easy, 380-6100.
- LAKEVIEW**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion July 25 at the Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy. For information, call 824-8550.
- LANSING EVERETT**
The class of 1972 is planning a reunion. For information, call 824-8550.
- LIVONIA BENTLEY**
The class of 1966 will have a reunion. For information, call Pat Achille, 981-4215, or Ken Mirkman, 14125 Riverside Drive, Livonia 48154.
- LIVONIA CHURCHILL**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Aug. 29 at the Novi Hilton Hotel. For information, call 459-3326 or 454-7093.
- The class of 1962 will have a reunion July 11 at the Holiday Inn. For information, call 824-8550.
- LIVONIA FRANKLIN**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Aug. 8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. For information, call 824-8550.
- The class of 1982 will have a reunion at Livonia Holiday Inn. For information, call 824-8550.
- MADISON**
The classes of 1939-44 are planning a reunion. For information, call Jerry Edge, 476-5880.
- MILFORD**
The class of 1982 will have a reunion July 25. For information, call Reunions Made Easy, 380-6100.
- MOUNT CLEMENS**
The class of 1942 will have a reunion Sept. 18 at Zuccaro's Country House in Mount Clemens.
- NORTH FARMINGTON**
The class of 1981 will have a reunion in 1992. For information, call Reunions Made Easy, 380-6100.
- The class of 1972 will have a reunion Sept. 26. For information, call 465-3407 or 247-7348.
- NORTHVILLE**
The class of 1982 will have a reunion June 13. For information, call 380-6100.
- The class of 1972 will have a reunion Aug. 8, 1992. For information, call Reunions Made Easy, 380-6100.
- PONTIAC CENTRAL**
The class of 1972 reunion committee is forming. For more information, call 625-6025.
- PONTIAC NORTHERN**
The class of 1972 will have a reunion Aug. 1 at the Double Eagle Restaurant in Troy. For information, call Ginny Norvell, 652-8009, or Marilyn Pomeroy, 625-5301.
- REDFORD THURSTON**
The class of 1967 will have a reunion Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. For information, call Sue O'Koney, 937-9374, or Cathy Campbell, 937-8736.
- SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**
The class of 1966 is planning a reunion. For information, call Jean Marie Panyard, 462-4400 Ext. 5046.
- SOUTH LAKE**
The class of 1967 will have a reunion in 1992. For information, call 824-8550.
- The class of 1972 will have a reunion Oct. 3 at the Sterling Heights Inn, Sterling Heights. For information, call 824-8550.
- STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON**
The class of 1982 will have a reunion Aug. 1 at Zuccaro's Country House in Mount Clemens. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.
- THURSTON**
The class of 1966 is planning a reunion Aug. 1 at Club Monte Carlo Utica. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.
- TROY**
The class of 1966 is planning a reunion. For information, call 824-8550.
- TROY ATHENS**
The class of 1982 will have a reunion in August. For information, call Memory Makers Inc., 544-3081 or 549-4643.
- Georgina (Powell) Kocotian, 851-5038.
- Classes of 1975, '76, '77 and '78 is planning a mega reunion Aug. 29. For information, call 960-6100.
- ROYAL OAK KIMBALL**
The class of 1963 is planning a reunion. For more information, write The Class Reunion, CBC, Box 287, Ortonville 48462.
- The class of 1982 will have a reunion July 18 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call Memory Makers Inc., 544-4643 or 544-3081.
- ST. BRIGID**
The class of 1962 is planning a reunion. For information, call 459-0511 or 887-4086.
- ST. CATHERINE**
The classes of 1955 through 1965 will have a reunion Jan. 18 at the Athepa Hall in Roseville. Cost is \$30 per person. For information, call Mary Catherine at 528-2660 (work) or 331-3258 or Mary Lou at 745-8521 (work) or 465-2693.
- ST. CLAIR**
The class of 1973 will have a reunion July 10 at the St. Clair Inn. For information, call 824-8550.

Business

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Leading edge inventions distinguish businesses

By Gerald Frawley staff writer

Invention, innovation, ingenuity, creativity — the three I's and big C long rumored to be dead in America — are alive and kicking.

At least that's what one is led to believe after perusing the accomplishments of local companies honored for excellence and achievement in technology with Michigan's Leading Edge Technologies award.

Gae Miller, executive director for the Michigan Technology Council, said the awards annually recognize the importance of invention in Michigan. The awards are given by the Michigan Technology Council, a statewide association of business, education and government leaders working to promote economic growth, the Detroit accounting firm of Arthur Andersen, and the Detroit Free Press.

"We feel there are so many of these small companies that don't get the recognition they deserve for what they're doing," Miller said.

Despite the economy, the world is beating a path to the doorstep of these companies — all of which bodes well for the Michigan economy.

The hope is other companies will follow suit, she said. There is already some evidence that indicates that variety in business is more than just wishful thinking.

"We're certainly seeing a lot of diversification."

Several of the Michigan Leading Edge Technology Award winners are from the Observer & Eccentric area.

AMERICAN DENTAL LASER in Troy has developed a laser powerful enough to use in soft and hard tissue dental work, subtle enough for use on a person's mouth, and flexible and small enough for use in a dentist's office.

The three-watt, neodymium, yttrium-aluminum-garnet (Nd:YAG) pulsed laser is delivered through an optic fiber, making it possible to reach most remote areas of the mouth, according to Bob Daulton, marketing director for American Dental Laser. The contact point is as small as the period at the end of this sentence, making it the first laser suitable for general dental work.

Daulton said ADL's dental laser has not been approved for hard tissue dental work, like removing tooth decay, in the United States, but it is being used for this type of work in Europe.

ADL is working with the FDA to gain approval for use in hard tissue dental work.

The laser has only been approved for soft tissue dental work, which includes removing diseased and infected gum tissue. Daulton said. The laser is far faster, less painful and kills bacteria that causes the problems, he said.

Daulton said earlier lasers were not suitable for dentistry because they were too powerful, and there was tremendous heat buildup. "You can see where that wouldn't be a good thing in a mouth."

The typical medical laser is 10 to 50 watts, he said. The Nd:YAG laser is a pulsed laser — meaning the laser beam fires rapidly for milliseconds at a time — which has a peak beam of three watts and allows a cooling period.

Also, previous lasers were large and bulky, the laser developed by ADL is approximately the size of a suitcase with a laser output device. It is designed to be similar in size and shape of current dental tools — connected to the case by an optic fiber.

"The dental laser is already being used by more than 1,000 dentists, including 600 dentists in the United States."

FUTURE THREE SOFTWARE of Livonia developed software — called Automotive Release Shipping Control — that allows an automotive supplier to comply with basic electronic data interchange requirements of the original equipment manufacturers.

In a nutshell, this means better tracking and more efficient shipping in an industry that demands on-time delivery.

Sarah Eatherly, marketing director for Future Three Software, said the software allows the small auto supplier and the original equipment manufacturers to share computer data relating to shipping information.

Previously, data used by the original equipment manufacturers have been incompatible with the software used by the suppliers, Eatherly said.

Even after 1983, when electronic data transmissions were somewhat standardized, suppliers were still left out in the cold because each manufacturer's computer data had its own quirks, she said.

"That's why this has always been done with paper, which is slow and more likely to result in errors," Eatherly said.

The auto supplier would copy the data into its own system and use the copied data to generate shipping and invoicing reports, inventory and manufacturing information, she said.

Automotive Release Shipping Control takes the raw data from the original equipment manufacturer and converts it into a form that can be readily used by the supplier. "It ties into the shipping, manufacturing and financials."

But the innovation in the product lies in software's ability to integrate the shipping and receiving data with other business applications, Eatherly said.

"Now the data from the original equipment manufacturers can be manipulated for use within the supplier company," she said.

One of the especially useful features of the package, Eatherly said, is the ability to quickly make comparisons between previous and current reports, and daily and weekly reports.

"Now a supplier knows if an order he received today is a duplicate order that has already been sent," Eatherly said. That means fewer mistakes and less waste in shipping and manufacturing.

XYSYS, INC. of Bingham Farms developed computer

AIR GAGE CO. in Livonia, working with the Industrial Technology Institute, created a video camera-based, three-dimensional measurement system. One of its applications is measuring the thickness of coins.

AIRFLOW SCIENCES CORP., a Livonia-based consulting engineering firm, developed computer software to solve problems in fluid flow and heat transfer — a deceptively simple term for a complex problem.

Prior to the development of the software, fluid network problems were solved mainly by trial and error, according to Jim Paul, Airflow Sciences executive vice president.

Paul said Airflow Sciences Corp. developed the software because it kept running into situations in its consulting work that necessitated it.

"We've used this for everything from looking at the dimples in a golf ball to seeing what happens inside a boiler," he said.

Fluid flow and heat transfer begins where structural analysis leaves off. For example, when an engineer designs a bridge there are numerous load and stress measurements of mass, shape and weight that determine the structure's integrity.

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Hats tipped to inventors

By Gerald Frawley staff writer

There are as many — if not more — inventions developed by backyard mechanics and home handymen as there are by corporations.

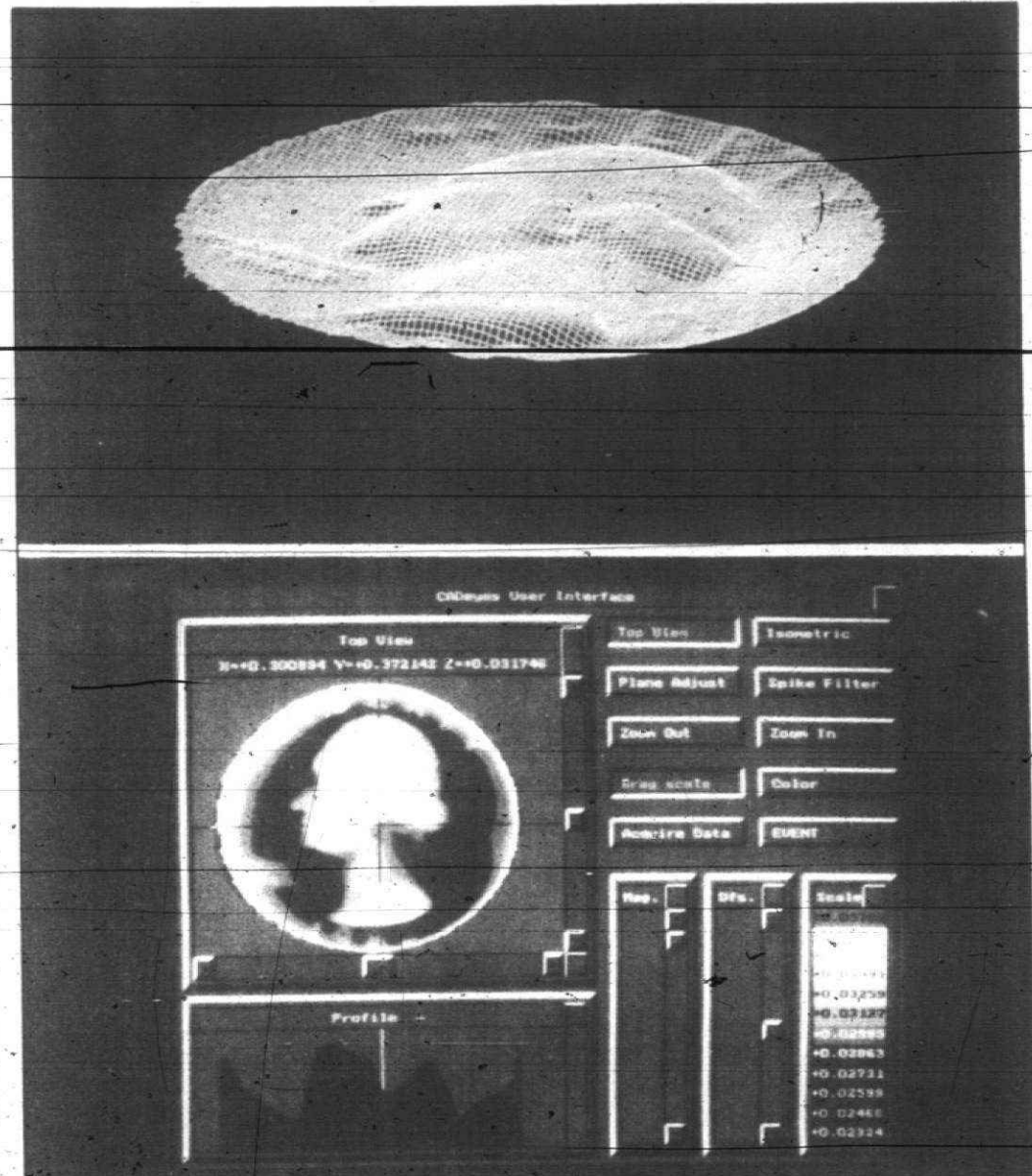
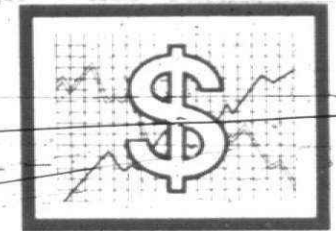
Never has this been more obvious than at a recent Inventor's Council of Michigan's second annual reception at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn where more than 150 guests from Michigan business and scientific community gathered to watch as awards were presented to six Michigan inventors who have successfully built businesses around their inventions.

Local winners include:

Peter A. Hochstein, principal and project manager of Quantex Engineering in Troy that licenses automotive and consumer electronic products. His most recent products include a high powered performance audio amplifier, a battery-powered automatic video light and an integrated automotive mirror and compass.

Skip McWilliams, president and owner of Teacher's Discovery in Troy, has invented and sold more than 1,000 teaching aids for foreign language phrases. His company now creates 200 products per year.

Other inventors, although not necessarily award winners, who made presentations at the show include Jack Shirlin and Bob Kaiser of Garden City, who brought their air-operated roof shingle removal tool.



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Auto journalists caught off guard in '91

It hasn't been a good year for journalists, what with most of the epoch-making events of the latter part of the 20th century all happening in 1991, and all of them catching the correspondents, newsmen, anchor-people et al. more or less asleep at the switch.

It is one of the hazards of the trade — which mainly relies on thumb-sucking, pontificating and analysis — leaving it unprepared when something like the breakup of the Soviet Union, the Persian Gulf War, or the makings of a trade war with Japan suddenly just happens, and none of the experts, consultants, or unnamed sources ever leaked a word in advance. The result is a mad

scramble in the face of real news. Nowhere is this more apparent than the coverage of some fundamental activities in the auto business, which took some profound turns in 1991, few of which got much notice.

The abrupt downsizing of GM was one of the few exceptions, at least on the surface. When GM President Robert Stempel marched into the packed GM press room, no fewer than six reporters already were interviewing each other. Stempel had his say, and then it was back to the consultants, analysts and other reporters, who were anxious to report what Stempel really meant.



auto talk
Dan McCosh

profound acknowledgement from one of the most thoughtful leaders of American industry that the auto business is dramatically cutting back on its role as a quasi-public economic institution that cushions the technocrats and middle managers — the people that make up much of middle class America. It was only a few years ago when GM

moved 10,000 new employees into the northern suburbs, setting off a real estate boom that contrasted with the dismal red ink on both coasts. Now they are moving out. The announcement coincided with the so-called "trade mission" to Japan, in which President Bush and a cadre of executives extend fingers toward the dike, not quite acknowl-

edging the dam has burst. The point being that 1991 was, in fact, the year of the most profound change in the world industrial scene in this half of the century. The consolidation of Germany; the moves to build a European economic union; the upheaval in Eastern Europe; the growth of industry in India and Pakistan, the shift to Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia of Japanese production capacity; the flight of capital from Hong Kong; the sudden comeback of Mexico, among other happenings, have shaken the basics of the world's economies. Not so surprisingly, much of this has altered even the face of the landscape of Detroit and its suburbs. The new technical centers built just this year, with the most dramatic being the huge Chrysler complex in Auburn Hills, ultimately will shape how people live in this urban landscape as profoundly as the shopping center did in the 1950s. The influx of Asian immigrants has only begun.

What is lost is the quiet, dependable career epitomized by plugging away in the bowels of a company like GM or Ford, with a long-term future and a comfortable retirement only the dullest of many possibilities.

The auto business change in 1991 — profoundly — in a way some economic historian may recognize in the future. Meanwhile, dealing with the future is a scramble that has only just begun.

Invention award lauds businesses

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aided design-access products that are easy to use and will operate effectively on data generated by all major CAD systems.

CAD-Access, XYSYS Inc.'s newest innovation, encourages communication and teamwork among diverse users of data, from the high-powered automobile makers with huge mainframes to the smallest auto suppliers with a desktop personal computer.

Patrick Kennedy, marketing director for XYSYS, said there has been a need for CAD-Access ever since the automotive companies began pressuring suppliers to take on some of the design aspects of component manufacturing.

All large manufacturers do product design on computer, he said, but parts suppliers — because of an incompatibility of data between major auto computer and smaller auto supplier computer software — have been left out of the loop.

"There's always been a mystique surrounding these big CAD systems," he said. Smaller desktop computers — those which are likely to be found in an auto supply firm — couldn't work with designs made on the large mainframes.

For the U.S. to compete, it will be important for everyone to be involved in the production process, he

said. "All we have is a mechanism for top-down engineering — the auto companies would design something and say this it, build it," Kennedy said. "The problem with that is these designers with unlearned degrees don't have any practical experience."

"But we have guys in the shops who smell like oil and have metal shavings embedded in their skin that know things from experience that the designers couldn't," Kennedy said.

The way production process has been set up, those people in the shops couldn't communicate their ideas back to the designers. "That's what this does."

With CAD access, the auto supplier can take data from any of the large original equipment manufacturers and work with it on a desk top.

The supply companies have been reluctant to buy large CAD systems because the auto companies are constantly changing their systems and because each auto manufacturer uses a different method, he said.

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● **DISABILITIES ACT**
Thursday, Jan. 9 — "Americans with Disabilities Act Workshop I — Planning for Compliance" 8:15 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. at the American Society of Employers, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Non-member fee: \$125. Information: Pat Murphy, 353-4500.

● **USING A TELEPHONE**
Tuesday, Jan. 14 — "Effective Telephone Techniques" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the American Society of Employers, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Non-member fee: \$225. Information: Pat Murphy, 353-4500.

● **BLACK MANAGERS FORUM**
Wednesday, Jan. 15 — A live national videoconference for non-minority and minority managers will be conducted on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the Varner Recital Hall by the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education.

● **PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES INT'L**
Wednesday, Jan. 8 — The Tri-county chapter of Professional

Secretaries International's 1992 membership meeting will be at the Handelman Company, 500 Kirts Blvd. in Troy. Also, the chapter will view a video presentation, "Difficult People, How to Deal With Them." Contact 362-4400, ext. 303, for information and reservations.

● **INVESTING SEMINAR**
Tuesday, Jan. 14 — Free investing and tax seminar noon to 1 p.m. at Merrill Lynch, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Triara Building Suite 260, Farmington Hills. Additional seminars planned for Tuesdays in March. Information: Dennis Herula, 1-800-937-0446.

● **SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY**
Copies of the free "Small Business Resource Directory" are available at all National Bank of Detroit offices. The booklet, produced by New Detroit and NBD, offers resource information for operators of small business.

business people

Thomas C. North, of Farmington Hills, has been appointed general sales manager of North Brothers Ford in Westland. Previously, Thomas North was business manager for the dealership.

Thomas L. Bradburn was honored by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers in Southfield by being chosen as the Chapter's Safety Professional of the Year Award winner for the 1991-92 Chapter year.

Susan Crusee of Southfield was named marketing director of Northland Center. In her new position she will be responsible for the creation of merchandising and promotional events, as well as overseeing the advertising and public relations activities for the center.

Michigan Inc., a subsidiary of Republic Hogg Robinson, Inc., international insurance brokers and risk management consultants, headquartered in Boston.

Plante & Moran of Southfield, an accounting and management consulting firm, announced that Lori Razzano, CPA of Rochester was promoted to associate.

Thomas C. Padgett has been named and promoted to general manager of the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Town Center in Southfield.

Franklin Bank of Southfield announced that its board of directors appointed six new officers. They are: Elizabeth Waldron to vice president; Assistant vice president Lisa Aupperle; Carmelita Berger; Linda Comps; Ruth Curtis and Cheryl Kennedy-Nairn.

Phillip Lyon was appointed assistant vice president for Southfield-based Republic Hogg Robinson of

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Dance, theater students get 'Movin' in 1992

MOVIN' THEATRE, Wayne State University's traveling dance troupe, will take to the road once again in January. Bookings are now available for the group's new show, "Hooray for Hollywood," and for related workshops in dance and movement.

"Hooray for Hollywood" is a narrated program, performed by 11 actor-singer-dancers, tracing the history of the silver screen from "42nd Street" to "Singin' in the Rain."

The Movin' Theatre, founded in 1977 by Wayne State University choreographer Nira Pullin, has given over 200 performances throughout Michigan. The company has performed at Hart Plaza, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, on Good Afternoon Detroit, and at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, as well as at numerous elementary and high schools and for various community organizations.

"THE MOVIN' Theatre company includes Thad Avery, Marne Baumer (Garden City), Craig Bentley, Andrew Fitch and Rhonda Furman (Farmington), Rachel Loiselle (Southfield), Scott Peerbolte, Frank Polito, Michael Serapiglia (Troy), Wendy Shapiro (West Bloomfield) and Christy Watson.

The artistic director of the Movin' Theatre is Nira Pullin, assisted by director-choreographer Bill Wilson (Troy), musical director Mark Lantieri and assistant choreographers Scott Peerbolte and Michael Serapiglia. Costume design is by Mary Copenhagen.

Also available for booking are two brand-new shows, "Regime Remembrances" and "Victorian Secrets," performed by smaller companies featuring Pullin and Wilson. "Regime Remembrances" details the history of ragtime dance as told through the lives of Vernon and Irene Castle, and "Victorian Secrets" retells the gilded age of the Astors and the Vanderbilts.

For more information or to book performances and/or workshops of

fered by the Movin' Theatre, call Bill Wilson, 577-3010 or write Bill Wilson, Movin' Theatre Outreach Director, Department of Theatre, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. 48202-3489.

The Hilberry Theatre, also on the campus of Wayne State University, continues its season with the opening of Christopher Hampton's "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," Jan. 17 through Feb. 28.

It opened in 1986 at the Royal Shakespeare Company's Other Place at Stratford-on-Avon and won a Laurence Olivier Award for Best Play. In 1987 the play received critical acclaim for its limited run on Broadway.

For ticket information, call 577-2972.

The award-winning comedy-drama, "Trouble in Mind," by Alice Childress opens at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre for a two-weekend run 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, performances run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

SET IN the 1950s, the play deals with the societal issues of racism and sexism, specifically with the obstacles that many black actors face when they choose theater as a career.

"Trouble in Mind" is set on a Broadway stage as the actors rehearse "Chaos in Belleville," a play written, directed and produced by whites. Black and white cast members become involved in a real-life drama of racial tensions arising from the black stereotypes in the play.

Running for 91 performances, "Trouble in Mind" won the first Village Voice Obie award for best original off-Broadway play of the 1955-56 season.

For ticket information, call 577-2960.



Movin' Theatre, Wayne State University's touring dance troupe, goes back on the road in January. Top: Michael Serapiglia (Troy). Third row: Craig Bentley, Rachel Loiselle (Southfield), Frank Polito, Amy Kittinger, Bill Wilson (Troy), Christy Watson. Second row: Marne Baumer (Garden City), Thad S. Avery, Scott Peerbolte, Andrew Fitch. Bottom: Rhonda Furman (Farmington).

American Artists Series features music for oboe, strings, piano

Music for the oboe, strings and piano will be featured by the American Artists Series Chamber Players when Donald Baker, principal oboist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra joins them 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12.

The concert will be at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook campus, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The program will feature some favorites of chamber music devotees, programmed in response to requests from the American Artists Series audience.

The concert will open with Mozart's Oboe Quartet in F Major and

close with Johannes Brahms' Trio in C major, opus 87, for piano, violin and cello. The same instruments are featured in John Knowles Paine's Larghetto and Humoreske, opus 32.

Baker performs in a second Oboe Quartet, opus 61, composed by Malcolm Arnold for oboe, violin, viola and cello.

An informal reception with the artists follows the concert.

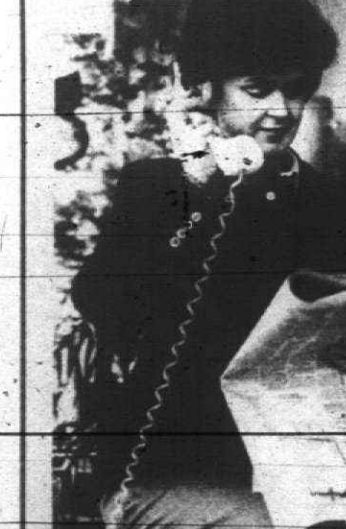
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LIVONIA SYMPHONY The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Maestro Francesco DiBlasi, will open its B series concerts with selections from Corelli to Gershwin, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3 and will feature soloists from the orchestra. This is the first of three concerts with take place at the Civic Center Library auditorium. Tickets available the evening of the performance or in advance from Hammell Music, Civic Center Library and Madonna University. Cost is \$10 for general admission, \$5 students and seniors or \$30 family rates. Call 458-6575 for information.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Soviet pianist Tatiana Nikolaeva gives her United States debut performance with DSO Music Director Neemi Jarvi and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 4, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5 at Orchestra Hall, 37711 Woodward, Detroit. To charge tickets call 645-6666, for information, call 833-3700.

COMMUNITY CHOIR AUDITIONS The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for experienced male and female singers for the Spring 1992 season Tuesday, Jan. 7 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Inkster in Livonia. To arrange an audition time, call choir president, Shari Clason, 349-8175. For more information, call 462-4448.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding auditions for "On Gold Pond" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads. The cast consists of three men (ages 35 to 60), one boy (age 12-16) and two women (ages 35 and 60). Performance dates March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28. Help is also needed behind the scenes. Call 349-7110.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE The music faculty of Marygrove College announces music department scholarship auditions for the 1992-93 year. Applications are now available for students interested in pursuing a music degree at Marygrove College on a full-time basis. Auditions open to voice, piano, organ, guitar or flute. For more information, call 862-8000. Marygrove College is at 8425 West McNichols at Wyoming.

TARTUFFE Trinity House Theatre of Livonia announces open auditions for "Tartuffe" to be performed Feb. 28-March 28. Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 7 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, corner of I-275 and Six Mile, Calliback, Wednesday, Jan. 8. Roles available, seven men and five women of varying ages, script used will be the verse translation by Richard Wilbur. Wear casual, comfortable clothes. Performance dates, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays Feb. 28 to March 28, except Thursday, March 26. For information, call 464-6302.

DANCE LAB Saturday classes for dancers and would-be dancers open at Wayne State University, Jan. 11 with a new twist: An Afro-Haitian dance workshop has been added. The workshop is open to the community and runs Jan. 11 to April 4. Classes for ages three through high school are held in Old Main, Cass at Warren. For more information, call 577-4273.

MOVIES AT THE REDFORD New Winter series at the Redford, 17360 Lahser Road. Films start 8 p.m. with organ overtures and intermissions at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 and 11, "The Sound of Music." Guest organist for the overture and intermission, Tony O'Brien. Tickets \$2.50 each. Call 487-9638.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC The Livonia Youth Philharmonic is holding auditions 4-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6 and Wednesday, Jan. 8 for the second half of the concert season. There are openings for all string players, and limited openings for winds and brass. Membership is open to young musicians from the Detroit metropolitan area. Rehearsals held Saturday mornings at Churchill High School in Livonia. To schedule an audition, call 453-8887.

GREENFIELD VILLAGE Winter in Greenfield Village, Jan. 2 through March 17. Village building interiors will be closed Jan. 2 through March 17, but visitors can enjoy walking among the historic homes, shops and workplaces. Weather permitting, there will be sleigh rides or horse-drawn carriage rides. Call 271-1620 for information.

MOVIE MAKERS CLUB Michigan Movie Makers club meets the third Wednesday of every month. Meeting scheduled 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5201 Woodward, Detroit. Call Donald MacKenzie, 538-1788, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Allen MacFadyen, 549-1820, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for information.

MOZART CELEBRATION All-Mozart celebration, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 North Brady, Dearborn. Dearborn Symphony Orchestra, "Magic Flute Overture."

"Concerto for Flute and Harp in C Major, K. 299 "Requiem, K. 626." Tickets adults, \$10, students, \$4. Call 565-2424 for information.

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS Auditions for Northville Players production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite," an adult comedy, 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 7 at the United Methodist Church, (Eight Mile and Taft) Northville. Production dates, March 6 and 7. Parts for 7 males (3 major), and 5 females (4 major). Major roles have a 30 to 40-minute age range. Call Jacquie Rundell for information, 344-1969.

THEATER SCHOLARSHIPS Auditions and interviews for scholarship for incoming freshmen to Wayne State University's Department of Theatre will be Jan. 18 and March 25 in the Studio Theatre (downstairs at the Hilberry). To schedule an appointment, or write for information, call 457-3508. Or contact Robert McGill, Department of Theatre, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202-3489.

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The Heathers Club The Heather's Club hosted the Dec. 9 meeting of the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, the oldest and largest of 6 chapters. It was attended by 80 chefs and purveyors from the Detroit area. The Heather's Club is within The Heathers Community, a residential development in Bloomfield Hills.

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Neaton offers leadership

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Not too many years ago, Pat Neaton used to spend at least part of his Christmas vacation at the same place he spent it last weekend — at Joe Louis Arena, site of the Great Lakes Invitational college hockey tournament.

"I used to always come to this tournament when I was younger," he recalled Saturday. "I loved coming down here."

After Saturday, he still relished those feelings, although his reasons were a bit different. He's not a college hockey fan any longer. Neaton is very much part of the action. He was very helpful in guiding University of Michigan to its fourth-straight GLI championship last weekend with a 3-1 win over Harvard Friday and a 7-1 trouncing of Michigan Tech Saturday.

Neaton, from Redford Township, spent three of his high school years at Redford Catholic Central. He transferred as a senior, graduating from Toronto's DeLaSalle HS.

NOW A JUNIOR, Neaton is counted on to provide leadership for the young Wolverines (only four seniors on the 25-player roster). He's one of two alternates to team captain David Harlock. And as a defenseman, he's also expected to frustrate opponents.

U-M sophomore goalie Steve Shields got his second-straight GLI most valuable player award after surrendering just two goals in the two wins. That's something Neaton could take pride in, too.

Particularly since this tournament, although highly-regarded by Neaton ("It's so much fun to win



PAUL HURSCHMANN/staff photographer

Pat Neaton (left) struggles with Harvard's Steve Martins in last weekend's Great Lakes Invitational played at Joe Louis Arena.

this," he said. "It's such a good feeling") and many others, isn't U-M's goal this season. The Central Collegiate Hockey Association title and the NCAA Tournament are foremost.

Neaton figures he pretty well knows what must be done to win both. The Wolves finished 34-10-3 last season, second in the CCHA, and gained an NCAA playoff berth. They beat Cornell in the opening round before losing to Boston University.

"OUR TEAM defense will be the key, I think," he said. "Defense is going to win you games. We have offensive talent here, but our defense will make the difference."

Neaton doesn't consider himself

that strong a defensive player, either. Last year, he was U-M's top scoring defenseman with 43 points (15 goals, 28 assists), now he wants to be more proficient defensively.

"I've always been up in the offense," he said. "I'm trying to play the defensive side better now. I'm learning more about the defense."

He's hardly been struggling. The 20-year-old was drafted by current NHL champion Pittsburgh in the seventh round in 1990; he missed last year's GLI because he was playing for the U.S. team at the World Junior Championships. Named to the CCHA's all-rookie team following his freshman year, Neaton has had impressive plus-34 and plus-18 marks in his first two seasons at U-M.

One reason he was chosen as an alternate captain is his attitude. Neaton concentrates on the positive, always searching for ways to improve.

"I DON'T want to feel bad, I just want to keep building," he said. "You have to keep getting better, you have to keep learning."

"You should always feel you can get better. Once you get to a level where you feel you can't get any better, it becomes self-defeating."

Are they improving? The two GLI wins upped U-M's record to 11-3-3 overall; the Wolverines are tied with Michigan State for second in the CCHA, four points behind Lake Superior State. They were ranked fifth in the nation last week.

Stingrays host swimming event

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

'It's important to run a quality meet.'
— Dave Knipper

The hard work of directors Dave and Sharon Knipper will be realized this weekend when the Michigan Stingrays Swim Club hosts its Winter Invitational for 'A' level swimmers at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

For the last three months the Farmington Hills couple has prepared for the second-annual event, which will bring more than 700 swimmers together from seven states and Canada. The Stingrays are one of six local clubs sending swimmers to the event.

The meet is sanctioned by Michigan Swimming Inc. on behalf of United States Swimming and will begin at 5:15 p.m. Friday with the first of five sessions. Admission is \$1 per adult each session or \$8 for the entire weekend.

Twenty-five clubs participated in last year's event, compared to 50 this year, according to Dave Knipper. There will be 84 individual races and 16 relays for boys and girls who are mostly between the ages of 10 and 20.

"It's really gotten intense the last couple weeks (of preparation)," Dave Knipper said. "I got tied up at nights and weekends (recruiting teams and making preparations). We could have had more clubs, but it's the individual numbers that make the difference."

THE KNIPPERS would prefer a closer location than EMU but say the 10-lane pool on the Ypsilanti campus is capable of luring several top-notch swimmers from across the country. In last month's girls state swimming championships, one new state record and several near misses were recorded in the pool, which produces faster times because of its 17-foot depth.

Besides the Stingrays, the other local clubs expected to send swimmers to the meet include the Birmingham Bloomfield Atlantis; the Birmingham Blue Dolphins; the Clarenceville Swim Club; the Livonia Novi Spartans; the Oakland Live Yers; the Troy Area Gators.

Medals will be awarded to participants who finish in first through eighth place in each event.

Of all the swimmers expected to compete, the most renowned name is Steve Crocker, who swims with the Rockwood Swim Club in St. Louis, Mo. Crocker in 1988 just missed qualifying for the U.S. Olympic team behind eventual gold medalist Matt Biondi.

"THE NUMBER of entries from our Michigan and out-of-state clubs is great testimony to the popularity of competitive swimming in the midwest," Stingrays coach Jeff Cooper said. "We have had advertising and service support from several businesses. The convention bureau of Ypsilanti has also given us good direction in our planning."

Added Sharon Knipper: "The facility gives us space to host a larger meet and also is a respected fast pool in the midwest and country. It really attracts out-of-state performers."

The Stingrays are a non-profit organization and use the event to "support our budget," Dave Knipper said. "It's important to run a quality meet. We're really trying to fulfill a big portion of our budget by money we will raise this weekend."

Best have goals set

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

In swimming, focus is everything. Those goggles they wear should concentrate on narrowing the vision considerably.

Because that's what high school swimmers need — the ability to channel all their energies into two or three days of competition per season. The remainder of the time they devote to their sport is for training for those few moments.

The Observerland's best swimmers, therefore, are those who do the best at the biggest high school meet of the season: the state championships. The top swimmers will train hard during the summer, rest and taper sometime early in the fall to reach state qualifying standards, then go back into heavy training for the state finals.

Two underclassmen share the title as Observerland's best, according to these standards — Farmington Hills Mercy junior Erika Smith and Livonia Stevenson sophomore Mandi Falk. They were the only two from the area to score in two individual events at the Class A state finals.

FALK BOASTED the best individual finish, and it came in what was easily the best event for Observerland swimmers. She placed fourth in the 100-yard breast stroke, one spot ahead of Mercy senior Katie Knipper (two of the three championship heat qualifiers in individual events from the Observer area).

Three Observer swimmers placed among the top seven at the Class A meet in the 100 breast, and another — Farmington Hills Harrison's Dana Dizon — finished ninth in the 100 breast at the Class B-C-D finals.

Mercy claimed top team honors, finishing 10th in Class A. Stevenson was 17th, Livonia Churchill 25th and Plymouth Canton 29th. Of the 12 individuals lauded as the best of the year, five are underclassmen who will get a chance to come back next fall and repeat.

Here are the Observerland's top female swimmers for 1991.

ALL-OBSERVER INDIVIDUALS

Erika Smith, Mercy, 200-yard freestyle: Smith finished fifth in the state in the 200 free in 1:56.36; it was one of five events she qualified for and one of four she scored in. The junior also placed 11th in the 100 free in 53.95 and was part of Mercy's 200 medley relay and 400 free relay.

Smith was the Catholic League champion in the 50-yard free, for the Catholic

all area swimming



Mandi Falk
Livonia Stevenson



Erika Smith
Farmington Hills Mercy



Amy Kodrik
Plymouth Canton

League champs, and at the always-tough Oakland County meet she placed second in the 100 free and third in the 50 free.

Mandi Falk, Stevenson, 400-yard breast stroke: Falk has two more seasons of high school swimming left. Surpassing her sophomore campaign will be difficult.

A transfer from Redford Thurston who was first-team all-area last year, Falk was unbeaten in dual-meet competition and captured the Western Lakes Activities Association championships in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly.

At state, she placed fourth in the 100 breast in 1:07.32 (one of three events she qualified for) and was 11th in the 100 fly in 59.85. She was also part of Stevenson's ninth-place 200 medley relay team.

Spartan coach Greg Phill described Falk simply: "Mandi is a great swimmer with a great future."

Katie Knipper, Mercy, 100-yard butterfly: Only Falk had a better time in the 100 fly among area swimmers than Knipper's 1:01.41. The senior was accomplished in other events as well, most notably the 100 breast, in which she finished fifth at the Class A state meet in 1:07.86.

A member of the Marlins' third-place 200 medley relay team at state as well, Knipper reigned as both Oakland County (1:10.04) and Catholic League (1:09.78) champion in the 100 breast.

Jennifer Knapp, Stevenson, at-large: Another member of the strong contingent of area breaststrokers, Knapp — a senior — finished seventh at the Class A meet in the 100 breast in 1:08.07. She was also part of the Spartans' ninth-place 200 medley relay team.

Twice named Stevenson's most valuable performer and twice elected as captain, Knapp placed second in the 100

breast and sixth in the 50 free at the WLAA meet. "Jennifer's a great kid and competitor," said Phill. "Iowa (where Knapp is headed) is going to be very happy with her over the next four years."

Ellen Lessig, Livonia Churchill, 100-yard freestyle: A senior, Lessig shattered Churchill's team records in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle, which is why she anchored both the 200 and 400 free relays at the WLAA meet. Churchill won both.

And Lessig won both the 50 (24.33) and 100 (53.36) free at the WLAA finals. She placed ninth at the Class A meet in the 50 (24.82) and Churchill's 200 free relay finished 11th.

"Ellen is a very hard worker," said Churchill coach Ken Stark. "She was one of our captains and she showed a lot of leadership, and was a great example of hard work and dedication for the rest of the team. We'll miss her very much."

Jenny McCombs, Mercy, 100-yard backstroke: The best time in the Observer area in the 100 back — and the best finish at the state meet — both belonged to McCombs, a junior. After placing sixth at the Oakland County meet, she rebounded for a ninth at the state meet in 1:00.77. Only two other Oakland County backstrokers beat her at the state finals.

Her diversity also aided Mercy. She captured the 200 individual medley (2:17.74) and 100 butterfly (1:04.10) at the Catholic League meet and was part of the Marlins' third-place 200 medley relay at the state finals.

Jamie Anderson, Stevenson, 500-yard freestyle: Twice in her career, Anderson — a senior — scored at the state meet, including a 12th in the 500 free this year in 5:18.34. Twice a team captain and

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WELL IT'S JANUARY, THE January everyone has been waiting for. The January that somehow holds the magic panacea for all that ails the economy.

Will things better? Stay the same? Get worse? According to astrologer Evelyn Button, status quo may be the description of 1992.

"The cycle of change will continue on its merry way, mowing down anyone who tries to stop it," she says. She has a few general observations about the new year.

- President George Bush is still in a difficult period which started a year ago. His health continues to be an issue along with his inability to get off dead center.
- The elections in 1992 will bring some real surprises. The mood of the country is very challenging and the Bush Administration will be burning the midnight oil.
- Look for some seismic activities around the Hawaiian Islands.
- Interest rates continue to fall, to unprecedented lows. The economy continues its slide through 1992 and into 1993, and then some. The stock market may visit the 1,000 mark and maybe lower.
- The news is not good, however, this happens to be the cycle we're in... and this too shall pass," said Button. "The universe is only telling us it's time to get back to basics."
- As for events further into the future, Button foresees a breakthrough in the treatment of AIDS around 1996 — "Hopefully, the year 2000 may bring some real relief in this area," she said. "This is only the beginning but look for some form of national health insurance to be in place by 1992."
- And what's in store for us in 1992? Let's see...

ARIES (March 21-April 20): You are known as the pioneer of the Zodiac, with an energy level that leaves most people in the wake of your dust. This is a year when concentration on your goals is a must as the cycle of the planets continues to rattle your cage.

The March 21-April 20 births can take a breather. Uncertainty and change await the April 5-20 births. Fear not, for many this may indicate some positive trends. Resistance to change may be the real culprit in this whole scenario.

Business activities or conditions related to domestic issues may prove to be challenging. Pay attention and stand alert as this is the year when opportunity may knock at your door.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): A penchant for the material world has sharpened your appreciation for the finer things of life. Thus you are known as the gourmet of the Zodiac. However, changes for you are never easy, and it may require an act of Congress to convince you.

This is your year to reap some of the rewards. New and exciting opportunities are in reach. If in litigation, look for it to be resolved.

The May 5-11 births may find some obstacles in getting focused, as relationships or domestic issues may fog your view. Patience and fortitude are the key words here.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Your T-shirt should read "The Great Communicator." You are never at a loss for words. Your nature and personality, unlike your Taurus neighbor, lends itself to ease in change and great flexibility.

1992 cycles for you, focuses on laying a foundation through formal or self-taught studies. Keep a sharp pencil handy along with a good eraser as taxes, insurance or some legal papers may be highlighted, requiring your attention. Things in general are brighter as time goes on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): The sign Leo is known as the great choreographer, as you tend to do everything with style and flare. Look for some improvements in cash flow as the year progresses.

Increased responsibility may tap into your energy level as the planet Saturn opposes your sign. Relationships in general may be tenuous, some of you may find you are forced to deal with unsupported relationships. Now is the time to resolve these feelings, stand up and be counted!

Put your house in order. Job changes, residential moves, repairs or remodeling continue to influence you. The Aug. 10-15 birthdays may want to consider a good physical checkup.

Rest and relaxation is very important to help offset some of the power struggle you are apt to engage in with others. Remember the old adage that "Patience is a virtue." You will win in the long run!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Who ever said "Everything in its place and a place for everything" had Virgo in mind as you are one of the most fastidious signs of the Zodiac. Your strengths lie in your practicality, thus wasting time can be very annoying.

The year 1992 finds you in a new 12-year cycle. For many of you, it is time to smell the roses. With the benefic planet Jupiter in your sign, you should expect weeks each month.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): The most intense sign of the Zodiac, with a power of concentration that is equal to none. You have your own cue cards and always seem to know when to make your move.

This is an excellent year to stimulate and stretch your mind and spirit. Transformation and change continues on its course determined to alter your resistance. It's time you started to go with the flow.

For some, wedding bells will ring; for others the possible gavel of the judge as he hands down the decree. Job changes are in the form of a promotion for some, while others have all they can do to hang on to what they have.

Just remember no matter what, you are in a cycle of self-empowerment. This can be a positive period, but you must go for the "buns."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): The song, "Don't Fence Me In," had you in mind; confinement or restrictions of any kind would be very distressful as it would hamper your charm and lighthearted manner.

Your need for honesty this year must be couched with diplomacy. Serious studies or other mental disciplines will be part of the scenario of 1992. It is a favorable year to make steady progress in your chosen field.

This is a year to see where you are going as you look back to see where you have been. Stick to your constructive plans. Care must be exercised when signing any contracts or engaging in any verbal agreements.

A generous attitude will come with ease where siblings or other family members are concerned. Watch the enthusiasm, you may promise more than you can deliver. Gambling and unwise speculation should be avoided. Focus your energy on goal setting and laying the foundation for future success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Ambition and determination are gifts bestowed on you at birth along with organizational skills which endear you to upper management.

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1992 — A new future

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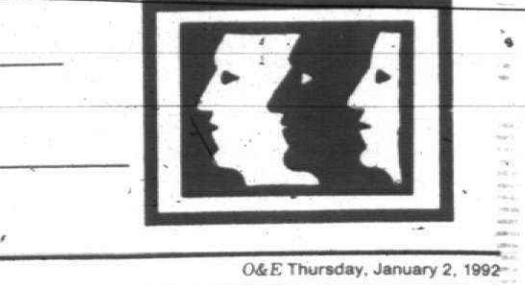
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Tours will be offered 2 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Jan. 11-12, 19, and 25-26. Conservatory admission price is \$1. Tours are limited to 30 people per tour, and visitors should arrive a few minutes early to register. Phone reservations won't be accepted. For more information, call 998-7061.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a membership coffee 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. Those attending will learn about the club's activities and interest groups. Interest groups include Bridge, Golf, Moms and Tots, Bowling, Discovering Michigan and others. The club is for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents who have lived in the community two years or less. For more information, call 459-2212 or 451-9599.

CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 464-1129 or 455-9720.

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Your Invitation to Worship

Mail Copy To: OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150
CHURCH PAGE: 953-2153, Mondays 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

BAPTIST

BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE
29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia
525-3664 or 261-9276

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship: 8:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Hour: 7:30 P.M.

January 5th
11:00 A.M. "A Journey into The Unknown"
6:00 P.M. "A Formula For A Prosperous and Happy New Year"

H.L. Petty
Pastor

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
14175 Farmington Rd. (Just N. of Jeffries X-Way)
Livonia Phone: 522-6830

Rev. Luther A. Werth, Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:30, 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 A.M.
Week Day School, Pre-School, Kindergarten
Sharing the Love of Christ

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY, January 5, 1992
8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m. and 7:25 p.m.
Worship and Sunday School
9:00, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
"THE BUSH NEVER CONSUMED"
Dr. Bartlett - Host

12:05 p.m.
"A NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTION:
I Will Withhold Judgement"
Rev. John B. Crummins
7:00 p.m.
Message By Rev. Brian Tweedie

Continuous Show Service each Sunday from
Stevenson High School from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Resumes January 8, 1992
(Activities for All Ages)
Nursery Provided at All Services

Redford Baptist Church
7 Mile Road and Grand River
Redford, Michigan
533-2300
9:30 AM Worship

January 5th
"A Prayer for 1992"
Pastor Nelson preaching
10:45 AM Church School for all ages
Wednesday 6:45 P.M. - Mid-Week Service
Staffed Nursery Children & Youth Programs
Rev. Wm. E. Nelson, Pastor
Rev. Mark S. Nelson, Associate Pastor
Director of Music

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
High & Elm Streets, Northville
T. Luback, Pastor
L. Kirnie, Associate Pastor
Church 349-3140 - School 349-3146
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Saturday Vespers 6:00 P.M.

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9600 Lawrence St. Redford 979-6424
Rev. Glenn Kupper, Pastor
Lawrence Witt, Associate Pastor
WORSHIP WITH US
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Monday Evening 7:00 P.M.
Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 A.M.
Crested School Pre-Schooler Grade
Mrs. Pat Sadler 937-2251

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Farmington Road and Six Mile
422-1150

SUNDAY SERVICE BROADCAST
9:30 A.M. WMUZ-FM 103.5

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
26325 Halsford Road at 11 Mile
Farmington Hills, Michigan
Also, 1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.
Bible Class - Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
Song Services - Last Sunday of Month 7:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church
45000 NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170
455-2300

January 5th
9:40 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Communion
"Give It Your All"
Rev. Paul F. White
8:30 P.M. Evening Service
Pastor Paul White

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
3885 Verney
1/4 N. of Ford Rd. west of
Divine Worship 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
Bible Class & SS 9:15 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Ralph Fischer, Pastor
Gary D. Headspeth, Associate Pastor

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship Service
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Saturday Service 5:30 p.m.
Judy Yarnes, S. Pastor
David Wooddy, Pastor
Drex Morton, Pastor
Darrell Smith, Youth Minister
7000 N. Sheldon, Canton, Twp. - 459-3333
(Just South of Warren Rd.)

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
at Gotthardt & Ann Arbor Rd.

Worship Services
8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
9:30 A.M.

Dr. Wm C. Moore - Pastor
Rev. Wm Branham - Associate Pastor
Nursery Provided
Phone 459-9550

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcomes You!
"AN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH"

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
425-6215 or 425-1116

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....SUN. 10:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP.....SUN. 11:00 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP.....SUN. 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY.....WED. 7:00 P.M.

KENNETH D. GRIEF
PASTOR

28440 LYNDON, LIVONIA, MI

Timothy Lutheran Church
5820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia - 427-2390

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Mary T. Olecenti, Pastor
281-0766

ST. PETER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
1343 Penniman Ave. - 453-3393
Daniel Helwig
Pastor

Worship Services
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible
Class 9:15 A.M.

In Plymouth
St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church
1343 Penniman Ave. - 453-3393
Daniel Helwig
Pastor

Worship Services
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible
Class 9:15 A.M.

In Redford Township
Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church
14750 Knoch
Pastor Edward Zell - 532-8655

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)
Hubbard at W. Chicago - Livonia - 422-0494

10:30 A.M. Worship Service and
Sunday School
Rev. Richard J. Peters
Rev. Jennifer Saad
Nursery Care Available

NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH
23845 Middlebelt 1 1/2 Blks. S. of 10 Mile - 474-2393

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service 7:00 P.M.

Nursery Provided
Rev. Richard L. Karr, Pastor

Livonia Baptist Church
32940 Schoolcraft - Livonia
SBC
Bible Study for all ages 9:45 A.M. Sundays
Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. & 8:00 P.M.
Pastor Gilbert Sanders Ph.D.

UNITED METHODIST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3000K Six Mile Rd. (bet. Meridian & Middlebelt)
Church School, Pastor - Kearney Kirby, Assoc.
10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided - 422-6038

CHERRY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Randy Whitcomb

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School

321 Ridge Road
Just South of Cherry Hill in Canton

VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
25350 West Six Mile
Redford - 534-7300
Paul S. Bousquette, Pastor

Worship
Sunday - 10:00 A.M.
Congregation of Faith, Fellowship and Friends
Nursery Provided - Wheelchair Accessible

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia - 464-8844
Sunday School 9:30 A.M. All Ages
Worship 11:00 A.M.
"Resolutions"

Janet Noble, Pastor
A Creative Christ Centered Congregation
Nursery Provided - Barrier Free

EPISCOPAL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

MON-FRI 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available

The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector
Every knee shall bow and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
Phil. 2:11

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
45201 N. Territorial Rd. - 453-5280

Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Ministers:
John N. Grentelli, Jr., Dr. Frederick C. Vosburg
Kevin L. Miles

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PLYMOUTH
(313) 453-4644
Worship Church School & Nursery
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Philip Rootes, Pastor
L. Carol L. Searcy, Jr.
Minister
Rev. William Prayer, Associate Minister
"We have been contemporary since 1835"

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
Livonia's Oldest Church
422-0149
9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Service and
Sunday School
"A Church Sent From God"

Ministers:
Dr. David E. Church
Rev. David Evans Ray
Nursery Provided

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
5823 Newburgh Road
The Rev. Emory F. Gravette, Vicar
Sunday Services
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist & Sunday School
A Barrier Free Facility for the Handicapped

SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH (in Redford)
Society of St. Ann's - Traditional Latin Mass
2310 Joy Road
5 Blks. E. of Schoolcraft - 334-2121

Mass Schedule:
Sunday Mass 12:15
Rosary & Confession before Mass

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36500 Ann Arbor Trail
Livonia's Oldest Church
422-0149
9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Service and
Sunday School
"A Church Sent From God"

Ministers:
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Nursery Provided

PENTECOSTAL

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 S. SPRING ST.
SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. - WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M.
Classes for all ages
Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Church
35475 Five Mile Rd. 464-6722
MARK MCGILVER, Minister
Steve Allen, Youth Minister
Celebrating 50 Years of Service
BIBLE SCHOOL (All ages) 9:30 A.M.
8:15 A.M. Service - Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship 8:00 P.M.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
574 S. Sheldon Road
Plymouth 453-0190
The Rev. Robert S. Shank, Jr.
Rector

SERVICES
7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Church School
Nursery Care
First Saturday of Each Month:
5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays:
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Barrier Free Facility for the Handicapped

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Salem United Church of Christ
33424 Oakland Ave. Farmington Hills
(313) 474-6880

Church School for all ages - 9:30 AM
Divine Worship and Worship
Education 10:45 AM
Child Care Available Barrier-free Sanctuary

Brightmoor Tabernacle

Assemblies of God
25555 Franklin Rd. - Southfield, MI
(800) & Telegraph - West of Holiday Inn
A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together
MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.
Celebration of Praise - 6:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M. Wed. Adult, Youth & Children
11:00 A.M. Worship Service "Live"
ON WLWQ 1500 AM
Fransiska Road Christian School K-Grade 7
Church: 352-6200
Nursery provided at all services CALVIN C. RATZ, PASTOR

CHRISTADELPHIANS

CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class, Wednesdays 8:00 P.M.

38916 Parkdale, Livonia - 425-7910

BAHA'I FAITH

"O thou who art waiting, tarry no longer for the
signs. Behold His Tabernacle and His Glory
dwelling therein. It is the Ancient Glory, with a
new manifestation."

-BAHA'I FAITH
International Meeting Each Friday
455-7845 453-9129

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

45801 W. Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(313) 453-1525

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Night - 7:00 P.M.
1. Mark Barnes - Senior Pastor
Robert King - Associate Youth
James Talbot, Sr., - Minister of Music
Lisa Taylor - Children's Minister
Jill Crowder - Outreach Assistant
New Horizons for Children Day Care:
455-3196

Mormon faithful on rise in western Wayne County

By Sue Mason
staff writer

It's beginning may have been fraught with persecution, but more than 130 years after its founding, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is experiencing a growth spurt. So much so that a new ward, or congregation, has been formed in western Wayne County.

The church's Plymouth Ward, with 637 members, recently divided to form a Canton Ward, which takes in all of Canton Township and part of Superior Township.

According to Mark Beauchene of the Westland Stake, of which the wards are a subdivision, the growth in the Plymouth Ward was because of people moving into the area, and the addition of new members through conversion and baptism.

Generally, wards have between 300-600 members. When membership tops 600, a division is considered. In the case of the Plymouth Ward, members spent 8-12 months studying the division, making some proposals and choosing one that they "felt best about," Beauchene said.

"The wards aren't particularly large because of the emphasis on closeness," he said. "It's a size where we have enough people to teach classes and still have the closeness."

Also known as the Mormon Church from the church's Book of Mormon; the history of several civilizations in ancient America, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints places considerable emphasis on family and individual development.

"IN FACT, if a person is interested in joining the church, he or she is en-

couraged to join with his respective family, Beauchene said.

The church has no professional clergy; lay members are chosen as regional and local officers. Believing in revelations - "In Genesis, Moses asked Aaron to serve" - male members are asked to serve. A worthy male member 12 years and older is eligible to hold an office of responsibility in the church.

The priesthood is divided into two subdivisions - Melchizedek (higher) and Aaronic (elder) and high priests and Aaronic (elder) made up of the deacons, teachers and priests.

Men called to the Melchizedek priesthood are called by the stake president, and it is those elders who confirm members of the church and confer blessings through the laying of the hands.

While women can't be ordained to the priesthood, they are organized in

a similar pattern in the Relief Society. They serve as missionaries, preach sermons from the pulpit and lead congregational prayers in worship services and hold administrative and teaching positions at all levels.

The temples are reserved for such sacred ordinances as marriages and baptisms, so wards use chapels or other buildings for worship services and other weekly meetings. With the division, the Plymouth Ward will share facilities with the Livonia Ward at Six Mile and Merriman roads, Beauchene said. The Canton Ward will use the Westland Stake Building on Hix Road in Westland.

And it appears another new ward may be organized in the near future. Membership in the Westland Ward, nearing the 600 mark, Beauchene said.

"There's a worthiness factor. The church sees if you have lived a life in the way of the church and if you're interested in teaching. It's like free agency. You've got to make your own choices. You're tested to learn and grow."

A PRESIDENT and two counselors preside over each stake and district, and a bishop and two counselors preside over each ward. Dan Dunnington of Canton Township, who was the bishop of the entire ward, is now bishop of the Canton Ward. His counselors are Denny Holyoak and Larry Asay, also of Canton.

Stepping in as bishop of the Plymouth Ward is Hal Anderson, with Jim Makenzie of Novi and Mike Richardson of Plymouth Township as his counselors.

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— Mark Beauchene

Computer age poses a threat to our moral values

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, a contemporary concern not envisaged by our forefathers has emerged - the invasion of privacy. Anyone who has attended school, applied for a job, sent in an income tax form, or used a credit card is the object of an information file, or dossier. In fact, most adult Americans are the subject of one, but as many as 20 dossiers.

Without information about its citizens, American society would be incapable of carrying out some important law-enforcement functions. For example, reservoirs of data allow officials to apprehend dangerous animals, or restaurants and stores to allow credit to strangers. But computer banks do pose a threat to human society and moral values.

Consider this item - A man bought a turntable from a Chicago mail-order electronics distributor. When it didn't work properly, he promptly sent it back, making no payment. Soon he received threatening letters from the company, which he ignored. Today, no store will extend him credit, no matter where he goes in the country.

CREDIT BUREAUS presently cause the most problems for the private citizen. They compile all types

of data - drinking habits, medical histories, driving records - anything that might reveal what kind of credit risk the applicant is.

Once labeled a "dead-beat," the consumer must go through considerable effort and red tape to get his status changed or have his name removed.

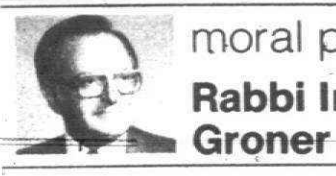
A potentially far more serious threat to personal well-being is posed by governmental information

gathering. If need be, we can live without credit, but we can't live without government.

The executive branch of the federal government alone uses 10,000 computers. Included in these data banks are 86 million individuals on file in the Justice Department's Fingerprint and Criminal Identification Division, as well as 7 million Army investigative files.

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out to be not a greedy power seeker, but rather a relentless bureaucrat obsessed with efficiency.

And yet, the computer has brought great benefits to our society, and has made possible the development of communications, and the storage of information on a scale never before possible.

The computer is not an enemy. It can make no moral judgments - only the people who program it can do that. In the computer age, eternal vigilance continues to be the price of liberty. New challenges to freedom require greater social awareness and an informed and responsible public policy.

Rabbi Irwin Groner is with Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

religion calendar

- Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.
- CHARISMATIC MASS**
The Catholic Charismatic Groups of the South Region will have a charismatic Mass at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, north of Jeffries Freeway, Livonia. Msgr. Edward Burkhardt, the Rev. James Scheek and members of the clergy of the South Region will be the celebrants. Prayer teams, refreshments and fellowship will follow. For information, call 464-1222.
 - FAMILY HOUR**
Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, at Five Mile, will have family hour 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays for families with children of all ages. In December, the group will focus on the birth of Christ. Stories, songs and activities will be included. For information, call 427-8743.
 - NEW MINISTRY**
The Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor, Canton, has started a new ministry to help persons suffering from substance abuse. The program, "Overcomer's Outreach," meets twice monthly and is for the chemically dependent and their families. The support group will meet at 7 p.m. on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21. For more information, call 453-4785.
 - DIVORCE GROUP**
Bethany West, a support group for the divorced and separated, will have its monthly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church at Inker and West Chicago roads in Livonia. For more information, call 328-9158 or 522-2394.
 - TIBETAN BUDDHISM**
The Detroit Area Kagyu Study Group offers meditation and discussion of Buddha's teaching. Free meditation instruction can be arranged by appointment. Weekly meditation and discussion takes place Thursdays in Redford. For information, call 538-1559.
 - CHARISMATIC PRAYER**
Singing, praise and Scripture are featured 6-7:30 p.m. Sundays at the Patio Classroom No. 1 at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levon, north of Schoolcraft in Livonia. The meetings are open to the public.
 - NORTHWEST SOFTBALL**
The Northwest Christian Women's Softball League is looking for additional churches. The league will have its first meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21.
 - SCRIPTURE EXPERT**
The Rev. Jack Castellet, a well-known Scripture expert and speaker, will discuss Luke's Gospel 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 8-29, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The focus of the series will be Luke's

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- GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**
5535 Sheldon Rd., Canton
Just North of Knott
459-0013
Dr. Kenneth J. Kupper, Pastor
Worship & Sunday School
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.
Handicapped Accessible
Nursery for infants and young children
- COVENANT CHURCH OF AMERICA**
- NEW BEGINNINGS**
New Beginnings, a support group for those who have lost a loved one, meets 7-9 p.m. Thursdays at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. For information, call 476-1842 or 422-0957.
- EMPLOYMENT HELP**
A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministry provides support and practical help for people who are unemployed or changing careers. Meetings are 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call 422-1826.
- SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**
Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesday of the month. For information, call 525-3664.
- TOUGHLOVE**
Toughlove is a group for parents who have troubled teenagers. It meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech, at Monroe in Dearborn. For information, call 285-0823 or 295-0980.
- WOMEN OF THE WORD**
Women of the Word, a women's Bible study group, meets 8:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, off I-275 and north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.
- RESALE STORE**
The Women's Association at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth operates a thrift shop on East Liberty in Plymouth's Old Village. The resale store is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays for shopping. It is open 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays for donation acceptance only.



BE A RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

American Red Cross

Holiday greeting

Area religious groups offer a number of activities for the season.

HELP WANTED

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical RECEPTIONIST, part-time, 20 hrs. wk. no experience necessary. Apply to: B&C Manufacturing, 100 S. Mill, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical SECRETARY needed for Southfield. Excellent benefits. 33-35 hrs. week. Salary commensurate with experience. Call: Gloria at PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, 473-2931.

505 Help Wanted Food-Beverage KITCHEN MANAGER needed for Southfield. Excellent benefits. 33-35 hrs. week. Salary commensurate with experience. Call: Gloria at PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, 473-2931.

506 Help Wanted Food-Beverage EXPERIENCED LUMBER/HARDWARE SALES REPRESENTATIVE. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

506 Help Wanted Food-Beverage FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP. The third largest provider of auto & home insurance in Michigan. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

506 Help Wanted Food-Beverage SALES REPRESENTATIVE. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

507 Help Wanted Part Time RETIREE wanted for bookkeeping. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

507 Help Wanted Part Time TYPING CLERK. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

509 Help Wanted Couples APART. MANAGER COUPLE. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

515 Child Care BEVERLY HILLS CHILD CENTER. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

522 Professional Services CPA with 10 years of accounting & tax experience seeks part-time position. Call: 473-2931.

603 Health - Nutrition WEIGHT LOSS. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

702 Antiques FLEA MARKET. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

706 Household Goods OAKLAND COUNTY. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

706 Household Goods WAYNE COUNTY. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

715 Computers I/O SYSTEMS. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

738 Household Pets COCKER SPANIEL. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

822 Trucks For Sale TRUCKS FOR SALE. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

825 Sports & Imports SPORTS & IMPORTS. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

856 Buick ELECTRA. Full-time position. Excellent benefits. Call: 473-2931.

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Art Beat

Designer turns silk into wearable art

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Fashion designer Cynthia Wayne Gaffield of Livonia turns yards and yards of heavily textured raw silk from China into handpainted, one-of-a-kind fashions sold by galleries and boutiques from Martha's Vineyard to Portland, Ore.

"They're all art oriented," she said in an interview at her Farmington Hills studio. "I want to provide somebody with something different to wear."

Stretching from ceiling to floor, a

... my designs are what I like to refer to as timeless treasures.

—Cynthia Gaffield

it was really theatrical. You just wanted to stay away from it, but my designs are what I like to refer to as 'timeless treasures,'" Gaffield said.

"I do all the dyeing, cutting and sewing myself. This is art. When I turn something over to somebody, it becomes strictly production."

GAFFIELD USES fabric dyes that bond and become part of the fabric to create the flowing, handpainted designs with geometric stampings. She begins with naturally colored fabric, stretching and fastening it tautly to a waist-high frame that

runs the entire length of the room. This prevents the silk from sagging and ruining the design.

"This particular material has to be wet before being painted, otherwise the paints sit on top," Gaffield said. "After it's dry, the fabric is steamed. This makes the garment washable and dry-cleanable."

The painting process continues after drying when Denise Verville, a full-time fabric painter employed by Gaffield, uses hand stamps in a variety of designs, including African masks; triangles, stars and moons, to complete the pattern design on the

fabric. Verville applies metallic paint to the stamp before each stamping.

"I pull a lot of things from African inspiration," Gaffield said. "After the paint has dried, the fabric is heat-set a final time. The fabric is now ready to be cut into garments."

"Every year, we add new colors and new designs," Verville said.

SOME OF the fashions designed and created by Gaffield are decorated with hand-twisted fringe and hand-beading.

"I do a lot of geometric beading with semi-precious beads," Gaffield said.

Fashions designed by Gaffield are loose and flowing, moving with the body, not against it. When wearing the floor-length coat, the cape-like garment feels royal, similar to a mantle.

Gaffield's creations come in a variety of earth-based colors with the exception of those garments available in magenta/red, deep purple, seafoam, deep cobalt and carnation.

Ideas for the handpainted fabric designs occur to Gaffield at all hours of the day and night.

"The more you do, the more you think about what you'd like to do," Gaffield said. "Whenever I think of something, I sketch it down and then, at a later date, I'll try it."

Gaffield started her design career working in the art department of the Observer, followed by a stint at an advertising agency.



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

"My Megan Shaw," an oil by Donna Enders, features her 2½-year-old granddaughter. Streaming in from the window, a strong, almost white light floods the room. The painting won

Artist's palette creates themes to save wildlife

Exhibitions: 4C

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

OSPREY, CRANE, raccoon, muskrat, mallard, deer and weasel make their home on land surrounding artist Donna Enders' Canton Township farmhouse. Collectively, the animals and birds serve as inspiration for her oil paintings of wildlife.

Enders was honored at a Garden City Fine Arts Association awards ceremony after winning Best of Show and an honorable mention at the Holiday Art Show Dec. 9-14.

"People at the show asked me where is this. I said in Canton Township. They said, 'no.' They

couldn't believe it," Enders said. "It's not going to be here long. Pretty soon, it will be gone."

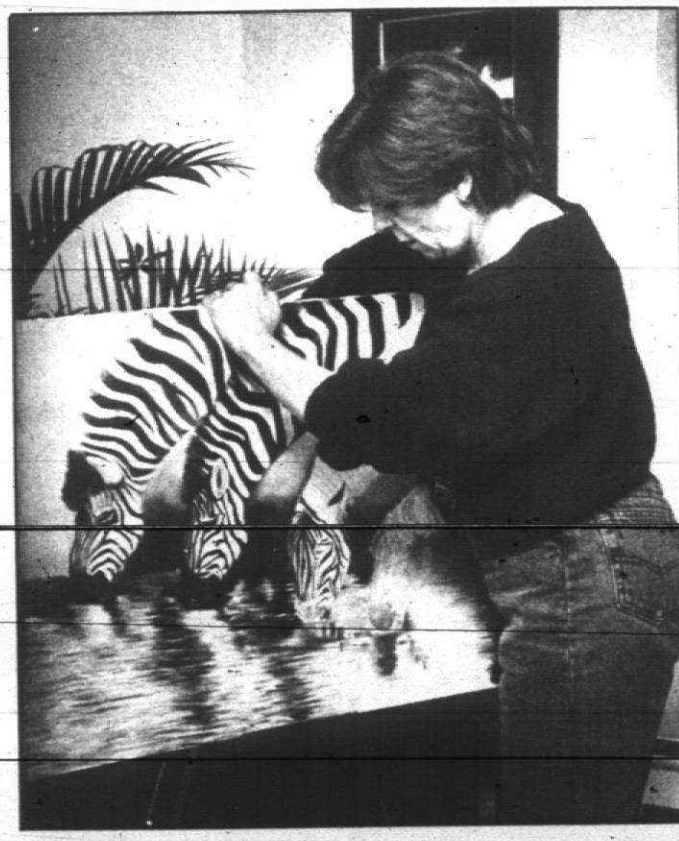
Enders is dedicated to speaking her mind on the destruction of the environment and wildlife through her paintings.

"I feel I'm here for a reason. That's what the artwork's all about. It's time. If I can't raise the consciousness of people who view my paintings, by the end of my life, the wildlife will be gone. That's why I paint pictures."

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Right: Donna Enders continues work on a painting, begun a year ago, of four zebras drinking from a lake. Using a palette of gold and dark charcoal, she highlights the faces and necks with white.

Best of Show in December at the Garden City Fine Arts Association's holiday art show.



Artbeat spotlights vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Send news leads to: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Dare to try something new this year through art.

Instead of giving up something this New Year, resolve to develop your creativity through art classes.

Local arts organizations, businesses and adult education programs offer classes in watercolor, acrylic and oil painting, drawing, ceramics, and costume jewelry making.

"Even if they never picked up a brush before, they don't have to be intimidated," said wildlife artist Donna Enders of Canton.

She teaches oil painting Thursday evenings at The Art Store on Ford Road in Canton.

"In the oil painting class, I get them to use the three primary colors. All the paints and brushes are there. All they have to do is bring themselves."

For class information, call The Art Store in Canton, 981-8600; D & M Art Studios in Plymouth, 453-3710; Plymouth Community Arts Council, 455-6620; Visual Art Association of Livonia, 464-6772; and Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services, 462-4448.

Did you know that the Plymouth Community Arts Council awards more than \$15,000 in grants or contributions yearly to encourage students training in the arts, assist teachers in creating innovative new art-related projects and provide amateur and professional performances at school assemblies?

The council also manages and staffs an art rental gallery in the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Business and individual rental of original artwork is available. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Calling all writers. Unpublished plays and nonfiction prose submissions for the 1992 Judith Siegel Pearson Award at Wayne State University will be accepted through March 2.

The annual award is a prize for the best creative or scholarly work on a subject about women. The award is named in memory of a WSU alumna who died of leukemia in 1979, ending a promising career in education.

Prose or drama entries should be limited to no more than 20 double-spaced pages with standard documentation. Submissions are open to all interested writers and scholars.

Poetry manuscripts will be taken in 1993 and fiction manuscripts in 1994. Award winners will be announced April 13.

For more information, call the English Department: 577-2450.

Here's a sampler of some favorite books from 1991

So what were the best books of 1991 anyway? Which will still be read 200 years from today? Which will be studied by literary scholars? Which will be referred to as classics?

Darned if I know. Catch me 200 years from today and I can probably come up with some pretty reliable answers. Right now, though, I'm not willing to hazard a guess.

I do know, however, which books I personally found most impressive during the last year.

I'm sure I've missed some real winners since I can't get around to every new book published, but, of the ones I've read, here are my top choices:

• "The Sweet Hereafter" by Russell Banks (Harper Collins, \$19.95). Where do you place blame for senseless disaster? In the small town of Sam Dents, deep in the heart of the Adirondacks, a school bus careens

off an icy road one morning, killing 14 children, injuring others, and changing the life of driver Dolores Driscoll forever.

• "St. Maybe" by Anne Tyler (Knopf, \$22). In Tyler's most captivating novel since "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant," young Ian Bedloe blames himself for his troubled, older brother's death. This is the story of his atonement.

• "A Thousand Acres" by Jane Smiley (Knopf, \$24). Iowa farmer Larry Cook decides to turn his thousand acres over to his three grown daughters in this dramatic King Lear-like story. When the eccentric widower reneges on his decision, dark secrets come to light. Smiley depicts the infinite complexities of familial relationships with extraordinary skill.

• "Maximum Bob" by Elmore Leonard (Delacorte, \$20). Leonard's deliciously bad guys are more memorable than his heroes in this tale of



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Victoria Diaz

a corrupt judge, murder, psychics, habitual criminals and hungry alligators. You'll see, hear, feel, taste and smell Palm Beach County, Fla. You'll even learn something about how to eat a banana underwater.

• "The Axeman's Jazz" by Julie Smith (St. Martin's/Dunne, \$19.95). A serial killer roams the sultry streets of New Orleans, and homicide detective Skip Langdon walks a razor's edge of danger by getting up close and personal with her suspects. An outstanding whodunit.

• "Deadline: A Memoir" by James Reston. (Random House, \$25). Former New York Times columnist

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provides his view of 10 U.S. presidents and other public figures, and offers his perspective on newsworthy events of the last half century.

• "I Dreamed of Africa" by Kuki Gallmann (Viking \$22.95). This relatively unsung memoir by Italian-born Gallmann is easily the most moving book I read all year. With elegant simplicity, she tells of life on a large farm ranch in western Kenya after she moved there with her hus-

band and son in 1972. Their idyllic existence eventually met with profound tragedy, but this book is a great triumph. Don't miss it.

• "The Irony Tower" by Andrew Solomon (Knopf, \$25) This book offers a behind-the-scenes look at the avant garde art communities of Moscow and St. Petersburg during the era of glasnost, plus an intriguing view of the West, as seen through the eyes of Russian artists.

• "The Journals of John Cheever" by John Cheever (Knopf, \$25) Covering a period from the late 1940s to shortly before Cheever's death in 1982, these very personal writings of a great writer at war with himself are ultimately as moving as his fiction.

• "The Bookmaker's Daughter" by Shirley Abbott (Ticknor & Fields, \$19.95) Abbott, the daughter of a bookie, grew up in Hot Springs, Ark., during the '40s and '50s. This memoir chronicles that time, along

with Abbott's increasingly complicated relationship with her father. The book is richly detailed with family anecdote, feminist insight, history, sociology and Southern mythology. More than that, it's rich with fine writing.

• "Rivthead" by Ben Hamper (Warner, \$19.95). In his no-holds-barred, heavy-metal style, Ben Hamper lays it on the line about life on the automotive factory line in Flint during the previous two decades.

• "Baghdad Without a Map" by Tony Horwitz (Dutton, \$19.95). Wall Street Journal reporter Horwitz journeys to Baghdad, where things are so secret, even street maps are forbidden. Horwitz also visits Cairo, Tehran, Beirut, Khartoum and other exotic spots. A treasure for those seeking a different perspective on the Middle East.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia tracks the book industry.

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Livonia lensman saluted

A Livonia photographer is one of six Michigan photographers whose work is included in a new book saluting photography 150 years after its invention.

Jay Asquini of Livonia, Junebug Clark of Farmington, Darwin Dale of Lansing, Santa Fabio of Berkley, Stephen Graham of Ann Arbor and John Hillery of Detroit all have photos in the book. Graham's photo, an image of his young son emerging from a body of water reflecting clouds, is the cover.

"This book celebrates photography. It says this is what photography is like 150 years after its inception," said Jay Asquini, a Livonia photographer who specializes in industrial photography.

The American Society of Magazine Photographers produced the book, "10,000 Eyes," in celebration of photography's 150th anniversary.

Despite his professional specialty, Asquini's color photo in the book is a winter night-time, slow exposure shot of a neon-illuminated city landmark: Bates Hamburgers at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

"It's a fun picture," he said.

MORE THAN 13,000 photos were submitted. Just 165 appear in the book. They illustrate the best in all disciplines, including advertising, fine art, scientific and photojournalism.

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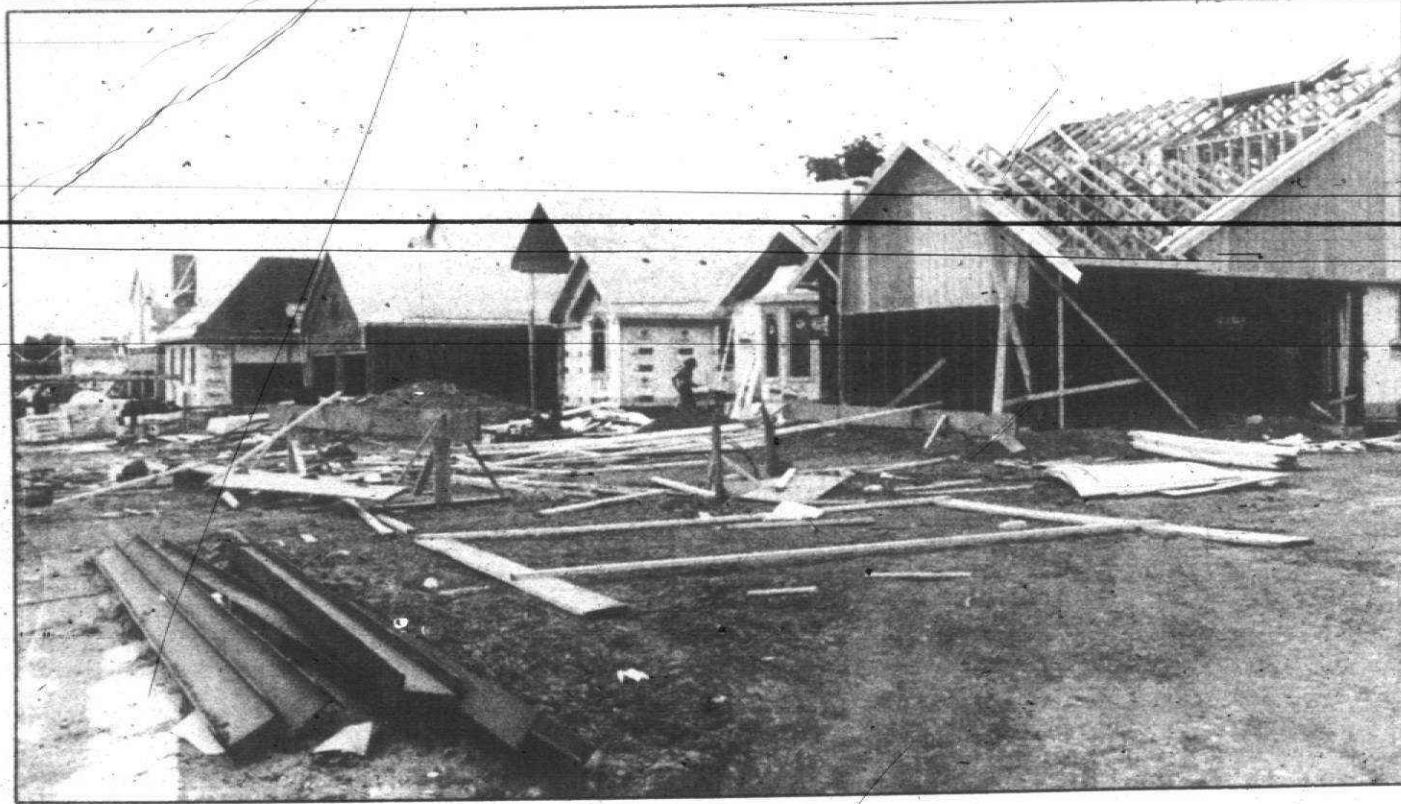
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Building Scene

Marilyn Fitchett editor/953-2102



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Legislative regulations that influence builders rank highly in their list of concerns, but financial matters also continue to rank highly. They range from construction financing and worker compensation costs to development costs and infrastructure financing.

Builders look at critical issues

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Although no growth/slow growth and wetland and environmental issues still rank among the top concerns of builders nationwide, the cost of doing business is beginning to take precedence.

Or at least that's the result of the most recent survey of builders in the National Association of Home Builders.

Each year, the association surveys its members to find out which issues are of critical importance to the building industry and also to determine which are new or emerging issues, according to Jay Shackford, NAHB president of public affairs.

Among critical issues there were few surprises, he said. Impediments to building and development, particularly wetlands and growth/no growth attitudes, continued to rank highly.

As has been the case for the past several years, wetlands — the right to develop or not to develop them — ranked first in the survey, Shackford said. "Wetlands have been an issue for years — and they promise to remain an issue."

Builders continue to view wetlands laws as an unlawful taking of property because they deprive builders of the right to do with their land as they see fit.

Growth/no growth pressures, another perennial top 10 finisher, ranked fifth overall, after ranking eighth last year, he said.

Although issues like these are problems for builders, there are other issues that affect builders and all businesses, Shackford said.

"Financial concerns continue to rank highly," he said. Concerns ranging from construction financing and

- TOP 10 CRITICAL ISSUES**
1. Wetlands (1)
 2. Construction financing (2)
 3. Workers' compensation (3)
 4. Development costs (5)
 5. Growth/no growth attitudes (8)
 6. Affordable housing (6)
 7. Stormwater management permits (9)
 8. Development Approval Process (10)
 9. Impact fees/development fees (7)
 10. General infrastructure financing (4)

worker compensation costs to development costs and infrastructure financing also returned to the top ten. Construction financing, the ability to get loans and spend efficiently for the actual construction work, returned as the second most critical issue for builders on a national scale, he said. Worker compensation costs, money spent on workers who are injured or otherwise unable to work, ranked third just as it did last year.

Development costs, the money developers spend to turn vacant fields into land with potential for building, moved up from fourth to fifth on the top 10 critical issues list.

Infrastructure financing, an issue builders are interested in not only because the adequacy of infrastructure determines where they can build but also because it is a cost builders are increasingly being asked to shoulder, dropped from fourth to 10th on the list.

Builders ARE also concerned with issues that are legislative in nature, Shackford said. Stormwater management and its permitting process, which is frequently used to block development or at least slow it down, and the development approval process, which has become increasingly more localized and diverse, continue to trouble builders, he said.

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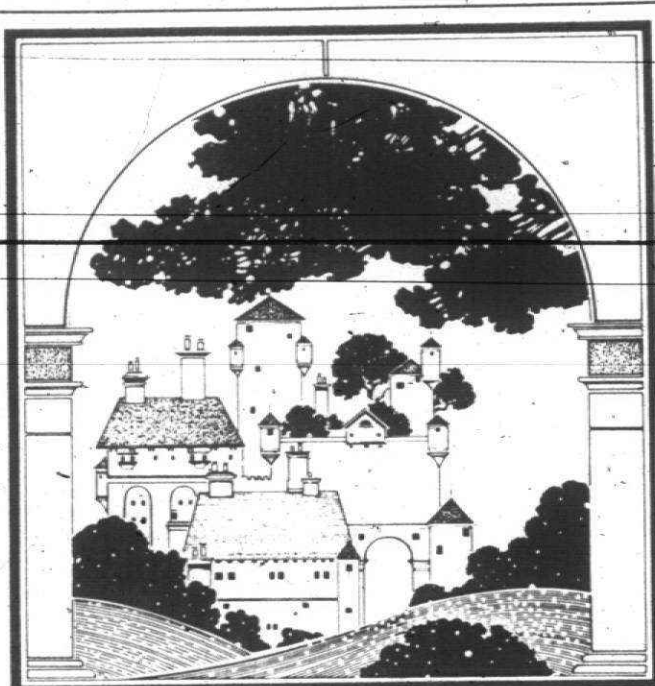
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One issue is the availability and quality of labor.

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Once the nationwide results of the survey are tallied, Landmark will design a national dream house. And because regional preferences vary widely, Landmark will design a house to meet the specifications preferred by Observer & Eccentric readers.

FLOORPLANS AND artist's renderings of the dream houses will appear on these pages in the spring.

Following publication of these plans, Landmark will provide a free set of working drawings to a first person who is willing to build one of the dream houses and open it to public display for a limited time.

Mail forms to Landmark Designs, Dept. 92, P.O. Box 2307, Eugene, OR 97402. There is no charge to participate in the survey. But those interested in receiving a copy of the national survey results must include \$4 to cover the cost of postage and printing. Those persons must include their name and mailing address.

Readers are encouraged to attach letters, sketches or other comments — the more detailed, the better.

Developers, farmers, and people who buy land for investment and retirement purposes are essentially being deprived of their property rights, he said. "What we would like to see happen is that the politics get taken out of the process."

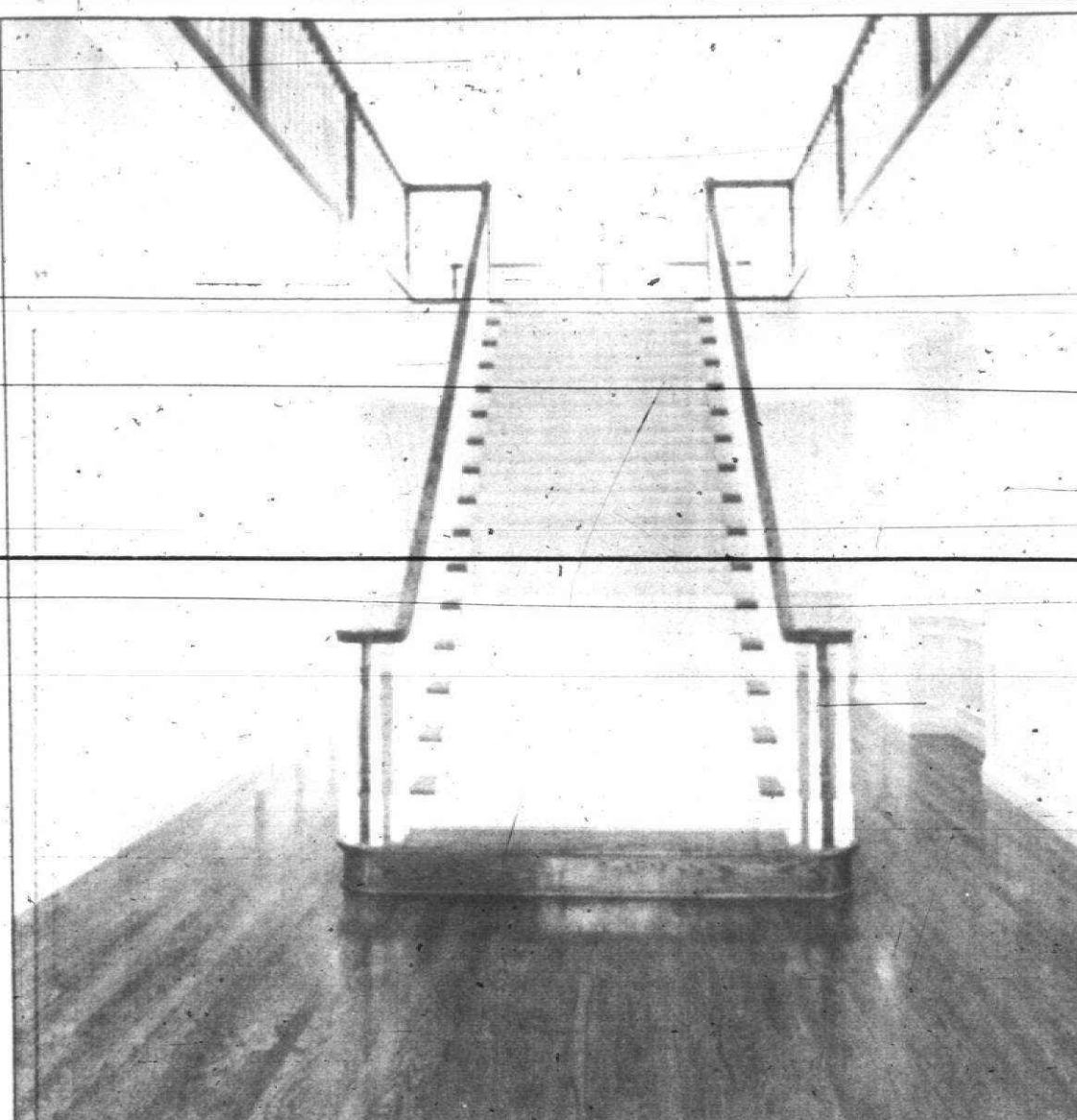
As for more rural areas — where wetlands are governed by state law — developers said the problem is not politics so much as bureaucracy. Most developers feel the definition of a wetland changes depending on whose desk the permit application lands.

Builders have long been concerned about Goetzner-Anderson Act, the law that restricts development in and around wetlands — and its ambiguities and have lobbied for clearer rules, definitions and procedures.

Coupled with the removal of tree harvesting has been the recession and slowdown in the building industry, he said.

As the recession began, fewer people were buying houses; as fewer people bought houses, many of the lumber mills slowed production or shut down altogether. When demand began to rise again, lumber was in short supply, and production has yet to catch up, Shackford said.

Some builders have even gone as far as to accuse the lumber industry — from lumber barons, to mills, to wholesalers — of taking advantage of the situation and price gouging, he said.



A wood floor was chosen as the decorating foundation for this hall, complementing the stairway, banister and wainscoting.

Under cover: Duvets fit bill

[AP] — Colorful bed linens and accessories make it easy and relatively inexpensive to create a new look in the bedroom, and with those big, billowy comforters bed-making's a breeze.

But what to do with the old comforter when you want a new look? It cost too much to pitch, and it's too bulky to store.

Enter the duvet (pronounced doo-VAY) cover. This fabric envelope, the name French in origin, allows you to slip your old comforter into a new dress — and no one's the wiser.

Duvet or comforter covers, long a staple in Europe, used to be harder to find than hen's teeth in the states. If the companies were making them, retailers weren't ordering them. The consumer was reduced to buying another comforter or stitching a cover from a couple of bed sheets.

But in the past year or so, the covers started catching on with retailers, according to Ana Maria McGinnis, vice president of sales and marketing for the Utica brand of J.P. Stevens.

"The down business is taking off in stores all around the country," said Dale Williams, senior vice president of Pillowtex Corp. of Dallas. The company, said to be the largest distributor of down comforters and pillows in the nation, is selling down even to chain and discount stores.

But not everyone wants down. It doesn't launder and it isn't allergy-free. New polyester fiberfill constructions may be for them.

Several new products are spun from ultra-thin fibers. They approximate the warmth of down but are washable and non-allergenic. Among them are Polarguard by Hoechst Celanese, Primaloft by Albany International and Comfofil by DuPont. Comforters filled with Polarguard and Primaloft are currently available. Comfofil is expected in stores by winter.

"Although there are differences in warmth-to-weight ratios and draping characteristics, they all have similar advantages," Williams said. "They attempt to offer the warmth of down with the washability and non-allergenic properties of polyester."

In the long run, it seems to make sense to buy a quality comforter and duvet cover rather than a comforter made to match. That's exactly what's happening.

Buying a durable comforter in a plain cover and changing the look with new covers is a good way to deal with the urge to splurge on a new set of bed linens.

WHILE FOCUSING on a new look for your bed, try to create a more sleep-friendly environment. Controlling noise and light and minimizing visual distractions and temperature variations can lead to a better night's sleep.

Some tips from DuPont's Sleep Products Division:

- Noise: To absorb sound, carpet the floor and hang drapes. Ear plugs or a white sound machine can filter out sporadic noise.
- Temperature: No temperature is right for everyone, but 65 degrees F. promotes undisturbed sleep in many people.
- Light: Light stimulates eye movement. Cover windows to help prevent untimely awakening.
- Surroundings: The goal is to create a soothing atmosphere. To tone down a room that is too stimulating, select muted colors and compatible accessories. Put items that relate to daytime activity, such as a sewing machine and a computer, out of sight at night.
- The bed: A good mattress, pillow and bedding are important. Replace the mattress and pillows when lumps develop. An overly soft mattress could be contributing to morning aches. The mattress should be large enough to allow space for a sleeper to move freely. These days, a 60-inch queen-size mattress is considered minimal for a couple.
- Pillow preferences vary. Foam and polyester pillows are non-allergenic and washable. Down and feather pillows are soft but are more expensive and difficult to launder.
- Sheets and bedcovers can influence sleep. Select the texture and weight that are comfortable for you.

Floors set backdrop for decorating theme

The joys of owning a new house can sometimes be offset by the thought of turning an unfinished, unpainted empty space into an attractive and functional house.

One of the easiest ways to begin making decorating decisions is from the bottom up. The floor is your house's decorating backdrop, and with the vast array of options available today, floor coverings can unify the decorating theme of your home while serving the functional needs of your household.

When selecting floor coverings, one of the biggest considerations is the traffic pattern of the rooms. Some rooms, such as the kitchen, family room and dining area, require floors that can withstand spills, splashes and the wear and tear of family activity. Other areas, such as the living room and bedroom, can serve as the house's showplaces with sumptuous floor coverings. Here are some possibilities:

• Carpet: If you are trying to achieve a feeling of warmth and coziness, expand the appearance of space in a small room or highlight tactile comfort, wall-to-wall carpet is one of the best floor covering choices.

Carpet has a more varied price range than most flooring materials, is relatively inexpensive to have installed and offers a wide range of colors, textures and patterns.

"Softness and resiliency make carpet one of the most luxurious choices," said Janice Hall, senior stylist for Allied Fibers. "Its broad expanse creates a sweep of color and texture that gives a room a serene visual foundation."

Recent technological developments in carpet fiber have yielded carpet systems with unprecedented resistance to household stains. These carpets are made of synthetic fibers, such as nylon, polypropylene, and polyester, and are available in a wide range of colors and textures.

• Area rugs: Area rugs can bring color, pattern and personality to a room. Oriental rugs, dhurrie rugs, rya, flokatis, Indian rugs and modern designs featuring bold graphics and patterns are just a few possibilities. Braided hooked rugs and colorful rag rugs lend ambience to early Americana decor and rooms with a country feeling.

• Wood: More owners are knocking on wood these days — natural hardwood, that is. Industry sources report that almost 23 percent of U.S. households now have wooden floors in one or more rooms. Contractors and do-it-yourselfers are installing them in new houses and restoring them as part of remodeling projects.

Thanks to this renewed interest, companies are responding with flooring that goes a long way toward mitigating some of the old complaints about hardwood in the house. Most new hardwood flooring is prefinished with several coats of polyurethane that make waxing obsolete. Just vacuum and buff occasionally.

You can also select flooring in a wide variety of styles, widths, and colors, from chestnut parquet to bleached, white solid oak to a wide-plank raph-style oak with walnut pegs.

For creative flair, try one of the new color stains, paint your floor or embellish it with stenciling or painted designs.

Pattern tiles also can be effective. Decorated tiles can be surrounded by solids — either of the same or contrasting background color — to give the illusion of an area rug.

If floors have a surface finish such as polyurethane or Swedish finish, simply vacuum and damp mop weekly. As with all wood floors, do not pour water on the floor when cleaning. Some water may find its way between the boards and warp or stain the wood.

If floors are new or are newly refinished with a penetrating sealer, varnish, shellac or lacquer, apply a liquid buffing wax-cleaner or paste wax. The wax will form a protective barrier to keep dirt and potential stain-causing matter from reaching the floor finish.

Liquid wax is easier to use than paste wax, whichever is used, make sure it is designed for use on hardwood floors. Avoid using water-based products on wood. Use a solvent-based wax, which will smell like dry-cleaning fluid.

Follow the manufacturer's directions when applying the wax, and buff it well with a 16-inch machine buffer available from rental companies. Buff small areas by hand with clean cloth rags.

When floor luster has dulled a bit and scuff marks have begun to show, restore the original luster without applying more wax by simply machine- or hand-buffing. Apply a new coat of wax every four to six months.

Discolored wax or dirt buildup can be eliminated by applying a liquid cleaner-wax with a cloth or pad of fine steel wool, rubbing gently to remove grime and old wax. Then wipe clean, wait 20 minutes, and buff.

If dull spots remain, apply a second coat and buff again. If the floor is stained, use a colored cleaner-wax that matches the floor to help maintain the original floor color.

• Resilients: Easy maintenance and durability are the battle cries of vinyl floor coverings, which are sold from rolls or in individual square tiles. But today's selection offers more than just easy cleanup.

There is a variety of vinyl patterns available, ranging from wood-grain-look-alikes to intricate mosaic designs. Vinyl floor coverings are also water-resistant and easy-to-maintain — only requiring a little ammonia for water to maintain their shine and luster.

While the kitchen is a logical place for resilient floor coverings, they also can be attractive design components for entryways, family rooms, bathrooms, sun porches or living/dining areas.

• Non-resilients: No longer banished to the bathroom, ceramic tile is one of the most beautiful and long-lasting ways to decorate and remodel a house. Now with improved materials, such as quick-set adhesives, special trim pieces and ready-mix grouts, tile is also easy and inexpensive to install yourself.

For indoor tiles, the main consideration is how much traffic a floor will receive, according to the Italian Tile Center. While a single, neutral shade is often chosen for floors, tile color can be selected with the same freedom as carpet color. Smokey blue or salmon in the bedroom or a deep green in the study can be striking. Different colors can be combined to create a pattern or to define separate areas of the room.

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Properly finished wood floors are relatively easy to keep clean.

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Builders' glimpse of the future

While many of the critical issues remain the same and return to the list year after year, emerging issues give the national association an inkling of what may happen in the near future, said Jay Shackford, vice president of public affairs for the national association of homebuilders.

As in the case of the critical list, environmental concerns rank highly in emerging issues list, he said.

"Solid waste" from construction waste disposal, to the ability of disposing of household waste once a project is complete, to the difficult task of siting landfills and incinerators has ranked as the top emerging issue for several years," he said.

Groundwater protection, which ranked second last year, dropped to fourth this year, Shackford said.

Closely associated with ground water protection is the availability of sewer and water capacity, he said. In recent years, municipal infrastructure improvement has slowed significantly.

- TOP 10 EMERGING ISSUES**
1. Solid waste (1)
 2. Increasing lumber prices
 3. Labor availability and quality
 4. Groundwater protection (2)
 5. OSHA inspections
 6. Safety and health legislation
 7. Property taxes (4)
 8. Real estate transfer taxes
 9. Availability of sewers and water
 10. Codes regulation (5)

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1992 DREAM HOME SURVEY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Home One Story Two Story Split Level Basement

Size of home 1000 & less 1001 to 1500 1501 to 2000
 2001 to 2500 2501 to 3500 3500 & up

Budget for home (land excluded) \$ _____

Lot location Standard Lot Acreage Other _____

Exterior style Contemporary Country Spanish Ranch English/Tudor Colonial Victorian Other _____

Exterior material Brick Stone Wood Stucco Other _____

Garage Number of cars _____ Shop Storage RV Parking

LIVING AREAS

In addition to kitchen and living areas, you would like the following rooms in my home:

Formal Entry Formal Dining Recreation Family Room
 Media Room Exercise Office Den
 Guest Suite Library Utility Nursery
 Other rooms _____

KITCHEN FEATURES

Style and Shape Country U-shaped Walk-Thru Other _____
 Amenities (in addition to standard appliances) Breakfast nook Pantry Eating Bar Recycling Center
 Appliance Center Island Double Oven Trash Compactor
 Garden Window Fridge Grill Other _____

MASTER SUITE FEATURES

located from OR Adjacent to other bedrms Patio Sitting Room
 Private bath with the following features Jetted Shower Bath Shower Oversized Tub
 2 wash basins Skylight Bidet Spa

MAIN BATH FEATURES

Tub/Shower comb. Bath Shower Oversized Tub
 2 wash basins Skylight Bidet Other _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Fireplace Woodstove Spa Indoor Swim Pool
 Computer Center Deck/Patio Atrium Security System
 Vaulted Ceilings Skylights Other _____
 I would conserve energy by taking advantage of:
 Minutized Windows Passive solar Active solar Extra insulation

DEMOGRAPHICS

Number in Household _____ Age _____ Marital Status _____
 Do you own a home? Yes No Are you going to build a home? Yes No

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Homearama drops curtain on 1991

Area house shoppers were able to see the results of the 1991 Homearama in Novi's Riverbridge subdivision Dec. 6-22.

Organizers called the ninth annual showcase of new houses "well attended" and said they were surprised to see lines out to the street even during the week. Homearamas are generally more heavily attended on weekends.

This marked the first time the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsored a winter house walk. Spring and fall are the more typical seasons for the event.

Of the 13 Homearama houses, priced in the \$200,000-\$250,000 range, four were sold and three will remain as models. Both

Construction Building houses, the Carrington and the Wellington, were sold. Fairway Construction of Southfield sold its Bellevista model and will keep its Landon model open. Michigan Custom Homebuilders Group of Livonia sold its Morgan II model. Both houses by Cohen Associates of West Bloomfield, the Aspen II and the Collingwood II, will remain open as models.

Three Homearamas are planned for 1992. They are in Oakland Township (spring/summer), Detroit (June) and Sterling Heights (fall). The Oakland Township Homearama will feature a Smart House model built by Wake-Pratt of Troy.

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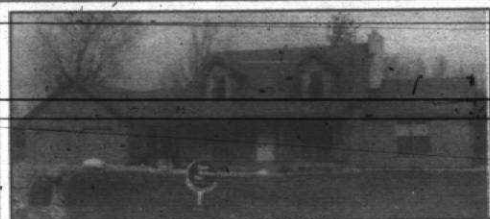
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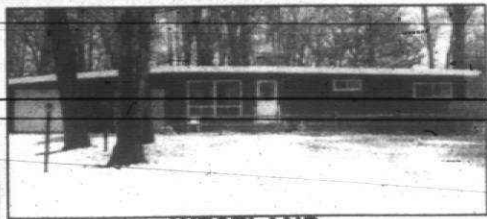
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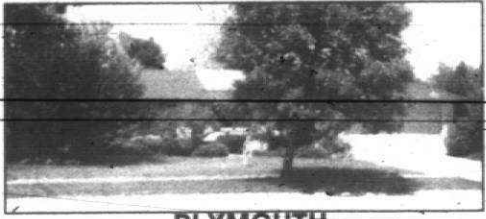
NORTHVILLE

"METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED" is what you'll find with this Cape Cod style home. Built in 1988. 3 bedrooms, large closets, country size kitchen. Plenty of room for family activities. Tucked away on a 1 acre court setting.
\$234,900 (DOC) 348-6430



WESTLAND

SPREAD YOUR WINGS. In this 3 bedroom ranch on a HUGE wood lot. Brick fireplace in living room and wood stove in family room. So much lot that a riding mower is part of the deal!
\$95,900 326-2000



PLYMOUTH

UPDATED TRAILWOOD RANCH. This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has new floor covering thru-out. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to rear yard. 1st floor laundry + special trust system in basement for easy finishing.
\$169,900 D-45848 455-7000



CANTON

VINTAGE FARM HOUSE completely redone. Former houses master bedroom suite with sitting room. Den on 2nd floor. Hardwood floors on main floor. New carpet upstairs. New oak kitchen with no wax floor. 3-zone heat.
\$129,900 W-44255 455-7000



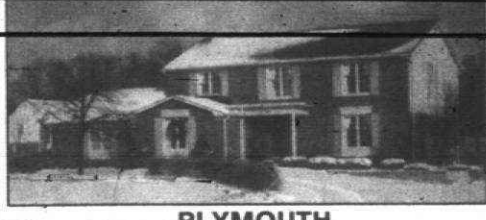
LIVONIA

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! Build elbow equity in this 3 bedroom Livonia ranch. Hardwood floors, family room, finished basement with workshop. Central air. Close to shopping and expressways. Don't miss this one.
\$83,900 (GAR) 348-6430



NORTHVILLE

NORTHVILLE RANCH WITH BASEMENT. Ideal situation for mother-in-law suite. 2-bay windows overlook yard, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Large lot. Close to park, schools and shopping.
\$158,500 (EAS) 477-1111



PLYMOUTH

AREA OF LOVELY HOMES spacious, traditional, 4 bedroom Colonial on large lot with patio and deck. Parquet floor in living and dining room, central vac., sprinklers, ceramic entry, central air, newer carpet.
\$227,900 G-12390 455-7000



FARMINGTON HILLS

STUNNING TUDOR gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath custom home on stunning wooded lot - custom moldings, oak kitchen, super master suite, spacious family room and formal dining room.
\$210,000 W-21525 455-7000



SOUTH REDFORD

Start the New Year in this IMMACULATE three bedroom brick ranch with beautiful glass enclosed Florida room, neutral decor, newer windows, furnace, central air, and roof. Convenient location.
\$74,900 (10K) 274-8911



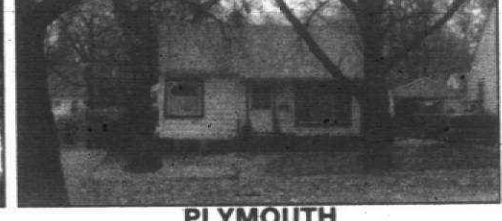
WESTLAND

WHAT A GEM! Very nicely maintained ranch in a great family oriented subdivision. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with 4th bedroom in fully finished basement, family room with wet bar in basement. Great for first time buyers!
\$69,900 (FOR) 477-1111



PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH COUNTRY LOT LIST OF "NEWS" include oak kitchen, windows, siding, roof and breezeway (could be a family room), 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Truly "Country Home".
\$109,900 GA-11409 455-7000



PLYMOUTH

NESTLED IN A WARM FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD. Walk to town location, Plymouth city park at end of street. Hardwood floors, newer vinyl windows, large kitchen with plenty of room for dining.
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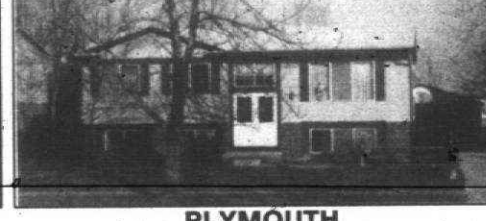
LIVONIA

King-size comfort in this charming brick Tudor in prestigious Summer Creek. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Den, 1st floor laundry, full basement, private cul-de-sac, immediate occupancy. Many extras included.
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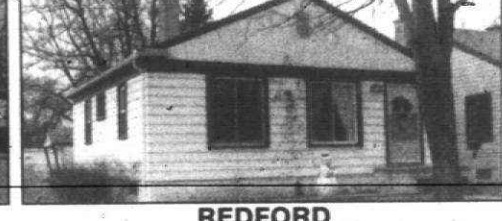
WESTLAND

A LOT OF HOUSE for the money. 3 bedroom tri-level. Updates in kitchen and bath. You'll be able to move right in and relax in a new jacuzzi!
\$60,500 (HEN) 477-1111



PLYMOUTH

LOT OF ROOM IN THIS 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath bi-level home. Unfinished room in lower level. Updated: kitchen with new cabinets, floor and doorwall to deck. Mostly new carpet T/O. 20' family room has room for fireplace.
\$105,900 MT-44462 455-7000



REDFORD

EVERYTHING IS NEW! Carpeting, paint, kitchen cabinets, sink, furnace, insulation, vinyl windows and back door. Corner lot, next to school, good area. Fireplace in rec room in basement. Home Warranty.
\$66,000 261-0700



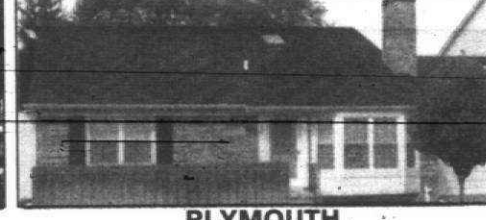
WESTLAND

LOOK NO FURTHER. Lock the door against high rent. Move into this roomy attractive 3 bedroom home, with a spacious basement and peaceful yard. Hurry to save.
\$59,900 326-2000



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2,200 SQUARE FOOT HOME Huge family room with gas fireplace, newer carpeting, dining area with deck overlooking wooded area. Four large bedrooms, 2 baths, attached 2 car garage, you won't find more at this price!
\$130,000 261-0700



PLYMOUTH

LIKE NEW RANCH CONDO Very neutral unit near pond with 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Freshly painted and ready to move in. Immediate occupancy and priced at
\$98,900 O-42211 455-7000



LIVONIA

GREAT FAMILY HOME Library, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, traditional living room and dining room, large country kitchen and breakfast room, family room with fireplace, brick patio, 1st floor laundry, attached 2 car garage.
\$152,000 261-0700



CANTON

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, and a home in which to live. Established dog kennel, air conditioned with 15 runs. 4.3 acres in Western suburb. Home is a 3 bedroom Cape Cod with full basement and 2 car attached garage. All for
\$169,900 326-2000



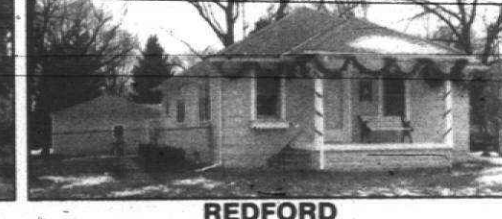
LIVONIA

TWO-BEDROOM CONDO Below market price - needs TLC. Could be a dream for the person with a little imagination - we dare you to make an offer - let's make a deal. Many amenities offered.
\$67,500 261-0700



CANTON

WON'T FENCE YOU IN! 4 bedroom, well updated farm house, all the country charm remains. 2 car garage, horses allowed. Located on a well wooded 4.25 acres in Canton. Don't miss out.
\$115,900 C-03330 455-7000



REDFORD

NO MORE RIDE & SEEK! Everything done in this super clean ranch on a large lot - Beautiful recreation room with bar in basement, new furnace, driveway and deck. Don't wait!
\$54,900 261-0700



GARDEN CITY

SIMPLY DONE BUT NICE. Is this clean 3 bedroom brick and aluminum ranch with full finished basement. Two car garage on nice sized lot. Central air conditioning. Remodeled kitchen.
\$69,900 326-2000



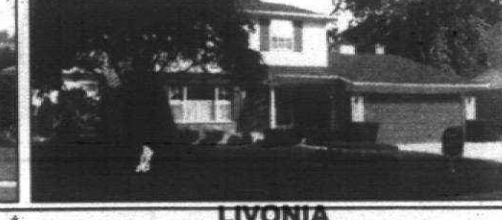
LIVONIA

GREAT PRICE & LOCATION Three bedroom has updated kitchen, den off living room. Beautiful deck. Furnace is just a year old, has maintenance free exterior and is priced to sell.
\$89,444 261-0700



CANTON

COME MAKE YOUR MOVE TO THIS LOVELY Canton Ranch. Nicely maintained featuring newer roof, hot water heater. Remodeled main bath with oak vanity, newer carpet in cozy family room with natural fireplace.
\$92,400 J-39881 455-7000



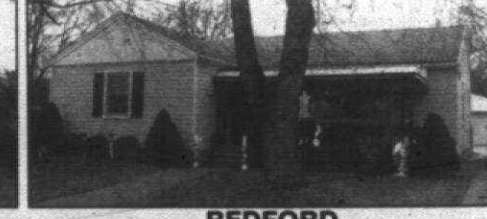
LIVONIA

BURTON HOLLOW BEAUTY Charming is the only way to describe this 4 bedroom Colonial. 23x18 family room with fireplace is the heart of this home. Decorated to perfection. Cozy finished basement.
\$154,900 261-0700



WESTLAND

JUST A LITTLE WORK need and this stunning home will be completely remodeled. New windows, oak trim, huge kitchen, central air and SHARP corner lot.
\$85,000 10K 326-2000



REDFORD

MORE FOR YOUR COMFORT, CONVENIENCE & MONEY Three bedroom ranch, newer carpet, large two car garage. Extra-wide corner lot, mature trees and well-kept shrubs for summer enjoyment of in-ground pool.
\$72,900 261-0700



CANTON

NOTHING COULD BE FINER than owning this gorgeous Canton ranch in Sunflower. Soaring ceilings and great open floor plan including 3 bedrooms, and 2 baths. All on a premium lot!
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