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Oscar has fans, winners in area

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Two Plymouth residents with rising stars of their own in Hollywood shared their views on moviemaking and this year's crop of Academy Award winners.

Jim Burnstein — a screenwriter and playwright who recently sold to Touchstone Pictures the rights to his feature film "Renaissance Man" — cleaned up in a pool during a party hosted by Oscar winner Kurt Luedtke.

Plymouth film maker Pam Conn, who won an Oscar in 1987 for best documentary-short story, was tied up working on a new film and missed watching the Academy Awards "for the first time in my life."

A Birmingham resident and former Detroit Free Press executive editor, Luedtke won an Oscar for his 1985 movie, "Out of Africa."

"Kurt has a contest at his Oscar party every year. One other guy and I usually take turns winning," said Burnstein, whose play "Learn to Fall" set box office records at Detroit's Attie Theatre and is scheduled to begin production at California's famed Pasadena Playhouse.

"I GOT SOME flak — I got 15 out of 18, I won big."

His secret? He called a producer's secretary in Hollywood. "They know the pulse out there better than anyone else. It was a tough year. I didn't know what would win best picture," Burnstein confessed. "I asked her, 'Tell me, what's going to win?' She said, 'Silence,' question mark? I said, 'It sounds good to me.'"

"If I was voting for 'Silence of the Lambs' for best picture, shouldn't I vote for it for best director? I missed that, and Jodie Foster. I had heard Foster is very popular in Hollywood and that she was likely to win. But she won a few years ago, and I was so taken with 'Thelma and Louise.' I thought it was a terrific movie."

Burnstein eliminated the animated film "Beauty and the Beast" as well as "JFK," because it was too controversial, "although if I had to vote, I probably would have voted for 'JFK' no matter the politics of the movie. It is amazing movie-making," he said.

Burnstein voted for Geena Davis for best actress. "It was a toss up between her and Susan Sarandon," he said.

BURNSTEIN PEGGED Callie Khouri for best original screenplay in "Thelma and Louise." "Anthony Hopkins I thought was pretty much of a lock. If you're in doubt, always vote for the British actor."

Burnstein correctly chose Mercedes Ruehl as best supporting actress in "The Fisher King." "Jack Palance in 'City Slickers' was a natural choice," he added. "He is one of those, everyone knows is going to win, so let's get it over with. That's a career award."

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Russell Reed, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor, shows his form.

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

PSO goes to the movies

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is hosting its annual fundraiser April 10-11 at Fox Hills Country Club.

The concert will feature the symphony, local guest conductors and the men's chorus, "Measure for Measure."

The theme of the evening is "Music From Movies."

The symphony will be joined by the chorus for some numbers.

The program includes Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Rossini's "William Tell Overture," and Bock's "Fiddler on the Roof."

The guest conductors are Plymouth Symphony League president Sharyn Tidwell Friday night and Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones Saturday night.

Tickets for the dinner and concert cost \$40 per person.

Seating begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the concert alone cost \$25 and seating begins 7:30 p.m.

The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling 451-2112, or can be purchased at Beitner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, or Evola Music Center, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road.



Edith Schutze and Louise Bradley tune up on their violas.

Police probe alleged fondling of young girls at restaurant

Canton Police are investigating reports that a middle-aged man fondled four girls at a Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton last week.

According to police reports, officers were called to the restaurant about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 by witnesses who pointed out a man and three girls he allegedly touched. The girls ranged in age from 5 years old to 9.

Officers talked to two of the girls or their parents at the restaurant. The mother of a fourth girl called police a day later when her daughter told of the incident.

The man, who has not been charged, is alleged to have touched the girls in the buttocks or crotch, apparently in

a 'game room' away from adults that accompanied the children. Chuck E. Cheese is a restaurant popular with children.

CANTON POLICE Detective Richard Pomorski said the suspect is about 50 years old and lives in the area. Pomorski would not be more specific, saying he had just begun to investigate the case.

"I hate to be premature on this, but I don't think these are fictitious reports," he said.

A man was questioned by police at the scene but not arrested.

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Officials eye golf course finance plan

By Brian Lysaght
staff writer

24. The acreage, much of it farmland, was rezoned from agriculture to residential last month.

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Canton Township officials will discuss plans to finance a \$4.5 million, 18-hole public golf course next week.

It's the latest stroke in the proposed 600-acre development of homes, condominiums and Pheasant Run Golf Course that the township and three partners are putting together.

The township board of trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 7 to consider the best way to pay for the golf course, which would be surrounded by homes.

One option is to sell bonds to pay for the work; another is a combination of public and private financing, said Supervisor Tom Yack. Yack is hailing the project, to be located in the Canton Center-Beck-Cherry Hill-Newton Road area.

"WE'VE MET many, many times with the developers," said Yack.

"Unlike a lot of developments occurring in Canton and elsewhere, we've had more involvement and input" in this project, Yack said.

Canton Township owns 250 acres of the project, the largest portion of the four partners.

The other builders are Leon Zolkower of Troy-based Biltmore Properties, 155 acres; Gabriele Paciocco and Genesio Masciulli of Plymouth-based Carrollton Arms, 85 acres; and Richard Lewiston of Oak Park-based Island Lake Associates, 85 acres.

The township is also negotiating with the school district to purchase a 43-acre tract that would be included in the project. The three private developers recently received tentative preliminary plan approvals March

New golf course is long, tough

Plans call for Pheasant Run Golf Course to be longer and tougher than Fellows Creek, the existing municipal course in Canton.

You might call Pheasant Run a fairway of a different color. You might.

"It's going to have a different character," said Canton Township recreation director Mike Gouin, who is no stranger to the golf course.

He calls Pheasant Run a "low-end upscale" course, estimating the cost of 18 holes with a cart (which would be required) at \$35. That compares to Fellows Creek fees of \$24.50 to \$29 for residents. Both courses would be municipally run, offering discounts to Canton residents.

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Girl loses toe in escalator accident

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

An 8-year-old Canton Township girl lost a toe Sunday afternoon when her foot got caught in the escalator in the Livonia Mall Crowley's store, police said.

Police and store officials Tuesday called the incident "an unfortunate accident."

The girl was reported in stable condition Tuesday at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

"She's doing fine, all things considered," a hospital spokeswoman said.

A CROWLEY'S official said it was the first serious incident reported on the escalator.

Police and a Livonia Emergency Medical Service crew were called to the mall, Seven Mile at Middlebelt, shortly before 5:30 p.m.

The victim was at the store with her mother, police said.

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The mechanism pulled in the laces until her left foot was jammed beneath the stairs and her toe severed.

The girl fell down and caught her coat in the mechanism as well, police said.

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SPECIAL SECTION
IN TODAY'S ISSUE

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

In a move that could save the Plymouth-Canton school district \$2 million, the school board approved an early retirement/severance package for 549 eligible teachers Monday night.

Teachers who qualify are those who by June 30 will have been with the district at least 10 years. The teachers also must be on the top step of their salary schedule and sign an agreement by May 15. Eligible employees include certified staff members such as special education and regular teachers, librarians and media specialists.

TEACHERS WHO AGREE to re-

Teacher buyouts could save \$2 million

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executive director for employee relations

sign will receive \$30,000 in severance pay. Payments will be made in \$10,000 increments in January 1993;

October 1993; and July 1994.

Resignations will be effective June 30, 1992.

The measure was agreed to by the negotiating team of the teachers' union. The district projects a \$4.3 million shortfall in next year's budget.

"We have been meeting with teachers and taken a lot of their suggestions," said Errol Goldman, executive director for employee relations.

"We came up with this plan which has been endorsed by the (Plymouth-Canton Education) association. We hope through this plan that we can accomplish some savings for the district, both in the short term and the long term."

Goldman said the district is calling for 35 teachers to enroll in the plan.

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New state rep expected quiet, got 'chaos'

The suspects fled after threatening to return to the victim's home.

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The plan would allow students to attend the school of their choice, space permitting, anywhere within the district. The district would be responsible for transporting school-of-choice students.

"This committee did a perfect job of taking a pig and perfuming it with Chanel No. 5," said trustee Dean Swartzwelter.

"I think we have an outstanding school system in Plymouth-Canton. I

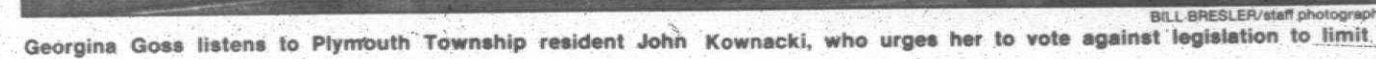
said McClendon. "It's voluminous, but I have yet to find that schools-of-choice makes any significant improvement in educational programs for children. I cannot visualize in a time of economic crisis that it would be rational at all for us to accept a program that would cost a considerable amount of money; yet has no guarantees of bringing about im-

Board president Dave Artley said he agrees with Peters, the committee chair who contends that "shifting students from one school to another is not the answer to our educational dilemma. Allowing parents to choose a different school because they don't care for a particular teacher, principal or building is not the intent of the choice program," he said.

"I had considerable personal frustration when we tried to get information from Lansing about how this thing should go," added Egli. "No one really knew. Here it was law — it had been tacked onto the state act — yet no one could give us the guidance we needed and wanted."

Being a freshman legislator, Goss



ONCE INSIDE THE Capitol, page directs her to a group of about 40 fifth and sixth graders and a few teachers, from Lorraine School in Northville.



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...s from literary lineage that inclu-
de Frank Magel, owner of Putnam Book Store
in New York City and former vice president of the
Book Club. Magel's father worked as a
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was a book buyer for a Connecticut stationer.
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State Rep. Georgina Goss welcomes a group of fifth and sixth graders and their teachers to the Capitol, from an elementary school in Northville.

Another Banner Year.

Local writer to appear at Canton 'Authors Brunch'

**By M.B. Dillon
staff writer**

National Library Week, April 5-11, won't be just any week at the Canton Public Library.

On tap is an elegant Sunday "Authors Brunch," featuring as guest speakers Plymouth playwright and screenwriter Jim Burnstein, and John Magel, an author and business/computer consultant from Mt. Clemens.

The second annual brunch will be noon Sunday, April 5, in the library meeting room, 1200 S. Canton Center.

The event will be catered by Mitch Howard of Canton Catering and hosted by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. Tickets, priced at \$12, are on sale at the library reception desk.

Burnstein's play "Learn to Fall" — which centers around a clown and an autistic child — set box office records at Detroit's Attie Theatre. It's scheduled to begin production soon at California's famed Pasadena Playhouse.

Touchstone Pictures, Disney's adult division, recently purchased the rights to Burnstein's feature film "Reinassance Man." The work is based on the writer's experiences tracing Shakespeare to soldiers at Selfridge Air Force base.

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"Although 'Me and Ali' is set in a fictional town, it is clearly Plymouth. The screenplay is absolutely the closest thing to home I've ever written about," the Church Street resident said.

The story follows the travails of a boy whose father is suffering a bout of severe depression.

"The father's hero is Muhammad Ali, and always has

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— Jim Burnstein
Plymouth playwright

been. The kid sort of seizes upon this as a way of trying to bring his father back," Burnstein said.

MAGEL IS THE AUTHOR OF "The True Story of Greenwich Castle." The self-published writer describes his book as "the best fantasy epic since Star Wars, the best head game since Sherlock Holmes."

"I could cure illiteracy, empower workers, enlighten management, maybe even reverse the trade deficit," Magel said his book is an advertisement for the lost pleasures of literacy. He spins an allegorical tale about a wise old man who helps a boy build a towering sand castle that comes to life.

The imaginative youngster rides a magical horse, conquers ogres and dragons and is crowned king, discovering his own "internal royalty."

Magel comes from literary lineage that includes grandfather Frank Magel, owner of Putnam Book Store in New York City and former vice president of the Book-of-the-Month Club. Magel's father worked as a sales representative for Grosset and Dunlap, and his mother was a book buyer for a Connecticut stationer.

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

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Former Plymouth mayor's death shocks community

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Cotagees and friends of former Plymouth Mayor Karl Gansler II were shocked by his death of an apparent heart attack Saturday.

Gansler, 56, served as Plymouth mayor from November 1987 until his resignation in August 1989, when he moved from the city to White Lake Township in Oakland County.

Gansler served on the city commission from 1979-83 and 1985-89. Even after leaving Plymouth he kept in touch with the community.

and early on was concerned about the redevelopment of downtown and the proliferation of signs downtown," Bilsa said.

NEWS OF Gansler's death reached Bilsa while he was on a business trip to Chicago. "It was a shock, we are the same age," Bilsa said.

Former-city commissioner Ron Loiselle, now a planning commissioner, was both a friend of Gansler's and his accountant.

"Karl was a good commissioner, he had his own way of getting things done," Loiselle said.

"He was responsible for getting the sign ordinance, one of his goals was to get rid of sign pollution in Plymouth, basically lowering the height and square footage of the signs."

"He worked well with the city manager (Henry Graper), getting his agenda accomplished," Loiselle said.

"Karl was very good to work with," said Paul Sincok, assistant city manager. "The city was working as a team, everything was a group approach to solving particular problems," Sincok said.

"He worked well with all the departments," Sincok said, adding Gansler's death "was a real, real shock."

Gansler was born Aug. 21, 1941 in Lakewood, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State College in 1968, and moved to Plymouth in the 1970s.

Survivors include his wife Constance of White Lake, a son, Karl III of Plymouth, a daughter, Jennifer Gansler of Quito, Ecuador;



Karl Gansler

his parents, Karl and Winifred Gansler of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and a brother, Doug Gansler of Canton. Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with Dr. William Ritter officiating.

crime watch

A thief or thieves on Friday smashed the front door of a Mickey Short Car Stereo store and made off with an expensive piece of sound equipment, police said.

Police responded to an alarm at the store, 43881 Ford, just before midnight. The thief broke out the front door glass then ran inside and stole a \$1,000 KAC amplifier from a display case. The thief or thieves were gone when officers arrived.

CAPTURED: Two men apprehended a suspected thief early Saturday outside Club Canton, 39561 Michigan Ave.

According to a police report, the men were leaving the club just after midnight when they found a man lying across their vehicle's front seat. He was carrying a pair of pliers and a screwdriver.

They fought the man and held him until police arrived. The pair told police the car was locked and they

didn't know how the man got in. The man was arrested.

Also, an Ohio man told police his 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck was stolen from the lot of Lucille's Bar on Michigan Avenue late Friday or early Saturday.

ROBBERY: A 34-year-old Canton man was beaten and threatened with a knife outside his home by a second man following an argument, police said.

The victim told police he walked outside with the other man to settle the fight. The victim said he was tackled and beaten by the second man, who then pulled a knife and pointed the weapon at the victim and threatened to kill him.

The assailant then handed the knife to a witness and fled. Police said the victim was battered and bleeding in the face. He was taken to Annapolis Hospital. Police said drinking was involved.

campus news

Three Plymouth Canton High School seniors received the Presidential Recognition Award Scholarship at Albion College. Each are in the top five percent of their high school graduating class, have a high

school grade point average of a 3.9-4.0, and a composite ACT score of 29 or above or a composite SAT score of 1200 or above. They are: Stephen Sedore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Sedora of Plymouth; Holly Quick,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Quick of Plymouth; and Pamela Kramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kramer of Canton.

Jason Crain, son of Jim and Au-

drey Crain of Plymouth, is a freshman in the Alma College Baseball team. Jason is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a business administration major at Alma College.

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Race is personal challenge for many participants

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muscle. But two months later it was still there. Further examination revealed it was the beginning of a cancerous tumor.

"I work at Michigan Bell in downtown Detroit," Rybka continued. "There were a lot of women around to discuss my concerns with. I was amazed at how many others also dealt with breast cancer. I drew strength from them."

Rybka shares her support with

other cancer patients as a volunteer for "Reached Recovery." She urges anyone with questions or concerns to call, toll-free, 1-800-4-CANCER for help.

The "Race for the Cure" will be conducted by the Motor City Striders. Local celebrities include Kristi Krueger, WDIV medical reporter; Barbara Levin, wife of Sen. Carl Levin; Kym Sellers, wife of Detroit Pistons Brad Sellers; Ginger Sullivan, wife of Dr. Louis Sullivan, U.S.

Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Lisa Walker, wife of Detroit Pistons Darrell Walker.

Jane Hoyer of the Michigan Cancer Foundation said the race is expected to net \$10,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

"Our goal was to have 1,000 runners this first time out," she said. "Well, we've already received over 900 registrations, so I guess we'll surpass that goal. It's a real tribute to the compassion of metro-Detroit area women."

The race will be held, rain or shine. On-site registrations will be taken 7:30-8:30 a.m. the morning of the race. The 5K shot-gun start is set for 9 a.m. The one-mile fun run/walk will begin at 9:10 a.m.

Entry fees are \$12 pre-registration or \$15 on site, tax-deductible. Entry forms are available at all Pier One Imports or by calling the Michigan Cancer Foundation 833-0710, Ext. 245, or by phoning the Motor City Striders Hotline, 544-9099.

'I will do anything I can to help in the fight against this disease so that women become aware of all the things they should do for early detection.'

— Linda Rybka
Redford participant

Susan DeMaggio, early detection saves lives

By Susan DeMaggio
staff writer

One out of every nine women in America will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

As with all cancers, their early detection can save lives.

The following guidelines for breast cancer examination were set up to offer women a first line of defense against the disease:

• Get a mammogram (breast X-

ray) and physical exam at age 40. Repeat, both procedures every year or two until age 50.

• At age 50 and after, get a yearly mammogram and physical exam.

• Once a month, give yourself a thorough self-examination to detect any breast lumps.

• Monthly self-examinations should be performed after the menstrual period.

• To help you remember your self-examination, pick a date. Perform your self-exam on that date of

the month, every month.

• First, look in the mirror at your torso, elbows forward, then elbows back. Look for any visible lumps.

• Next, examine your breasts while standing and lying down.

• The best way to perform a breast exam while standing is during a shower. Soapy hands aid detection because they slide easily over the skin.

• The best way to perform a breast exam while lying down is to

place a folded towel under the shoulder of the breast you are examining.

• If you discover a lump, call your physician for an examination as soon as possible.

• Don't panic. Remember, 80 percent of the tumors or lumps detected are benign.

• For more information, pamphlets, or to talk to a cancer foundation spokesperson call toll-free, 1-800-4-CANCER.

MHS offers stuffed pets

The Michigan Humane Society is offering stuffed toy animals, including baby chicks, bunnies, lambs and swans for Easter gift-giving. Stuffed animals are available for

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The first woman to preside over a four-year public university in Michigan, Wilson is also a professor of public administration at UM-D.

Wilson has a doctorate in higher education from Boston College. She also has a master's from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. and a bachelor's from Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa.

She had been executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, an associate dean at Harvard University and as-

sistant provost at Rutgers University, before coming to UM-D.

In addition to her university duties, Wilson is also a director of AAA Michigan, chairwoman-elect of the American Association for Higher Education and a director of the University of Detroit Jesuit School.

She will receive an honorary degree from Schoolcraft during the commencement ceremonies.

Honorary degrees will also be awarded to Livonia Mall general manager Jeanne Hildebrandt and college volunteer Chester Simpson.

Hildebrandt, a Livonia resident, is a member of the Livonia Planning Commission and the city's In-

dustrial Development Commission. She is also active in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Prayer Breakfast Committee and Michigan Cancer Foundation, among other organizations.

She is a 1990 recipient of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Athena Award.

Simpson, of Northville, has managed office records and data in the Schoolcraft Learning Assistance Center, where he volunteers his services for an average 50 hours a week.

A retiree, Simpson owned a construction company that completed masonry projects at Hart Plaza, Cobo Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts and other area sites.

UM-D sets transfer day

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Admissions Office will hold its second annual "Michigan Advantage Day" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, in the campus University Mall.

The program is designed for college and university students interested in transferring to UM-D.

UM-D staff will discuss transfer credits, academic advising, cooperative education, financial aid, career planning and placement services in an open house format.

Staff will offer preliminary evaluations of student transcripts to determine how many credits will be transferred. They will also discuss cooperative programs of particular benefit to transfer students.

To register, or for additional information, call the university admissions office, 593-5100.

The University Mall is centrally located on the UM-D campus, Evergreen, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Schoolcraft scholarships seek students

Applications are being accepted for nine scholarships available next fall to Schoolcraft College students through the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

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- The Wilma S. Clark Memorial Fund Scholarship available to students in applied science programs, with special preference to those in robotics.

- The Rosina Raymond Memorial Scholarship — available to liberal arts students, with preference to

those who express interest in a writing career. The scholarship honors the late Schoolcraft trustee.

- The Tom Williams Scholarship — available to science students, with preference for geology students. The scholarship is provided by the Roamin Club, The Rock and Mineral Club of Livonia.

- The Edward C. and Hazel L. Stephenson Foundation Scholarship — available to students in any department.

- The Friends of the College Scholarship — available to students in any department.

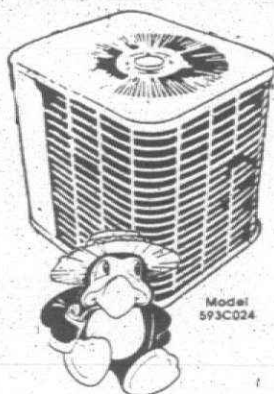
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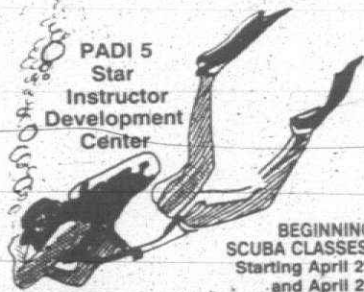
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IN BRIEF

New test

Plymouth-Canton 10th-graders who need to re-take the state standardized Michigan Educational Assessment Program test may do so from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in Room C201 of Canton High School, and from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 2 in the same location. The reading re-tests will be offered then.

Math re-tests will be given from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 30 in Room S2510 of Salem High School and again from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 2 in Room C246 of Canton High School.

Beginning with this year's sophomore class, the Michigan Legislature is granting state-endorsed diplomas to graduating seniors who obtain minimum scores on the MEAP test. The re-tests are being given for the benefit of Plymouth-Canton 10th-graders who didn't reach the minimum score.

Originally, the re-test was scheduled for April 2, 9, and 11. Testing dates were re-scheduled because of a delay in the delivery of the testing materials.

More than half of the school districts in Michigan have ordered re-testing materials, said Richard Egli, community relations director for the district.

For more information, call Centennial Educational Park at 451-6600.

Reunion

Six generations of the Smith family will be getting together this weekend in Canton. They range in age from four-month-old Rachel Hanson of New York to Ethel

Walling, Rachel's great-great-grandmother, who is in her mid-80s and lives in Manitou Beach. "The only way this really happened is because our family has had children at an early age," said Robert Smith, Rachel's uncle and Ethel Walling's great-grandson. Others in the line include Kevin's mother, Karen Smith of South Lyon and her mother Betty Rochefort of Manitou Beach.

In paper back

The book "Secrets of a Summer Spy," written by Plymouth resident Janice Jones, was released this month in paperback by Pawcett Juniper. The book is a young adult novel and is set in northern Michigan. It's the story of a 13-year-old whose best friends are growing up too fast. The book is available in Plymouth at The Curious Child, Little Professor in the Park, the Village Paperback Exchange and at Metro News in Canton.

Former school trustee runs again

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Plymouth Township resident Marilyn Schwinn, who sat on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education from 1985-1990, is seeking one of the two four-year school board seats to be filled in the June 8 election.

The pediatric nurse with the Detroit Medical Center opted in 1990 not to seek re-election in order to spend more time with her children.

She's running for re-election because her youngest child is now 18 and "I enjoyed (serving on the board). I think they need another women's point of view," said Schwinn, who would be one of two female

trustees should Barbara Graham, incumbent school board member, be re-elected.

TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS are up; those of Graham and Dr. E.J. McClendon, who also has taken out nominating petitions. Prospective candidates have until 4 p.m., Monday, April 6 to file signed petitions.

"Really, I have a different background than the majority of people on the board," Schwinn added. "I'm a single parent, and I don't come from a management-level position. I think it's important that we have that diversity on the board."

Schwinn has three sons: Steve, 22, who is graduating from Michigan State University; Jeffrey, 20, who is working and attending community college, and Tim, 18, a senior at Canton High School.

Schwinn was appointed to the board in

1985 when Nancy Quinn resigned. Schwinn was elected to a four-year term in 1986.

"I chose in 1990 not to run, because I thought it was time to choose my own sons over the whole district's children," she said.

Schwinn is seeking office because she is concerned about and is interested in the district and its children, plus "I still have something to offer the district," she said.

"My concern obviously is with the financial end of things," she said, in reference to the district's projected \$4.3 million deficit next year.

"There will have to be some big financial decisions. If things go the way the state suggests they are going to, I want to have a say in what things are kept" in the district's educational program, she said.

As for Schwinn's interests, "I've always enjoyed participating with the children in

their activities at the school level, mostly," she said.

"The biggest thing I can offer is a different point of view and background from the majority of people on the board. I represent the female and single parent's point of view, and maybe a different economic status," she said.

Diversity in the district is a strength, "and we should play up that strength," Schwinn said. "It's exciting to me to watch the community grow in diversity. It would be my hope for the future that we would all live in a diverse community that could get along."

An Ohio native, Schwinn is a graduate of Northmont High School north of Dayton, and the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing in Dayton. She is a registered nurse with the Detroit Medical Center's Livonia clinic.

High marks

Dick Herbel, chairman of the Plymouth Elks Scholarship Committee, congratulates Tina McIntosh, Leon Hister, Stuart Levenbach and Gwendolyn Sue Steffen of Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, winners of the Plymouth Elks Most Valuable Student Award. Gold Key Awards were presented to McIntosh and Hister, both of Plymouth Salem High School.



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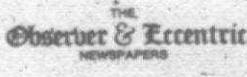
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obituaries

DENNIS R. WETTERSTROM

Dennis R. Wetterstrom, 53, of Canton Township, was born Jan. 3, 1939, in Norway. He died Sunday, March 8, in Dearborn. He came to the Canton community in 1972. He was an office worker at Unisys (Burrhead) for 30 years. He received a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1990 and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and The Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. Mr. Wetterstrom is survived by his wife, Rosemary Wetterstrom of Canton; two sons, James Wetterstrom of Canton and Daniel Wetterstrom of Canton; one daughter, Julie Wetterstrom of Canton; mother, Mildred Wetterstrom of Massachusetts and one cousin. The Rev. George Charnley officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given in masses or

charity of choice. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

ERIKA B. DERR

Services for Erika B. Derr, 70, of Livonia, were Thursday, March 19, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Derr was born June 27, 1921 in Germany. She died Tuesday, March 17, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was employed as a hospital cook. Mrs. Derr is survived by three sons, Charles Derr of South Bend, Ind., John Derr of Northville and William Derr of Plymouth; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edith Millard of Warren. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated the service.

ALEX E. GAJEWSKI

Services for Alex E. Gajewski, 75,

of Canton Township, were Saturday, March 28, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Gajewski was born June 19, 1916 in Detroit. He died March 25 in Livonia. He came to the Canton community in 1973 from Detroit. He worked for Vicker's Inc. over 20 years and retired from Bra-Con of Livonia. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and the Roaring "50" Travel Club. He was in World War II.

Mr. Gajewski is survived by his wife, Victoria Gajewski of Canton; one daughter, Barbara Pikulski of Westland; one son, Alex M. Gajewski of Detroit; and two sisters, Sophie Gajewski of Southfield and Helen Gajewski of Southfield.

The Rev. George Charnley officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to St. John Neumann Building Fund. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

KARIN M. WAHLSTROM

Services for Karin M. Wahlstrom, 85, of Plymouth, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at Glen Eden Cemetery Chapel.

Mrs. Wahlstrom was born September 12, 1906 in Eskilstuna, Sweden. She died Sunday, March 15, in White Hall Nursing Home, Novi. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wahlstrom is survived by one son, Nils O. Wahlstrom; one daughter, Margaret Retting of Plymouth; two brothers, seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements were made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

MARCELLE A. BLAZIER

Services for Marcelle A. Blazier, 64, of Plymouth, were 11 a.m. today at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Blazier was born Oct. 23,

1927 in Dunklin County, Mo. She died March 30 in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1959 from Flint. She was a homemaker and attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Blazier is survived by two daughters, Billie Jo Welby of Belleville and Rosann Albright of Plymouth; three sons, William Blazier Jr. of North Carolina, Robert Blazier of Belleville and Roy C. Blazier of Plymouth; five grandchildren; five sisters, Merriell Byles, Esta L. Shepard, Virgie Kirkwood, Naomi Maise and Jean Brantley and one brother, James Smullins Jr.

The Rev. David Y. Bevington officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Angela Hospice.

LEONARD A. OEHMKE

Services for Leonard A. Oehmke, 83, of Plymouth, were Monday at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Oehmke was born June 10, 1908 in Detroit. He died March 27 in Westland. He came to the community in 1975 from Detroit. He was employed as an attorney. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church and a member of the church's choir. He graduated from Detroit Law School in 1934.

Mr. Oehmke is survived by his wife, Wilma B. Oehmke of Plymouth; one daughter, Carole Scholer of Livonia; two grandchildren and one sister, Lucille Junkin of Birmingham.

The Rev. Joseph P. Fabry officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

U-M prof's figures spell trouble for Bush

If George Bush wins the popular vote in this fall's presidential election, it will only be by a nose, according to a University of Michigan professor of political science.

Based on projected economic conditions for 1992, prevailing partisan identifications in the electorate and other relatively "long-term" factors, a statistical model of presidential election outcomes developed by Gregory B. Markus forecasts a 50.07 percent share of the major party presidential vote for Bush in November — a result that makes the outcome "too close to call" for Markus. Past research demonstrates that it is possible to forecast presidential elections with a high degree of accuracy without any specific knowledge about the candidates themselves, using information about the election-

year state of the economy and partisan alignments among voters, according to Markus, who is also a research scientist in the U-M's Center of Political Studies.

"A PREDICTION of 'too close to call' like this one has to be disturbing to a party that until a few months ago thought its incumbent president would win in a walk," Markus said. "The poor prospects for growth in real disposable income are principally responsible for the 1992 election forecast, but a small rebound in Democratic identifications in the post-Reagan years also matters."

Bush's re-election would be narrowly favored if the annual rate of growth in real per capita disposable income were, one percent for 1992, while an annual growth rate of two

percent would yield a more comfortable predicted vote share of 54 percent for the incumbent president.

However, the latest economic forecast, provided by Markus by U-M economist Saul Hymans and based on the U-M-based Michigan Quarterly Econometric Model of the U.S. Economy, is for an increase of only 0.5 percent to 0.6 percent in real per capita disposable income in 1992. Moreover, approximately half of that increase is attributable to presidential Bush's recent change in federal tax withholding procedures, and it is arguable whether the resulting increase in take-home pay should be regarded as "disposable income," since a worker's ultimate tax burden for 1992 remains unchanged.

To test the accuracy of his model, Markus applied it retroactively to every presidential election since 1956. He found it to be accurate in predicting the popular vote with an average error of less than three percentage points. The model's errors ranged from a low of 0.7 percent in 1960, when Richard Nixon ran against John Kennedy, to a high of 5.2 percent in 1972, when George

McGovern was overwhelmed following his ill-fated campaign against Richard Nixon.

Markus points out the model's error margin compares favorably with that of a typical election-eve poll of a national sample of voters.

"DOMESTIC ISSUES other than the economy, the personal qualities of the candidates, campaign ads and day-to-day campaign-related events are all important factors in determining how individuals vote. But those factors tend to balance each other out in the aggregate, leaving election outcomes to be largely determined by longer term trends in the economy and in the partisan composition of the electorate," Markus notes.

It would be a mistake to conclude from this that campaigns are irrelevant, Markus said. Rather, he notes, campaigns construct the linkages between economics and politics for voters and help citizens structure their personal political agendas, even if the campaigns typically don't convert many voters.

Seniors invited to play

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MARINE LANCE CPL. MICHAEL D. GORZEN, son of Michael M. and Catherine A. Gorzen of Canton, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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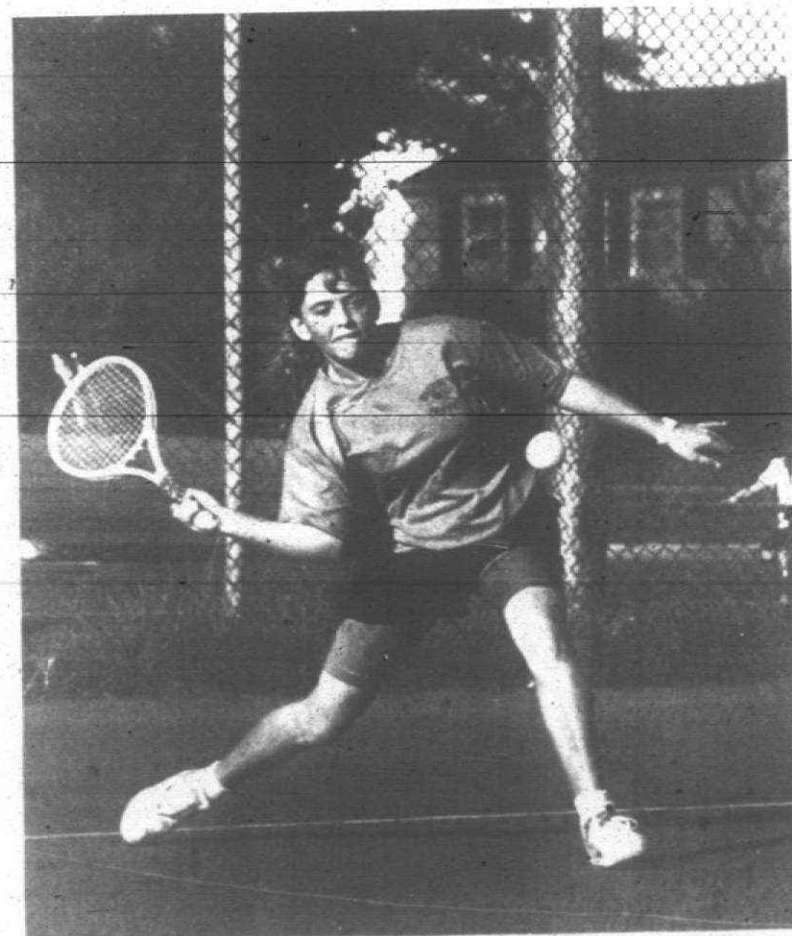
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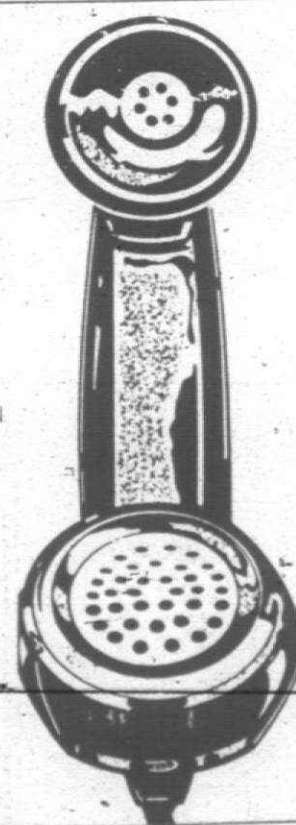
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Con game

Schools of choice don't work

THE SCHOOLS OF choice plan went down in flames on Monday when the Plymouth Canton school board unanimously rejected it.

But that's not the end of this red herring that was tossed out to local school districts by the state Legislature. Voters will get their say about the plan on June 8.

We hope voters see it the same way as board members did. To us the situation was best summarized by Dean Swartzwelder, a school board member, when he said: "This committee did a perfect job of taking a pig and perfunctory it with Chisel No. 5."

Swartzwelder is an Iowa native and we defer to anyone from that state when it comes to the ability to detect the odor of a pig in any form.

SCHOOLS OF choice is a media darling of the cardboard head academic types. It sounds good on paper, but is about as worthless as... well, we think Swartzwelder covered that subject.

On the surface schools of choice sounds good.

Good times

Canton bucks national trend

FIRMS ARE finding something attractive about Canton and that can't do anything but help the residents of Canton.

While many of us have been tuned into the recession channel, others in Canton have been watching the development channel.

While the Willow Run plant closing has grabbed the headlines, businesses have been opening and expanding in Canton.

Here's a list: Builder's Square opened in February; Cleveland-based AGA Gas Inc. will build a plant in an industrial park that will employ 51; Pro-Coil, American Yazki and Draw-Tite are expanding and hiring. And those aren't low paying McDonalds jobs; they're manufacturing.

But there's more. Three new restaurants are

opening. They are the Olive Garden, the Outback Steakhouse and Izakaya-Sanpei.

And then there's Wal-Mart, a discount store that's eyeing a location in Canton.

Housing isn't far behind. Subdivisions under construction include Glengarry, Fox Run and Buckingham Place. And all systems are go for a residential/golf development behind the Canton Township Hall.

That's not too shabby a record of development and growth for times that have sent shudders through many communities.

Canton deserves credit for creating a community in which such growth occurs even during bad times.

Somebody is doing something right.

AIDS

New teachers feel the loss

AIDS NO LONGER lives solely in newspaper headlines and lists its victims among celebrities. AIDS is a part of our suburbs.

Some may see it as a sad fact of life. Others use its prevalence as a way to educate and enhance awareness about the disease and about homosexuals. When Rock Hudson died of AIDS or Magic Johnson announced he was HIV positive, people talked. But when a young person in the neighborhood dies, people do more than talk — they feel the loss. They know the victim or they know the family.

Shirley and Philip Gach of Bloomfield Township lost their 27-year-old son, David, to AIDS on March 14. David Gach was not a celebrity. Instead, he was known to those in his neighborhood, at the family church and Brother Rice, his alma mater. He was a real person.

And the Gaches are typically suburban — nice house, good jobs, two surviving children and active in their church. But their son David has changed their lives. Since he first announced his sexual preference eight years ago, and then announced he was HIV positive three years ago, the Gaches decided to be very open and also to help others. Rather than keeping their son's sexuality and illness a secret, they prefer to talk honestly.

TO COPE WITH their son's illness, the Gaches joined a support group. The couple still belongs to the group, though the roles changed — they're now offering support and understanding, rather

than seeking it. "That's where I see we can help," Philip Gach said. "We can add our personal experiences."

Magic Johnson may get the world's attention, but the Gaches and others can put more reality into the story. People will listen and learn from their neighbors, who are the most believable educators. Hopefully others will follow the Gaches' lead. Their stories won't be about people who live in different parts of the country and have lifestyles most can only imagine. Instead, it will be about the young man or young woman who went to local schools, attended the local church and had friends and relatives in the area. The impact is one more greatly felt.

The families of AIDS victims are becoming the new educators, not only about homosexuality but about showing compassion to those who are HIV positive or those dying of AIDS. The staggering number of 400,000 AIDS cases currently diagnosed shows the gravity of the disease and its impact. As the numbers grow, more people will know a friend or family member who has the disease.

It will be the parents, siblings and partners who live through the struggle and death who will be the best spokespeople to tell the real story of this deadly disease, of encouraging compassion toward those afflicted and urging our nation to focus its attention to find a way to alleviate the devastating effects of AIDS.

Now open

A welcome change in process

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S Board of Trustees deserves high marks for the open process by which they selected their new president — Sandra Packard.

The choice of Packard as OU's first female president ended an eight-month search during which the public was kept informed of each step in the process and asked for input when it came to choosing among the four finalists.

Not only were the names of the four finalists and their credentials widely publicized, but the Oakland University community as well as others were invited to attend four receptions — one featuring each finalist — and asked for evaluations.

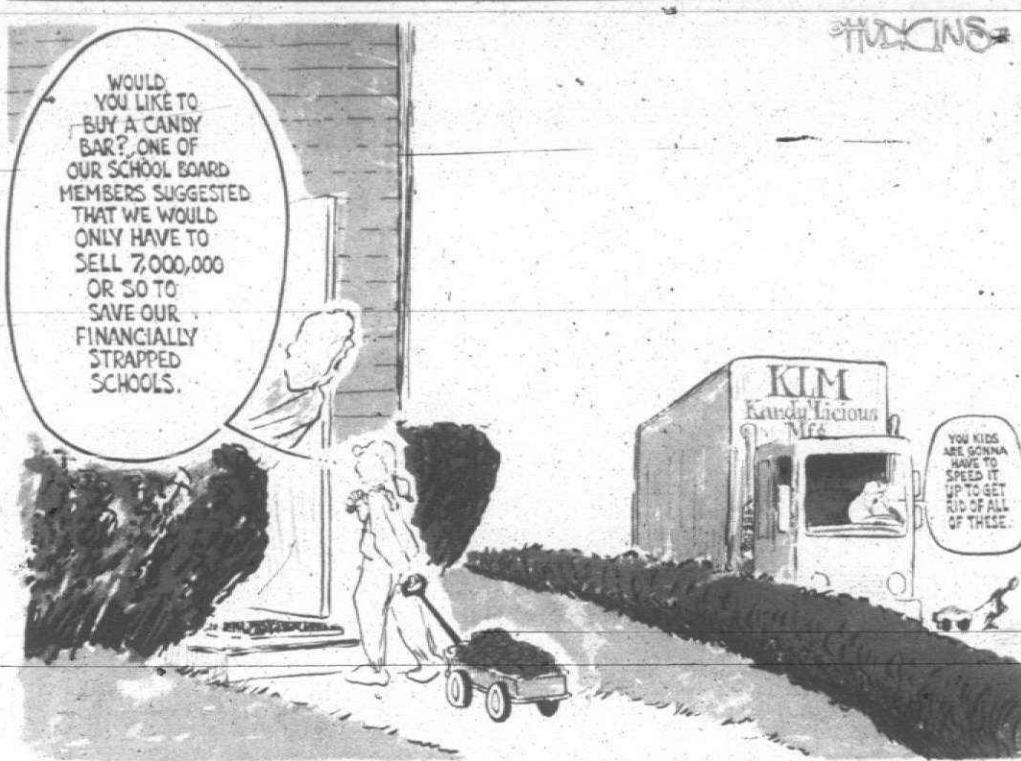
THE BOARD conducted formal interviews on

a single day, with candidates scheduled one after another — all open to public scrutiny.

It is a tribute to the process that through the opportunities made available, both the student congress and the faculty felt knowledgeable enough to present their own recommendations to the board.

This search for a president was in striking contrast to the last search, 12 years ago. Then, the state Attorney General's Office found that that OU board had violated the state's Open Meetings Act, dividing into groups of less than a quorum to interview final candidates.

Oakland University obviously has learned from its mistakes and has shown Michigan's other public universities how a presidential search should be accomplished.



Supply, demand sides now coming together

By Buddy Moorehouse
guest columnist

IT'S AMAZING how many school districts and business communities in the state have failed to realize their destinies are intertwined.

The supply side of the equation (schools) keeps turning out a product that isn't prepared for the work world. This happens because the supply side gets no input from the demand side (business). All it gets are complaints.

So it's refreshing to see that in at least one area community, the supply side and the demand side are coming together in an unprecedented fashion.

Located in Livingston County, Brighton is one of the fastest growing communities in the state.

When Dennis McMahon became superintendent of Brighton Area Schools in 1984, he came with the firm belief that the school district must work closely with the local business community. He wanted business people to become involved in the school district at all levels, to tell the schools what they need to do better to turn out employable kids.

EIGHT YEARS later, Brighton has a school-business partnership which should be — and is — a model for other communities around the state. Through a number of innovative and sensible programs, the school district is working hand-in-hand with the business community.

Result: Brighton's kids are getting every chance to hit the real world with a running start. Look at some of the programs already in place:

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• One of McMahon's first projects was to start a Partners in Education program, which he did with the full support of the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. The program involves pairing individual school buildings in the district with businesses in the community. The goal: to share ideas and information. The partnership's advisory board, a half-and-half mix of school people and business people, meets about five times a year. The board tackles a couple projects each year — all with the aim of improving the curriculum.

• Brighton High School has a mentorship program in which students are paired up with a professional or other business person in the community. A kid who might be interested in a career in law enforcement, for instance, will be paired with a police officer. A student spends one day a month on the job with the person, getting a first-hand

look at the career.

• Another job-shadowing program is called CDI (for Career Decisions and Internship). Through this program, high school students spend time during each semester getting an intensive look at a single business, going from department to department to learn the ropes. Many students actually get to perform much of the work themselves.

• The Livingston Educational Service Agency (the county's intermediate school board) administers a vocational education consortium. Through it, each school district concentrates on a couple of vocational areas.

Brighton does auto repair, for instance. Students from throughout the county then come to Brighton to take auto-repair classes. The consortium is supervised by a board of professionals from the business community representing the various vocations taught. These people are charged with looking over the equipment and curriculum to make sure that what the kids are learning will help them in the real world.

School people in Brighton put out the challenge to the business community: Come and look at what we're doing, and tell us how we can do it better. The business community has responded. The result is a school-business partnership which should be emulated.

Editor's note: Phil Power spoke last week to a group of school and business people in Brighton. He was so impressed with how they are working together that he asked Brighton Area editor Buddy Moorehouse to write this guest column.

Bottom line is jobs, not race

I HAVEN'T been told a good joke in a long time, but I have read some and I've seen a couple good jokes on television. One that gave me a chuckle last week was the newspaper story about the ministers and the councilman.

It seems that one of the esteemed Detroit city councilmen appeared on a popular radio talk show last St. Patrick's Day. The show's host, a former wonder boy athlete, turned gambler, turned felon and now a media darling, had asked the councilman the one question guaranteed to generate intense audience interest: What about Coleman Young?

The councilman, in responding to the Coleman question and seemingly unaware that his comments would be heard in the Big Bad City, said that the FBI wouldn't investigate the mayor for wrong doing because it would "start a riot." The councilman then told the FBI to "do it in January of February, they're not going to come out in their bare feet."

All of a sudden in Detroit the phone lines started buzzing. People called their friends, friends called their pastors, ministers called each other. All talked about the ugly remarks, some saying it was another put-down of the city by someone supposed to lead. Others asked if this was the "R" word... another racist incident.

ABOUT then, one of the Baptist ministers stepped into the breach. He got a group of his minister buddies together and went to the



Jeffrey Miller

media to demand a public apology. The comment by the councilman had obvious racial undertones, he said. "Who are these people without shoes in February? The inference is they are City of Detroit residents and they're predominately black."

The uproar grew. At first the councilman refused to apologize. The preachers stepped up the pressure. The flap made the evening news and a lot of print was given to the supposed issue. The councilman wished the whole thing would fade away. The ministers felt they had earned their pay, and those who would fan the flames of racism had a field day.

If you don't understand the joke or can't find the punchline, how about this: While the Baptist ministers were screaming racism, six kids under 10 were shot or burned to death in the city. Only the parents screamed.

While the councilman was making his joke on the radio, crack cocaine was continuing to tighten its grip on the city's residents. As the ministers demanded an apology, hundreds of young, inner-city males — most of

them high school drop-outs — gave up the search for meaningful work.

As the councilman dug in his heels refusing to give in, scores of young inner-city girls continued to have unprotected sex, uncaring of the fact that soon they might have to raise a child alone.

WHILE THE TV stations gave details of the battle between the ministers and the councilman, the city grappled with the problem of how to cut \$100 million from the budget. Raising revenue was no longer an option in balancing the budget since "racial fights" continued to contribute to suburban flight and inner city blight.

"I still don't get it, what's funny about that?" you ask. "Where's the joke?"

The joke is on us, that's where. The issues which affect all of our lives are not black and white. They are green. Economic opportunity, the ability to generate dollars and the true chance of earning a good living for all are where our priorities should be placed.

Efforts in education, efforts to eliminate drugs, efforts to reduce teen pregnancy should command the airwaves and headlines. Instead we get racial animosity, race baiting and demands for apologies while the gulf grows wider. Isn't that funny?

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Cures for Plymouth's ailing economy

By J. Michael Southerland
special writer

I live and work in Plymouth and believe the future is, at a crossroad. We can maintain the archaic policies of taxation and government meddling that have put our local economy in a crisis or we can move forward and adopt reasonable measures of taxation and a proper and more limited role for city government.

The following points identify our problems and the policies necessary to cure them.

• **Promote economic growth:** The tax policies of our city are crushing businesses and residential property owners and are stifling development. We are stuck with the following reality: Plymouth taxpayers are required to subsidize Wayne County property tax valuations in Plymouth will continue to increase, because there is little, if any, new construction in Plymouth, the taxpayers will bear the brunt of increases unless we can promote new development, and finally, taxes are designed to deter undesirable activity, instead they are deterring desirable businesses and development. Because we can't locally control county expenditures or valuations, we can only impact tax policy by eliminating undesirable taxes and by promoting new construction.

Plymouth is a small city with little vacant land available for construction. To build a new structure, one must purchase developed property. Such a project is more expensive than building on vacant land because you must bear not only the increased costs of new construction, but you must also bear the costs of demolishing and removing the old building and compensating the landowner.

The only way such costs can justify new construction is if the developer is allowed to build a shoddy structure or if, as in any desirable and expensive area, the developer is allowed to build a multi-story complex. Plymouth

guest column

wants quality, so that our only alternative if we want new construction and much needed additional taxpayers is to promote development of multi-story buildings.

Our city has acted contrary to this need. For example, the "Wilcox flop-house debacle" jumps to mind. Several years ago developers proposed a multi-level project overlooking Kellogg Park which, needless to say, would have produced substantial tax revenue and additional consumers for downtown. Of course the Wilcox House, its roof collapsing and in a state of disrepair that merited condemnation, would have had to be leveled to allow the project to go forward. Not only did the city kill the project and its tax revenues, instead opting for superficial repairs to the Wilcox House, but there was also talk of adopting an ordinance that would have prohibited multi-story building. This policy must be changed and we must promote quality growth in the only manner possible for Plymouth — we must build upward.

In addition, the tax policy of requiring new businesses to purchase parking credits is stifling development of new business. If a new business lacks parking, it's required to pay about \$4,000 per parking space based on its anticipated parking needs. Several business owners who are in other cities but who would relocate to Plymouth can't justify the expenditure for parking credits. I appreciate the fact that other businesses like myself have had to bear this cost, but that is no reason to continue such a policy. We must abolish parking credits.

• **Eliminate provincialism:** Over the years, our city has endorsed policies that have impeded quality development and that have in the short run supported interests of elected officials to the detriment of Plymouth can operate

as an entity autonomous of other local governments is wrong. We must work to combine services to establish an efficiency of scale. We must combine law and fire services. Moreover, although I am a strong proponent of education, we must eliminate an independent library and utilize one well-stocked centralized library in the high school; such a concept is complicated, but we must be innovative to avoid duplicative services and to cut unnecessary tax expenditures.

• **Minimize government intervention:** Unquestionably, in most situations, private enterprise is more efficient than government, and our city government is engaged in activities which should be handled in the private sector. Our city is involved in businesses providing receptions and parties in competition with Plymouth's businesses and equally important potentially exposing taxpayers to liability. It seems only yesterday that you taxpayers and I paid both a residential and business assessment for a lawsuit bungled by our elected officials, and you can rest assured that a like assessment for a multi-million dollar liquor liability judgment would threaten the very existence of our community. Now we hear the city wants to purchase the Post Office on Penniman. Such an expenditure further involves the city in private enterprise, further competes with existing business, further impedes incoming business to Plymouth and furthers the erosion of a tax base for our future.

Isn't it ironic that studies have shown that one of the few services efficiently operated by government is trash pickup, but the last time I looked, I paid to have my trash removed.

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• **Plymouth wants quality:** Businesses that understand the needs of customers have prospered while those ignorant to those needs have not. A new defunct clothing store attempted to charge approximately 25 percent more for men's suits than other retailers like Hudson's, he failed to provide service in an area where it was needed.

An example of understanding the public's needs is a business which has grown by leaps and bounds — "The Golf Club" on Forest Avenue. That business has targeted high end clothing and accessories — Polo, Burberry's, Bobby Jones, and Johnston and Murphy — and sales have been great. Merchants must understand that Plymouth wants quality, but it must be in areas where you can beat the malls. Our government must understand we need more quality restaurants to build on the proposals for outdoor cafe's at the Penniman Deli and the Box Bar.

Let's realize that identifying problems and proposing tough solutions may anger some vested interests in Plymouth, but it's time for us to act before we are forced to compromise our quality of life or before we are taxed out of town. Let's revitalize our downtown before it becomes a ghost town like Detroit.

Mike Southerland is a Plymouth resident and an attorney.

from our readers

Per-pupil spending appalling

To the editor:

I'm a veteran teacher of 27 years in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. I was appalled when I read recently that the per-pupil expenditure for next year in our district of only \$4,834 ranks well below other out-of-formula districts, including Dearborn, Grosse Pointe, Livonia, Northville, Romulus and Ann Arbor.

In relation to in-formula districts, we are below the state average per pupil expenditure of \$4,915. Something is wrong here. If it is necessary, the local district must make up the difference through increased local millage to provide a higher quality of education.

The Plymouth Canton schools have enjoyed quality education, but if the current system of school finance continues this will become merely an illusion. This does not mean that we should ask the school staff to work for less or ask our students to do without the latest technology. We must move into the 21st Century with 21st Century thought and finance.

This may include replacing our current governor.

H. Michael Endres,
orchestra director,
Plymouth Canton schools

What about all of the fast food outlets in Canton? Are they family owned? Where does the Meijer family live?

What about job opportunities? Have you ever been in a Wal-Mart store, talked to Wal-Mart employees? Have you been to Arkansas to Wal-Mart headquarters? What makes them the company you don't want to open your arms to in Canton?

Maybe we should be asking what is going on with Tom Yack and the Meijer family?

It's time you opened your arms to everyone, Tom.

Bob Simpson, Canton

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"April is the cruellest month," wrote T. S. Eliot. Isn't that the truth? After making it through a long, cold winter, we expect great things from April. Yet some of our worst ice storms have been known to hit during this month, knocking down power lines, breaking tree branches and making life in general somewhat vexing.

On the positive side, this is the month that ushers in Daylight Saving Time and, in 1992, Easter, both of which are definitely springtime events in spite of the weather! There will also be an occultation (covering) of a third magnitude star by the moon.

Daylight time notwithstanding, there will be a big increase in the amount of sunlight we receive this month. On April 1 the sun rose at 6:15 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and set at 7:03 p.m. This permitted a possible 12 hours and 48 minutes of sun.

On April 30 the sun rises at 6:29 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), sets at 8:36 p.m. and allows a possible 14 hours and seven minutes of sun, an increase of one hour and 19 minutes.

The only planet visible after sunset is Jupiter this month. The other four naked-eye planets are morning objects, although Mercury will, not be well-placed for observing.

GO OUTSIDE 30 minutes before sunrise in the early days of the month and face east.

Three planets and the waning (fading) crescent moon will be visible. Venus is four degrees below the moon, but it's close to the horizon and difficult to see in spite of its brightness.

Twenty degrees to the right of the moon is the red planet, Mars. Eighteen degrees to the right of Mars, in the southeast, is Saturn. (One degree is about two full moon diameters.)

At night, you can't fail to notice another very bright object above the southwest horizon. This is Sirius (SER ee oos), and it is the brightest star in the night sky. (Bet you know what the brightest star in the day sky is!) Sirius is located in the constellation of Canis Major, the big dog. It is one of the nearest stars to us. The distance is estimated at 8.7 light-years, making it the 5th closest



skywatch
Raymond E. Bullock

star, and that distance is closing; Sirius is approaching us at a velocity of 7 kilometers (4.5 miles) per second. (Don't lose any sleep worrying about a collision occurring.)

Sirius has a companion star, which is only visible through a fairly good sized telescope, in orbit around it. The star, called the "Pup," is a white dwarf star; it has about the same mass as our sun, but is 40 times smaller in diameter.

NEW MOON is at 12:01 a.m. on April 3. The moon is located between

the earth and the sun and is not visible. By the next night, the waxing (growing) crescent moon is very easy to spot in the west. It will look like the "smile" of a Cheshire cat above the horizon.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on April 5.

Daylight time, when we set our clocks forward one hour, always begins on the first Sunday in April. We do not alter the speed of Earth's rotation or the length of the day, we merely alter the clock. We gain a

later sunset and an extra hour of daylight in the evening at the expense of a later sunrise and an extra hour of darkness in the morning.

Follow the moon as it moves through Taurus and Gemini from the 6th through 10th. On the 6th the moon is above and to the left of the Pleiades star cluster. The red star to the left of the moon is Aldebaran (al DEE a ran), the "eye" of Taurus. On the 7th the moon is above Aldebaran, and on the 8th it's near the star Eta Geminorum, the "toe" of Castor, one of the Gemini twins.

Eta Geminorum is also called Propus (PRO pus) which translates

to the "front foot."

The moon will occult (cover) Propus at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of the 9th. An occultation of a bright star by the moon is fairly unusual and can be easily observed with binoculars.

Raymond Bullock is former coordinator of the planetarium and observatory at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. He now works for a Troy firm which specializes in laser displays and effects.

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Baseball teams strive for more success

Rocks are champions in Class A

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Salem begins the 1992 baseball season as the defending Class A champion, but the Rocks face a new challenge with a new team this year.

"It was the '91 team that won the state championship, and this is the '92 crew," Salem coach John Gravelin said. "We know people will be sending their best pitchers against us and will want to play their best against us, but I think we're ready for that."

"The players are really looking forward to this season as their opportunity to shine. Seven (of the nine returning) didn't get a chance to play in the state tournament, and they're eager to show what they can do."

The Rocks, who won eight consecutive post-season games and finished 27-6, lost starters at seven of eight field positions and their top three pitchers.

Senior shortstop Ed Gundry, who has signed to play for Eastern Michigan University, is the lone returning regular, and senior Dan Hutchinson also saw considerable action as a back-up outfielder and designated hitter.

GUNDY'S TWO-RUN, 400-foot homer in the state final was the game-winning hit as Salem defeated Rochester 4-1. He hit .343, knocked in 24 runs and scored another 25.

"He's the guy we're going to build our defense around," Gravelin said. "We don't have much experience, and we're going to look to Ed to provide that, especially on the infield."

"Offensively, he'll be the No. 3 hitter, and everybody is going to know about him. He'll have to focus on the tough pitches and pitchers, because everybody will try to pitch around him. The more he can produce offensively the better off we're going to be."

The outfield was decimated with the graduation of Kevin Craggs (left), Scott Rodgers (right) and Jeff Coleman (center), but Hutchinson has experience. He played the outfield when Rodgers pitched and was the DH for pitcher Jeff Belisle. Hutchinson will start in center field this year.

Senior Jeff Hopson, a varsity letterman, will play left field, and the right fielder will be either senior



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Bryan Zarosley takes third base during a Salem baseball practice Monday afternoon. Chip Wadoski is the fielder. Zarosley will play in the outfield while Wadoski starts at third base.

Jeff Kotlarezyk or junior Eric Stryker, both of whom played on the JV team last year. Junior Bryan Zarosley is one of the fastest outfielders Gravelin has coached and will be Hutchinson's backup.

"The leadership obviously has to come from Hutchinson," Gravelin

said. "We'll have a little quicker outfield; but once again we lack experience. We're going to find out a lot about this team as we go through the first few weeks of the season."

Despite losing Rodgers, an all-state pitcher who was 13-2 with 119 strikeouts and 1.22 earned run aver-

age and now plays for Kent State University, Belisle and Eric Nielson, the Rocks are most experienced in pitching.

SALEM RETURNS eight victories

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Chiefs always put contender on field

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

A sure bet during the spring sports season is the certainty Plymouth Canton will field a quality baseball team.

The Chiefs, who were runners-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association and district tournament, were 22-7 last year and expect to maintain that tradition.

"I think we'll be competitive and contend," said veteran coach Fred Crissey, who guided Canton to first place in the WLAA's Western Division and the Redford Union Invitational.

"This ballclub will hit the ball. Offensively, I'm not concerned, but we have to upgrade the defense 20 percent from last year. We didn't play defense as well as we have in the past."

The Chiefs return 13 varsity players with junior Mike Stafford starting again at first base, senior Jon Paupore at shortstop, senior Todd Pniewski at catcher and senior Ben Hendricks in the role of designated hitter.

CANTON LOST all-area pitcher Scott Kennedy (10-4 record with 130 strikeouts and 1.89 earned run average) to graduation, but the Chiefs return an experienced pitching quartet.

Senior right-handers Frank Learned, Dan Conrad and Jon Stimac and the left-handed Stafford combined for a 12-2 record. They will do the bulk of the pitching with help coming from juniors and former JV hurlers Craig Benedict (right) and Dean Rovenelli (left).

Kennedy was the kind of kid who could come in and get a strikeout," Crissey said. "We don't have a (dominating) kid like that this year; therefore, we have to play a little better defense. But it won't be pitching by committee. They're all decent."

Pitching will be especially important in those weeks when Canton plays three league games and a double-header on the weekend, Crissey said.

"You had better have more than one (reliable) kid. In numbers there's strength. If they throw strikes and we play defense, we'll be fine."

The Chiefs have a solid backstop in Pniewski, who hit .330 last year and will be backed up by Chris Johnson.

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Canton baseball coach

The switch-hitting Stafford earned all-division honors at first base while posting a .320 average.

"HE DOES A tremendous job over there," Crissey said, "and I really think he's improved at the plate. He's a quality athlete."

Paupore, who took over the starting role at shortstop midway in his sophomore year, begins his third season at that crucial position. He batted .280 last year.

"He's a solid contact hitter, and he has very good feet and hands," Crissey said. "I'm really pleased with Jon and what he's doing."

Jon is also a great golfer. I'm not sure which of the two sports he'll play, but he'll definitely go on to college and compete somehow."

Jason Crain and Mark Henry left job vacancies at second and third bases, respectively. Taking their places will be Jeremy Hyde and Brian Tiel, who had playing time at third and also DHed.

"(Hyde) will do a good job for us," Crissey said. "He doesn't do any one thing exceptionally well, but he's the classic guy who will get things done. (Tiel) is the kind of player who will knock it down and throw you out, and that's what we're looking for."

Chris James, Mike Wougamon and all-area player Jason Riggs comprised the Canton outfield last year, so the Chiefs will have new starters at each position.

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Crusaders finish strong on softball spring tour

Two games were lost to weather and five more to superior teams, but Madonna University softball coach Dave Racer was pleased with the way his team turned around a potentially disastrous spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla., by winning four of its last five.

The Lady Crusaders returned early Monday morning with a 5-5 record and a full-slate of games in the week ahead of them.

A pair of freshmen were most impressive on the trip. Tracy Vachon returned with just a 2-3 mound record, but she performed extremely well in a 2-0 loss to Ivy League champ Brown University and in wins over Union College (N.Y.) and Elmhurst College (Ill.).

Catcher Kim Supron, from Livonia Ladywood HS, was devastating at the plate. She collected 11 hits in 34 at-bats for a .323 average, slugging three doubles and three triples and driving in 10 runs.

Madonna's top hitters on the trip were Jenny Marquette (9-of-21, .428), who played just three innings in the last five games due to a pulled calf muscle, and Megan Armstrong (11-of-31, .354).

ALTHOUGH THE results weren't as good as last season's 7-3 start, Racer knows this team is much better. "I asked the girls how what they thought last year's team would have done down here, and they said they would have won one game," he said.

Still, after suffering back-to-back shutout losses to Brown and Buffalo State — a 10-0, five-inning mercy — on Wednesday (March 25), Racer was concerned. "They were down after that Buffalo State loss," he admitted. "Their confidence level was really low."

Madonna sports

But a team meeting that evening and easier competition the next day helped turn things around. "The girls rebounded well," said Racer. "They didn't give up. They came back the next day and regained about 95 percent of their confidence."

Madonna started its comeback with an 8-2 defeat of Union on Vachon's four-hitter last Thursday. Jill Burt socked a two-run homer and had two hits and three runs batted in; Supron added three hits, including two doubles, and Emily Skura (from Livonia Franklin) had two hits.

NEXT CAME Williams College (Mass.) and a 10-2 triumph. Kristen Wasil (Garden City) was the winning pitcher, giving up just two hits but walking six. She struck out seven. Supron knocked in three runs, one on a single in the second and two more on a double in the sixth.

Mandy Armstrong added a two-run double in the second, one of her two hits, and Megan Armstrong and Burt each had two hits.

The final game of the day was against Elmhurst, and Vachon got her second win of the day, 9-4. She allowed six hits and a walk. "She's throwing the ball real well for us," said Racer. Burt had two hits, including a three-run double in the sixth, and Supron blasted a two-run triple in the third.

The Crusaders ran their winning streak to four with an 8-0 shutout of Southern Connecticut last Friday.

Wasil evened her record at 2-2 with a strong two-hit, two walk performance. Supron was again electrifying, clubbing two-run triples in the first and second innings.

The streak ended in Madonna's last game of the trip, an 8-3 loss to Buffalo State Friday. Vachon was tagged for seven runs in the first two innings and the team never recovered.

THE CRUSADERS opened their trip on Monday (March 23) with a 5-4 loss to Brown in a game ended by the time limit after six innings. Wasil took the loss, giving up five runs (one earned) on four hits and five walks in five innings.

Madonna rallied for three runs in the fourth to go up 3-1, but Brown scored four times in the fifth to win. Marquette, Kay Lee Davis and Mandy Armstrong each had two hits, with Marquette collecting two RBI.

Later that day, the Crusaders fell 8-5 to Hillsdale. They scored three in the first — two on Davis' double — and tied it at 4-4 with a run in the third, but Hillsdale pulled away with a four-run fifth. Davis had two hits and three RBI.

On Tuesday (March 24), Madonna won its first game, 13-9 over Dickinson College (Pa.). Holly Jondro was the winning pitcher, with relief help from Wasil. The Crusaders put together an eight-run sixth, with Marquette knocking in three with a double. She finished with four hits and three RBI. Wasil had three hits and Megan Armstrong two, with three runs scored and three steals.

In the 2-0 loss to Brown, Vachon gave up two runs in the seventh; she allowed five hits and did not walk a batter, striking out five.

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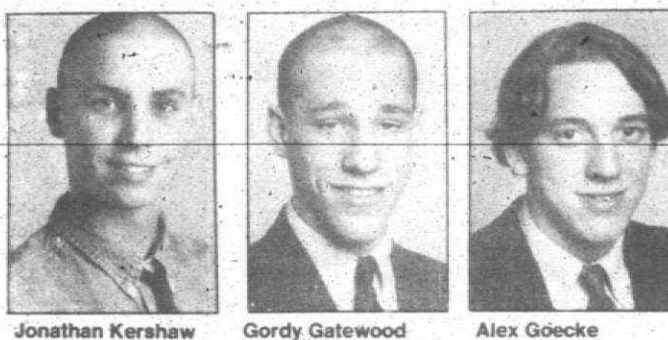
Livonia Stevenson had the fastest 200-yard freestyle relay team in the area. Team members are (from left) Jeff Buckler, Gordy Gatewood, Greg Priede and Bryan Morrison.



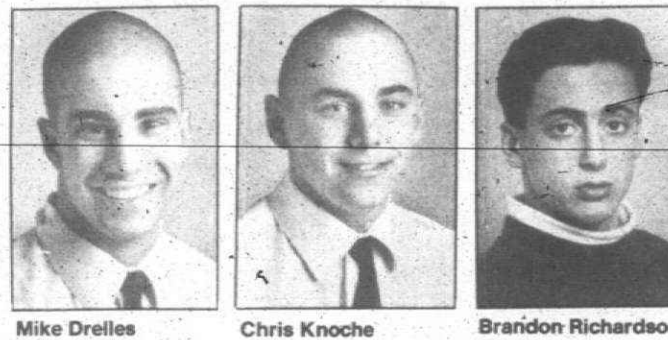
The first-team, all-area selection in the 200-yard medley relay is the North Farmington foursome of (from left) Chris Knoche, Jonathan Kershaw, Adam Kammer and Mike Drelles.



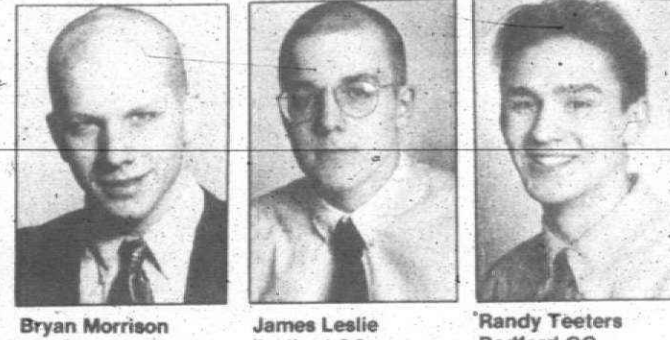
Aaron Rieder (from left to right), Gordy Gatewood, Alex Goecke and Bryan Morrison of Livonia Stevenson comprised the top 400-yard freestyle relay team in Observerland.



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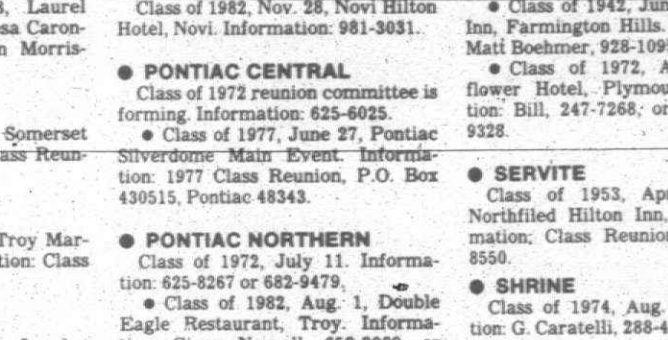
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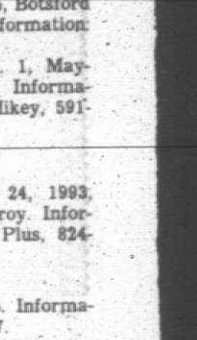
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Swim triumvirate reigns in Observerland

By C.J. Risak and Dan O'Meara staff writers

THERE CAN BE no argument where the power rests in Observerland swimming circles. Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington and Redford Catholic Central all had strong finishes at the Class A state finals and — while not yet ready to challenge perennial state powers like Bloomfield Hills Andover and Ann Arbor Pioneer — all three cleared the gap.

Stevenson finished sixth at state, with North seventh and CC eighth. Observerland's top swimmer? That honor would have to go to CC's Randy Teeters, whose strong swim in the 100-yard breaststroke earned him a state title. He also placed fourth in the 200 individual medley.

Of the 24 berths (18 individuals, six relays) on the 1992 All-Observerland team, 19 went to swimmers from Stevenson, North and CC.

Here are the selections, made by area coaches.

FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Jonathan Kershaw, N. Farmington, 200 freestyle; Kershaw, a sophomore, was 1:11 in the state in the 200 freestyle and had the area's second-best time at 1:44.31 behind Bryan Morrison of Stevenson.

"He was the top backstroke and got sixth place in the state. His 53.56 time in the state preliminaries ranked as the area's best."

Jonathan is very serious about the sport. "North coach Steve Gendron said, 'Jon is a real gifted athlete and works real hard at it. He will be a dominating force on our team for a couple more years.'"

Gordy Gatewood, Stevenson, 200 individual medley: A junior who was described by his coach, Doug Buckler, as a hard worker, Gatewood swam four events at state meet. He scored in all four.

Gatewood's best was the 200 IM, he was fifth in 1:58.80. He finished ninth in the 100 butterfly (53.19) and was part of two relay teams that placed in the top six.

Gordy is the best IMer that I have coached," said Buckler. "I can't wait until next year. I think Gordy can win the IM at state."

Alex Goecke, Stevenson, 50 freestyle: Another junior who, with Gate-

wood, makes Stevenson's future look bright. Goecke not only showed considerable talent in the 50 free but was also adept at the 100 breast and 200 IM.

But the most surprising thing regarding Goecke is a two-time, all-area swimmer, is that he trains for swimming only during the school season — 3½ months a year. His best showing at state meet was a sixth in the 100 breast (58.18). "He just missed the cut in the 50 free, placing 13th in 22.29. Goecke holds the Western Lakes Activities Association record for the 100 breast (1:00.03)."

"Alex is one good reason Stevenson swimming has done so well," said Buckler. "He's a real swimmer."

Mike Drelles, N. Farmington, 100 butterfly: Drelles, a senior earning an other first-team, all-area berth, had the area's best butterfly time of 51.78, which he swam in the Class A prelims. He tied for second in the finals at 52.37.

Drelles also excelled in the backstroke and was 10th in the state. He swam 54.12 in the state prelims to place third in the 100 breast. But Andover's Mark D'Ercole posted the best qualifying time — 56.03 to Teeters' 58.35.

Both Teeters took the marks in the final, but Teeters punted D'Ercole over the last 50 yards and won in 57.63. D'Ercole was second in 57.75.

According to his coach, Teeters, a senior, began his state meet quest a year before. "As a junior, he didn't even score in the state," said Teeters. "It's a goal he's had for a year. He trained real hard for 12 months."

Teeters was fourth in the 200 IM at state in 1:54.38 and was part of CC's 200 medley and 200 freestyle (eighth) relays. At the Catholic League meet, he won the 100 back (54.9).

"He's got a long way to go," added Leonard. "He hasn't yet reached his potential."

North Farmington, 200 medley: Adam Kammer, Drelles, Kershaw and Knoche achieved an automatic All-American time of 1:36.28 with that second-place swim in the Class A finals. The time also is a school record and the best in the Class A.

"It was one of the most exciting races at the state meet," Gendron said. "They just swam out of their minds. I was a little disappointed we didn't win it, but Andover changed its personnel and beat us. It will be a hard one to touch twice."

Stevenson, 200 freestyle: Jeff Buckler, (freeman), Gordy Gatewood, Greg Priede (senior) and Bryan Morrison combined to finish sixth at state in 1:28.08, knocking a second off their previous best.

Pat Lancaster, Canton, 100 swimming: Although limited in his swimming

background, Lancaster still displayed strong racing ability in placing second in the 100 free at the WLLA meet (50.16) and fifth in the 200 free (1:50.26). A senior, Lancaster posted a season best of 49.65 in the 100 free at state meet. He swam 22.74 at state in the 50 free.

Karl Kozicki, N. Farmington, 500 freestyle: Kozicki, a sophomore, had the second best 500 freestyle time in the area at 4:41.93, which he swam at the state meet. That is a school record as well as his time in the IM (4:51.42), which ranks him third in Observerland.

Ryan Freeborn, Stevenson, 100 backstroke: A junior, Freeborn is enjoying his second year on the all-Observerland swim team in the 100 back. He failed to score at state but went a season-best 55.33. At the WLLA meet, Freeborn was fourth in the 100 back (56.11) and fourth in the 200 IM (2:03.28). He also swam the 200 IM at state in 2:03.82.

Randy Cobb, Livonia Franklin, 100 breaststroke: Cobb, a freshman, did a lot of scoring for Franklin at the WLLA meet, placing third in the 100 breast (1:03.27) and fifth in the 200 IM (2:06.49). He had the area's third-best time in the breaststroke behind Teeters and Goecke at 1:01.99.

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North Farmington, 400 freestyle: Kershaw, Drelles, Kozicki and Knoche set a school record with a time of 3:17.74 in the preliminaries of the state meet. The Riders were sixth in the finals.

"Their timing and taper were perfect," Gendron said. "They came together at the right time. Air swim lifetime bests to swim that well. Each one dropped 2-3 seconds in his split time and got us into the top six."

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Entertainment

Keely Wygonik editor/953-2105

'Man of La Mancha' Show draws standing ovations

Performances of the Birmingham Theatre production of "Man of La Mancha" continue through April 26. For ticket information, call the box office at 644-3533.

From the opening notes of "I Don't Quixote" to the finale reprise of "The Impossible Dream," the current production of "Man of La Mancha" may well be the most exciting, flawlessly-executed show ever to play at the Birmingham Theatre. Throughout the previews, audiences were leaping to their feet to award standing ovations. The Birmingham Theatre has had many excellent individual performers, and overall fine productions, but neither any other show drew such full-scale standing ovations.

This "Man of La Mancha" is Broadway-caliber right down to the slightest detail, there is not the least tell-tale touch of road company or regional production in the excellent



Barbara Michals

cast, orchestra, set, costumes, or lighting.

IN THE title role, Ron Holgate is dazzling, his operatic-trained baritone giving the lush songs the rich fullness they were surely meant to have, but seldom did in the hands of more prominent stars who have played the part.

Holgate seems the consummate actor for the role as well. Tall and lanky next to his short and stocky sidekick Sancho Panza (Stan Rubin); for a start, Holgate looks like the popular conception of the would-be knight-errant.

More importantly, he masterfully

captures the warmth, the pathos, and, with very expressive eyes, the increasing madness of the old man. The framework of the musical is set in a Seville dungeon in the late 1500s where the author Miguel De Cervantes (Holgate) awaits a summons from the Inquisition. As his fellow prisoners seize at his meager possessions, Cervantes must convince them not to destroy the manuscript of his work-in-progress.

He elicits their help in acting out his story of Don Quixote, a foolish old man deemed mad for retaining his idealism despite all odds, for his unquenchable belief in virtue and goodness, for thinking one man can



Ron Holgate and Beth McVey star in the classic musical "Man of La Mancha" at the Birmingham Theatre.

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DON QUIXOTE journeys about the countryside, tilting at windmills he perceives as monstrous enemies

and consistently losing the battles. At an inn he defends the honor of his "fair lady." Calling her "Dulcinea," he alone can see a purity of spirit in the dirty, sluttish serving girl Aldonza (Beth McVey).

McVey is wonderfully earthy, and her rich powerful voice soars in "It's all the Same." "What Does He Want of Me," "Knight of the Woeful Countenance," and the reprise of "Dulcinea."

Livonia Symphony presents cabaret

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

If you're in the mood for the music of Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and Cole Porter come to the cabaret for an evening of pizza, popcorn, and fun with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Conductor Francesco DiBlasi and the orchestra present their 19th annual cabaret concert, "Music from the Fabulous Forties and Fifties," a fundraiser on behalf of the LSO at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 in the Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets are \$12, tables of eight, \$96, tables of 10, \$120. Tickets available by sending a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to the Livonia Symphony Society, Ida Krandle, 28672 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48334. Tickets also available when doors open at 7 p.m.

"It's GOING to be a real knockout program with all the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey arrangements made up for symphony orchestra,"

DiBlasi said. Featured soloists for the fun-filled evening are soprano, Rachel Inselman who placed second in the LSO's 1991 Young Artists Competition, and baritone, "Fat" Bob Taylor who serves as master of ceremonies again this year.

Guest conductors are Madonna University president Sister Mary Francine and Ernie Jones. Selections on the evening's program include "Strike Up the Band," "Moonlight Serenade," "In the Mood," "Some Enchanted Evening," "George Gershwin in Concert," "On Stage with Cole Porter," a Duke Ellington medley, and selections from "My Fair Lady" by Frederic Loewe.

"Ernie will conduct 'Procession of the Sardar,' and Sister Francine, 'El Relicario.' In the Mood' will feature dancers from the Michigan Ballet Theatre," DiBlasi said.

The name of a guest conductor will be chosen during one of several drawings. An oil painting by Livonia artist, Jean Poulet along with an assortment of other prizes including wine baskets will also be given away.

"The winner as always will conduct 'Stars and Stripes,'" DiBlasi said.

THE FUND-RAISING evening is meant for friends and fun. Taylor, aka the "singing plumber" is a former disc jockey for radio station WJR in Detroit.

"This is Bob's ninth year with us, and his 24th season, singing the national anthem at the opening game of the Detroit Tigers' baseball season," DiBlasi said.

"Bob and Rachel Inselman will sing selection from 'My Fair Lady' together. Inselman is featured soloist for the "Una voce poco fa" from the "Barber of Seville," and "Adele Song" from "Dei Fleidermaus."

"It's one of our biggest fund raisers," publicity and promotion chairperson, Lee Alankas said. Alankas serves on the Livonia Symphony Society board of directors. Pizza, snacks, desserts, beverages and cash bar will be available during the spring cabaret. For more information, call 851-4524.



Rachel Inselman is a featured soloist in the Livonia Symphony's cabaret concert.



"Fat" Bob Taylor is a featured soloist and master of ceremonies at the LSO's upcoming concert.

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Attic's 'Abundance' extended

Andree Chippi of Westland, portrays Macon Hill in Attic Theatre's presentation of "Abundance" playing for an extended run through April 4 at the historic Strand Theatre in Pontiac. Chippi appeared in the Attic's "The Misanthrope" as Celimene. In "Abundance," she plays a mail-order bride who takes a rollercoaster

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Lori Gryniwicz of Detroit and Jim Roberts of Livonia will perform with the Wisla Polish Song and Dance Ensemble at the International Dance Festival April 5 in Southfield.

Festival showcases ethnic dance groups

Experience the sights, sounds and taste of many cultures at the International Dance Festival, 4-7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road.

Sponsored by the City of Southfield Community Relations Department to benefit the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, the festival will showcase the area's best ethnic performing groups.

Tickets are \$13.50 in advance (\$15 at the door) and available at the Southfield City Hall main reception desk, and parks and recreation main desk. For information, call 354-4854 or 871-8600.

This year's program highlight is "Echoes of Ukraine." The group combines Ukrainian dances with music and song. They are considered one of the nation's best Ukrainian folk dance groups and have performed throughout the United States and Canada.

Also appearing are the Wisla Polish Folk Ensemble, Tim O'Hare's School of Irish Step Dancing, Hora Aviv Israeli Folk Dance

Troupe Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble, The Glendi Dancers (Greek), Troupe T'Amuliat Near East Folkloric Dancers, Audins Lithuanian Dance Group, Art of Motion Dance (African) and the Vidyajali East Indian Dancers.

Wisla Polish Folk Ensemble highlights Polish culture through song and dance. Named for the prominent river in the Polish countryside, the group was founded in 1972. Its director, Martin Peck, is the first Michigander to receive a degree in Polish ethnology from the marie Sklodowska-Curie University in Poland. The Hora Aviv ("Dance of Spring") has performed throughout the region since 1977 and features the diversity of Israeli's multi-ethnic tradition, including Eastern European "Chassidic" dance forms, and the Yemite, dance of the Jews who immigrated to Israel. The ethnic buffet served 4-6 p.m. will feature Polish, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Middle Eastern, Israeli and French entrees and desserts by area restaurants with gourmet coffees and fine wines.

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Musica Viva Concerts features flutists, pianist

Musica Viva Concerts (Buick International Series) will feature the triple talents of internationally acclaimed award-winning performers flutists Maaria Jarvi, Ginka Gerovala and pianist Francisco Silva in a concert for two flutes and piano, 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Christ Church, Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. The concert will feature works by Doppler, Kohler, Martineau, and Telemann. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Call 473-2228.

and North America. This concert signals her Michigan debut. Bulgarian born Gerovala-Ortega has toured four continents with radio and TV broadcasts, was awarded the "Michigan Musical Ambassador" and "Artist Award Tribute" and is the founder and artistic director of Musica Viva Concerts. Born in Brazil, Silva has recorded the complete works of Ravel, on the Amadeus label with a wide concert career throughout Brazil and North America. Acclaimed for his "perfect interpretation and true artistic soul" he holds a graduate degree from the University of Michigan School of Music.

● SCHOOLCRAFT DINNER THEATER
Schoolcraft College's theater department presents a double-bill of Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" and Anton Chekhov's "The Marriage Proposal" in a dinner theater setting 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Dinner at the Waterman Center, show follows 8 p.m. Dinner theater tickets \$15.50 per person. Theater only tickets \$6. Call 462-4409. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Hagerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

● JAZZ
Livonia Stevenson Jazz Band performs 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Laurel Park Place mall, 1375 Expressway at 37700 W. Six Mile in Livonia.

● NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Plymouth Symphony presents "A Night at the Movies" pops concert 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at Fox Hills Country Club's Golden Fox, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Cash and champagne bars 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., concert 8 p.m. Tickets adult dinner and concert, \$40, students grades K-12, dinner and concert \$25, concert only, adults \$25, students K-12, \$10. For tickets, call 453-2715. Tickets also available at Evola Music, Giftfinder, Bookstall and Dearborn Music in Canton.

● CABARET
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents its 19th annual Cabaret Concert, "The Fabulous 40s and 50s," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets \$12. Call 851-4524.

● CHILDREN'S THEATER
"The World of Mother Goose" presented by Crossroads Productions, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. Tickets \$5 includes show and ice cream social. Advance tickets only, call 525-8846.

● JAZZ/BALLET
Henry Ford Community College Jazz Ensemble and Fairlane Ballet Company concert 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Dearborn High School. Proceeds to benefit the animals at the Michigan Humane Society's three area shelters including one in Westland. Tickets \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$6 children under 12. For tickets, call 274-6070 or 645-6470.

● AUDITIONS
Greenfield Village Theatre Company auditions for "The Loud Red Patrick," 6-10 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Call 271-1820. Ext. 495 or 496. This is a tough subject. Leslie Stahl, for instance, was indignant after Ford President Red Poling accused her of bias after she went to the trouble of running down the aisle at the Detroit Auto Show in her best 60 Minutes confrontational style and poked a microphone in his face. She was both indignant and out of breath, since it was far easier to interview the import guy, who was allowed to sit down, put on makeup and answer questions on a set, which was lots easier on both him and the reporter.

Import vs. domestic? Ask a woman from New Jersey



auto talk
Dan McCosh

Just last week a story ran in the Wall Street Journal about how many more American cars are recalled because of safety defects than are Japanese cars. The statistics were compelling in an annual report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PERSONALLY, WHEN I see a report like that, I tend to wonder if more American cars are recalled than Japanese because the American cars have more defects, or because the Japanese aren't talking about them as much. It's been my experience that both of these are true. The WSJ then made a neat graph out of the numbers of recalls that had big long streaks to indicate how many American cars were recalled, and little tiny bars to show how few

the graph would have gone off the top and likely run over onto the text, since recalling a million Hondas means that Honda was recalling more cars than they sold in a single year.

Of course, the graph only reflected last year's recalls, not today's news, which was fortunate, since today's news would have destroyed the whole point of the piece. The million-car recall, however, did not deter the WSJ from its conclusion that the domestic car industry was behind the Japanese in quality. They obviously had supreme confidence in the opinion of the lady from New Jersey.

I have been looking through subsequent issues of the WSJ for the last couple of days, trying to find that second story. So far, I haven't come across a mention.

I guess I must have missed it.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science magazine.

IS ALL THIS an indication of anti-domestic car bias, or pro-import car bias?

business people

WAYNE COUNTY BIZ PEOPLE

The Michigan Peer Review Organization, has recently promoted Jean Moody-Williams, R.N., to director of Program Services with responsibilities for the operation of all MPRO's state government-related programs.

Linda Mlynarek, administrator of the Farmington Nursing Home and a Redford Township resident, was recently advanced to fellow in the American College of Health Care Administrators.

Patricia M. Jones of Detroit has joined Hermanoff & Associates as an assistant account executive, where she will be working primarily on the McDonald's account.

Raymond & Dillon, P.C., the law firm with offices in Detroit and Southfield, has named Randall L. Harbour as partner, James L. O'Brien as head of the firm's environmental law group, and Mark A. Aiello as an associate.

The Michigan Society of Profes-



Russell Lang

sional Engineers selected Tito R. Marzotto as Engineer of the Year. Marzotto is vice president (industrial division) of Detroit-based Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates Inc.

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers selected Charles J. Roarty Jr. as Young Engineer of the Year. Roarty is senior project engineer at NTH Consultants, LTD in Detroit.

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers selected Michael S. Colombo, a senior at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield as Student Engineer of the Year. Roarty is senior project engineer at NTH Consultants, LTD in Detroit.



Williams

Laurie Wargelin of Detroit has been named research director at the market research firm MOR-PACE in Farmington Hills.

Laura Rainey, of Farmington Hills and a nursing student at University of Detroit Mercy, was recently selected as a recipient of a 1992 Fuld Fellowship.

Barbara Horvath R.N., M.S.N. of Plymouth, Carrie Krushinski R.N. of Canton, Kristine Przybylski R.N. of Taylor and John Mitchell of Novi, a certified speech pathologist have joined the staff of United Home Health Services of Canton.

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Franchising raises odds for new business survival

By Doug Funke
staff writer

So you think that you have job security working for someone else?

Just ask the men and women at the GM Willow Run Assembly Plant how much security they have toiling for one of the largest employers in the world.

Ask mid-career executives at other companies who face early-retirement buyouts how much control they have over their destinies. And what about those workers whose employers are pulling up stakes and moving out of town?

Even the military is cutting back. One option is to start your own business. And if you do, said Geoffrey Stebbins, president of World Franchise Consultants in Southfield, franchising may be the best way to go.

"Statistics show about a 90 percent failure rate for people who go into business for themselves within five years," Stebbins said. "Franchising has about an 85-90 percent success rate. I've been doing this for 19 years. Would I be doing it if I had a 90 percent failure rate?"

Franchising is a business arrangement where an individual pays an up-front fee and a percentage of sales to use a company's name and sell a product or service. A franchisee, a business unto itself, also generally receives training, advertising support and consultation services from the parent.

MCDONALD'S PROBABLY is the most recognizable franchise arrangement in the world.

Start-up franchise fees vary by business activity, Stebbins said.

The printing business requires a cash outlay of up to \$60,000; auto diagnostic/service shop, \$50,000; sign store, \$30,000; and power wash or fire cleanup operations, \$10,000.

But franchising isn't for everyone, said Stebbins, who gets referrals from personnel agencies, outplacement consultants, insurance compa-

nies, advertisements and individuals.

He poses a series of questions to prospects to determine suitability.

Do you really want to go into business? Do you really understand what it means? Which industry? Which company? What is your net worth and liquidity? How are you going to live until you start making money? What does your spouse say?

"You're going to pay a franchise fee and a royalty fee," Stebbins said. "We have to cost justify that or it doesn't make sense. We're not going to sell your house to put you in business."

STEBBINS COUNSELS three or four clients a day and matched some 55 with franchisors during his best year.

Self-confidence is the most important characteristic of the successful franchisee, he said.

"If you have it, all you have to do is find the right source to express it. If you're the type of person who likes challenges, it may be good for you. If every challenge is going to be like a hurdle and you're going to be pulling your hair out, better look for a job."

Franchising activity totaled some \$750 billion last year — more than a third of all retail sales nationally, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported.

Francorp, a Chicago-based consulting firm, took more than 10,000 telephone inquiries last year from executives of large corporations seeking information on franchising their businesses.

"The biggest mistakes people make: lack of planning, buying a franchise on emotion, lack of proper due diligence," Stebbins said. "You have to plan what you want to do, check them out and don't take any personal feelings into consideration."

ABOUT HALF of the people he sees currently have jobs but are unhappy and want to make a change. About one-third are unemployed and

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the rest are facing a job buyout option. He will put on a couple of seminars for salaried workers at the Willow Run plant this month.

Opportunities for dramatic financial rewards in franchising have changed over the years, Stebbins said.

"I'm very strongly promoting the sign industry," Stebbins said. "I think it's where the printing industry was 20 years ago."

"There are health-related issues and environmental concerns now. I don't look at greasy hamburgers now. The trend now is skinless chicken, fish, health foods."

Stebbins also is high on interior cleaning franchises that use mist instead of water. And because more people hold onto their cars longer, he sees great potential for auto service/maintenance franchisees.

Stebbins said he's owned printing and fast food franchises while tending to his consulting business. He said he's the only person in the Detroit area and one of about only 60 nationally who works to link franchisees with franchisors.

"I get freedom," Stebbins said. "I can schedule myself as I wish, work as hard as I want. I have developed connections throughout the world. I get a lot of satisfaction out of success. And I take a client's lack of success very personally."



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Geoffrey Stebbins works to place individuals in proper franchising business situations.

Successful franchisees pursue proposals carefully, work hard

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Uncertainty with life in corporate America brought Guy and Joar Swain and Jim Sprague into the world of franchising. But it's been a gradual process.

The Swains bought a janitorial franchise, Jani-King, five years ago and opened an American Sign Shops franchise in Royal Oak two months ago.

Sprague has run a power-cleaning franchise, Wash on Wheels, as a sideline in Manchester for six months.

Guy Swain got tired of being shuffled around to different subsidiaries within ATT/Michigan Bell and wanted more control over his comings and goings, wife Joan said.

So she continued to work as a therapist at Beaumont Hospital while Guy concentrated on the janitorial business. Now, she's ready to wrap

up her career at Beaumont and devote most of her time to the sign business.

Sprague, a supervisor at Ford for more than 25 years, hasn't felt secure since the automaker sold the steel plant where he worked to a smaller, independent company. He's still putting in time there until retirement, hoping for a buyout.

Both Sprague and Joan Swain professed satisfaction with their franchising experiences so far.

"I kind of like the freedom to set up my schedule to a certain point, the variety of the job," Sprague said. "That's why I bought this particular franchise. I hate getting into a routine or rut. You run into a lot of interesting people and a lot of interesting things."

"I enjoy working with customers, satisfying their needs," Swain said. "Every day something new comes along."

THE SWAINS AND Sprague share a couple of other things in common. Both checked out franchise proposals thoroughly before taking the plunge. Both figure they work just as hard if not harder for themselves than as an employee.

"People in charge are crucial. The type of backup they supply is very crucial," Swain said. "Those are things you can discuss with people (franchisees) already in the business."

"There's more responsibility on you," she said of life as a franchisee. "You've got to get there, get the job out."

"We went to Florida and looked at headquarters and equipment and called every franchisee we could," Sprague said. "You've got to work hard, put in the time. Business doesn't come to you. You have to go out and get it."

Deductibility can baffle

Whether you're driving all over the state seeking new customers, closing an important business deal over lunch or looking for a new job, it's not unusual to find yourself digging into your pockets to cover your expenses.

But Uncle Sam allows you to keep some of that money by making various business and job-related deductions available to qualified taxpayers.

Just what business expenses are deductible and how do you deduct them? The Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants provides these answers:

Deducting expenses. For employed workers, most unreimbursed business-related expenses are considered miscellaneous itemized deductions and are deductible only to the extent that together with other miscellaneous expenses they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Employment-related expenses. To deduct employment-related education expenses, you need to meet one of two requirements. The course you take must help you to maintain or improve your present work skills, or your education must be required by your employer or by law to keep

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Transportation. Whether you own your own business or you are an employee whose job requires a car, you may deduct the business-related costs of owning and operating your car. In most cases, you have a choice of two methods for computing the deduction for the business use of your car — you can claim actual expenses or a standard mileage rate of 27.5 cents per mile. Whichever method you choose, be sure to keep a log of all your business miles and detailed records of your expenditures.

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Work clothes and uniforms. For some workers, the cost and upkeep of work clothes and uniforms are deductible expenses. To qualify, your employer must require you to wear special clothes on the job, and the clothing must not be suitable for ordinary or everyday wear.

Books and publications. Subscriptions to professional magazines and trade journals are deductible, as are research and reference books, as long as the publications clearly relate to your work.

Business gifts. You may deduct the costs of gifts you give to others in connection with your business up to \$25 per year per recipient.

Job-hunting expenses. These are deductible as miscellaneous itemized deductions as long as you limit your search to a job in the same line of work. If you qualify for the deduction, you may deduct travel, food, and lodging expenses associated with looking for a job, telephone calls and postage, as well as the cost of having your resume prepared and printed.

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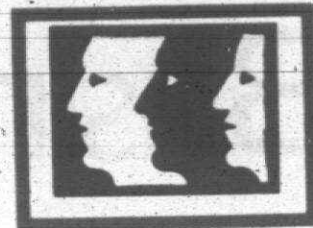
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Spring break can attract more than fun

Exercising common sense can keep date rape at bay

By Julie Brown
staff writer

High school students traveling south to sunnier climes during spring break aren't necessarily giving much thought to their personal safety. Fun's first and foremost in their minds.

Date rape can occur among students on vacation. Staffers and volunteers at Common Ground received three calls last spring from Oakland County high school students who were raped during spring break.

"It happens," said Tony Rothschild, executive director of the Royal Oak-based crisis agency. "It be-

comes a real meat market down there."

Often, such trips are the first time away from home for students, he said. Teens tend to become more vulnerable in certain situations and in some cases lack the maturity needed to deal with those situations.

"Date rape is extremely common," said Carol Klun, sexual assault program supervisor for First Step, a Wayne County agency offering assistance to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. One in three women and one in seven men will be sexually assaulted at some time in life, she said.

"THIS IS something that can happen anywhere to anyone at any

time," Klun said. Most sexual assaults occur in the 14-21 age range, although others, including infants and the elderly, are also at risk.

Spring break isn't necessarily the time when most date rapes occur, she said. Instead, acquaintance rape is an ongoing, year-round problem. Assaults can occur at a homecoming party or at another activity close to home.

One key is education, not only in terms of self-protection, but also learning what the crime is and the continuum of sexual assault. "Without consent, it is rape," Klun said.

In some cases, young people are taught to protect themselves from assaults by strangers, but don't learn how to deal with assault by an acquaintance, "which is the most likely rape to happen," she said.

Common Ground's Rothschild knows how important such educational efforts are. He and his wife have an 18-year-old daughter who went to Mexico on a trip last year.

"Somehow, professional experience doesn't work at home," said Rothschild, who earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. "We expressed our concern about this issue. We talked it over with her."

The couple's daughter had a great time on her trip, and understood the need to avoid certain situations to reduce the risk of assault.

PARENTS DO need to talk to teens about the risks involved in taking such trips, said Rothschild, 44, of Lake Orion. That's true for parents of daughters and sons.

Establishing housing arrangements in advance is important, he said, as is being aware of resources available to assault survivors in the vacation community. Staying with the group reduces the risk of sexual assault. "Stick with your friends," he said. "Don't go off with somebody you don't know."

Young women need to trust their instincts, and watch their drug and alcohol consumption, said Klun, who is in her 30s. Substance abuse doesn't provide an excuse for a sexual assault to occur, but it's best to avoid drinking or abusing drugs.



Talking to other students through the grapevine is helpful, as is avoiding isolated situations, she said. Going dutch, rather than expecting a young man to pick up the tab, is a good idea.

The word "respect" comes to mind in assessing such situations, said Klun, who earned a bachelor's degree in human ecology and business from the University of Minnesota. That includes self-respect and respect for what others say.

In some cases, the best clue to how a young man will behave is the way in which he listens to and respects a young woman's opinions in non-dating situations, she said.

THE WAYS IN which young people are socialized can contribute to the problem, she has found.

In some cases, women are raised to be passive and to be taken care of, Klun said. Some young men are raised to be sexually aggressive and to believe that "no" means "yes."

Often, young people of both genders aren't taught communication skills or creative problem-solving. In some cases, students believe that physical force or emotional coercion should be used.

"It is a societal attitude change that needs to take place," Such edu-

cational efforts should start at an early age, she said, and include information on sexuality and self-protection.

"We don't want to think these things can happen to us or someone close to us," Klun said. Sexual assault and abuse occur in affluent communities, and across all lines of race, age and socioeconomic status.

Men too are victims of sexual assault.

"Rape is really a societal issue and not a women's problem," Klun said. Men are less likely than women to be sexually assaulted, although it's likely a significant other of theirs will be assaulted at some time.

Know your rights

This information on rape was compiled by Katy Wood, victim assistance coordinator at Common Ground in Royal Oak.

Only rapists can put an end to rape. However, there are some practical steps you can take to help protect yourself from date rape:

- Know your rights in any social situation. You have the right to be concerned about yourself and not worry about taking care of others.

- You have the right to say "no."

- Make it clear, before you get into a sexual situation, what your limits are.

- Stay away from isolated areas such as parks or deserted beaches. Suggest meeting in a public place.

- Beware of alcohol or other drugs. It is much harder for you to be in control of the situation if you're under the influence of these substances.

- Have your own transportation.

If you are raped, the decision to go to the hospital, the police or a rape crisis center is your choice. Remember, however, that the longer you wait for medical care and

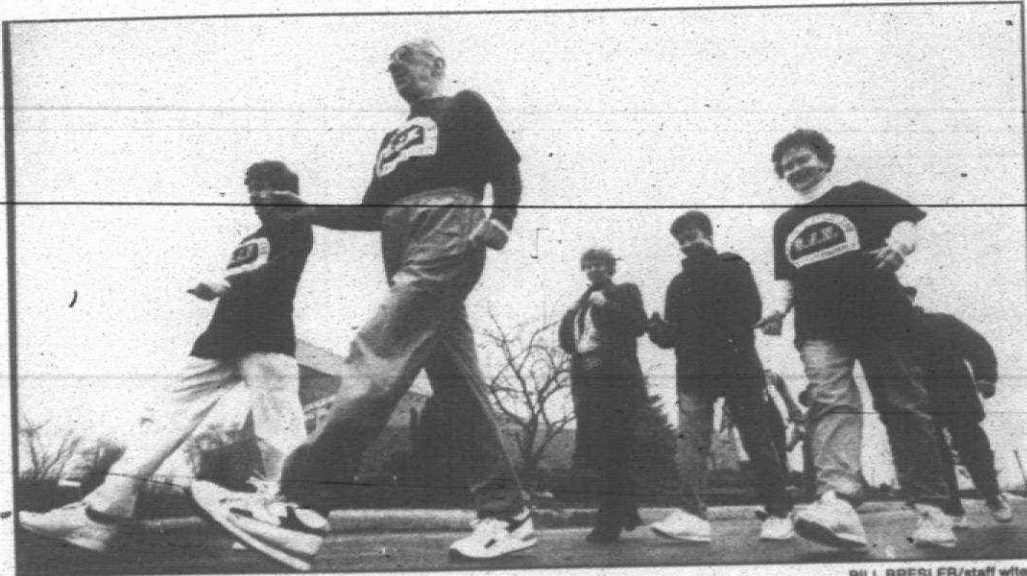
police investigation the harder it will be to prove your assault.

- If you choose to go to the hospital, do not shower, douche, or change your clothes. At the hospital, doctors will treat you for any injuries that you may have. They will also treat you for and inform you about the possibilities of pregnancy, AIDS and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases). Most hospitals have rape kits designed to collect information for prosecution. You are not obligated to prosecute, but this information is invaluable if you decide to do so.

- Filing a report with the police is not a contract to prosecute. By doing this, the police can begin their investigation.

- At both at the hospital and with the police, you will be asked to give a full report of what happened. It is vital that you try to remember as much as possible about the incident. Tell the truth. Don't analyze how your responses will "help" or "hurt" you in court.

- If you are raped while on spring break, criminal proceedings will take place in the state in which the crime was committed. This is often a deterrent to prosecute.



BILL BRESLER/staff writer

Ed Andrysiak leads the way for the Holy Strollers, a walking group that meets at 10 a.m. weekdays at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Holy Strollers

Walkers get fit on a daily basis

By Julie Brown
staff writer

At age 78, Ed Andrysiak's not about to slow down. Andrysiak, who does race walking, knows it's important for older people to stay active.

"Very much so. It gives you cardiovascular exercise, it builds up your body. Once you start exercising and doing it every day, it becomes an obsession."

Andrysiak organized a walking group, The Holy Strollers, at his church, St. John Neumann in Canton. Group members meet 10 a.m. Monday through Friday to do some walking at the church, either indoors or outside, depending on the weather. Later this spring, they'll resume their 6:30 p.m. Thursday walks at the church.

The group got started in 1989. Participants of all ages

enjoy getting some exercise and spending time together.

"You'll find the most congenial people you've ever met," said Andrysiak, a widower and Ford Motor Co. retiree. In his younger days, Andrysiak thought runners and walkers were sissies. He's since become educated.

He hasn't always been as physically fit as he is now. "Thirty-four years ago, I had open heart surgery for an infected mitral valve."

HEART DISEASE continued to be a problem for Andrysiak. About six or seven years ago, his doctor wanted to put him in a convalescent home. Instead, Andrysiak sold his Detroit home and moved to Plymouth Township to live with his daughter and son-in-law.

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engagements

Stack-Laible

Mr. and Mrs. James Stack of Chicago, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate Elizabeth, to Richard John Laible of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Graham Laible of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Scholastica High School. She is a senior at Northwestern Illinois University, where she is finishing a degree in special education.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Hillsdale College.

A late June wedding is planned on Ship Odissey in Chicago.

weddings

Gawlak-Bordine

Amy Lynn Bordine of Ypsilanti and Jon Thomas Gawlak of Ypsilanti were married March 7 at Saline United Methodist Church. Daniel Harris performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Kerry and Phyllis Bordine of Ypsilanti and Thomas and Donna Gawlak of Dundee, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Willow Run High School. She is employed with University Microfilms in Ann Arbor.

Her husband is a graduate of Dundee Community High School. He is a student at Eastern Michigan University and is employed with Canton Analytical Lab, Plymouth.

The bride's attendants were sister of the bride Rhonda Thomas, sister of the bride Jennifer Bordine, Laura Esch and Paula Metzner.

The bridegroom's attendants were James Mayra, Tony Kallen, brother of the bridegroom Charles Fetter-

man and Kevin Thomas.

A reception was held at the Saline United Methodist Church.

The bride and groom will be making their home in Ypsilanti.

Staying active is what motivated Fran Russell, 72, to join The Holy

Strollers. She began walking with the group nearly two years ago when she moved from Detroit to Canton.

"I've walked all my life. I've got arthritis, but I walk every day," said Russell, a St. John Neumann Catholic Church member. She walks indoors at malls and stores when the weather doesn't cooperate.

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Writer is cultured and intelligent

Dear Lorene Green,

Your articles in the newspaper look really interesting. I'm writing to you today to have you analyze my handwriting.

I'm left-handed and 20 years old. C.T., Plymouth

Studying the handwriting for today, I see a young woman who has a strong visual sense, manual dexterity and possibly art aptitude. Other signs point to culture and intelligence.

The good line spacing here reflects one who is organized in her daily routine. She likes a structured lifestyle and functions best with systems and order.

Outwardly, our writer presents a picture of poise and control. She is cautious and objective, especially where others are concerned. Inwardly, the picture may not be as calm.

Emotions are often controlled. Before making a decision she will stand back and consider if it is prudent for her. Decision making may not always come easy for her, however.

In interpersonal relationships, there is a tendency to be a tad cautious. Her kind heart emphasizes with others. She wants friends and fun. At times, however, she may feel divided between reaching out to others and holding back.

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clubs in action

Clubs in Action appears Thursday. Deadline to submit items is noon the previous Friday.

ATTENTION DEFICIT
The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Speakers from the ADD Adult Clinic at Wayne State University will present an overview of attention disorders in adults. Registration will begin 7 p.m. Donation for non-members is \$5. For more information, call 454-8233.

PLYMOUTH AAUW
The Plymouth Branch, American Association of University Women, will hold a 40th anniversary celebration 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial. The celebration will include a fashion show, featuring women's clothing styles from 1890 to 1992. The show will be presented by the Quilters of Ann Arbor. A historical perspective of the Plymouth AAUW will be given by Irene Truesdell.

IMAGES OF LINCOLN
Dr. Weldon Petz will give a lecture on "Monumental Tributes to Lincoln in Michigan" 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Admission to the program, sponsored by the museum, is free. The "Images of Lincoln" exhibit will continue through Sunday, May 3. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17, free for children under 5. Family rate is \$4. For more information, call 455-8840.

SIXTY-PLUS
The Sixty-Plus Club will meet noon Monday, April 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

CARD PARTIES
A card party and salad luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Mayflower. The Gamble Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The event is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post No. 6695. Price is \$4.50 for luncheon and card playing, \$4 for the luncheon only. There will also be a bake sale and boutique. For reservations or more information, call 455-2620 or 728-7619.

WOMAN'S CLUB
The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. Following the business meeting and election of officers, Dr. John Hoben, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, will discuss "Getting Ready for the 21st Century." Guests may attend the club meeting.

WOMEN'S NETWORK
The Women's Network will have member Madonna Bailey speak on income taxes and share information about Partylee Candies and Gifts by

the meeting. For information, call 326-9156 or 522-2394.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
The National Association of Single Adult Leaders will conduct a day of leadership training, held by Single Point Ministries of West Presbyterians Church, 4411 E. 14th, at the church, 200 E. Main, Northville.

U.S. SINGLETONS
The U.S. Singletons will have a dinner social 6 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, on Merriman, east of Warren Road in Westland. Participants should meet in the lower-level lounge. The group is for singles age 45 and older. For information, write to U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn 48123.

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Deadline for Easter Directory is Friday April 3rd



Team pastor Howard Burken of Canton got in on stripping eucalyptus logs that were used for joists when that original ones didn't arrive at the orphanage.

Labor of love Work 'covers' Ethiopian orphanage

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Bob Baker of Canton may have missed his calling in life — a stand-up comedian. After all, it's his one-liners that keep the work crew in "good spirits."

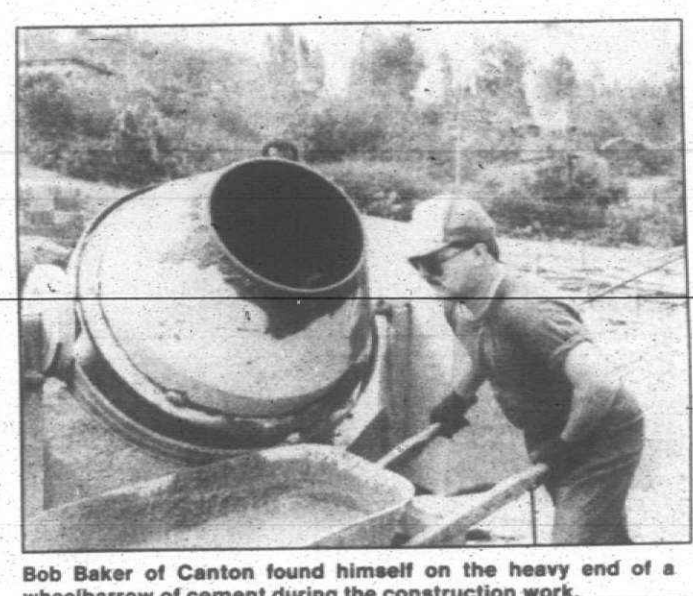
"That was a must when you consider that the crew was made up of members of the First Baptist Church in Wayne and people from Grand Rapids and Ft. Myers, Fla., and the work site was in Kurfu, Ethiopia."

The 16-member team were in the east African country in January to construct a clinic and orphanage for the Kurfu Church. What they saw was enough to convince them they were needed.

"Most of the capital of Addis Ababa is slums," said Linda Baxter, a nurse and the only woman on the team. "Everytime the car stopped, lepers and blind people would come begging for food. They see a white person and think they're rich."

"Fifty percent of the people are unemployed," said Tom Baxter, her husband and team member. "And of the remaining 50 percent, 40 percent are underemployed. In one town, 90 percent of the people worked for the air force and lost their jobs when the new front (government) took over."

The two-week adventure (the Baxters stayed on an additional two weeks) had been planned for the spring of 1991. The church sponsors several mission organizations, one being the Society of International Ministries. In December 1990, the former approached Kevin Ruark of Plymouth who had worked for SIM for three months in Niger in 1979, about doing something. Ruark agreed and quickly put a plan together.



Bob Baker of Canton found himself on the heavy end of a wheelbarrow of cement during the construction work.

By last December, the situation had stabilized enough so that the supplies, donations from Australia, New Zealand and Holland, could be shipped to Ethiopia.

And Ruark, who served as team leader, gathered up his crew — in addition to the Baxters and Baker, Howard Burken of Canton, team pastor, carpenter Ron Amann of Westland, electricians/general contractors George Anger of Westland and Gary DeGraaf of Grand Rapids, general contractors Maurice Dunphy of Westland, Mark Kline of Wayne, plumber Scott Monroe of Wayne, painter/contractor Keith Welly of Wayne and brick masons Jim Albreck and John Outlaw of Ft. Myers.

Culture shock may be a mild term for what the team experienced. Guns were commonplace in the country. Left with nothing to do, the former soldiers literally packed up their weapons and went home.

SANITARY conditions were almost unheard of. Linda, who saw to the team's medical needs and acted as cook, soaked all vegetables and fruit in bleach water because they had been washed in contaminated river water to keep bouts of diarrhea at bay.

"In Ethiopia, they only wash their right hand because that's the one they eat with," she said. "They laughed when they saw Tom wash both hands."

With the construction of the orphanage building came such western conveniences like a flush toilet, a "magic show" for the youngsters who had to be taught to sit on the seat rather than stand on it to use it. Linda provided the team with Americanized Ethiopian food. But the team did eat its share of the native cuisine. That's where Baker's humor comes in.

He found the Ethiopian sour dough bread as tasty as "a thick car

They don't have anything, but they're happy with what they have," Amann added. "One man told me that he had a shirt, a pair of pants and Jesus, what else did he need."

The effort didn't come off all that smoothly. One container of materials never made it to the work site leaving them without sinks or counter tops. The team estimates that they were within two days of finishing the project had that container arrived.

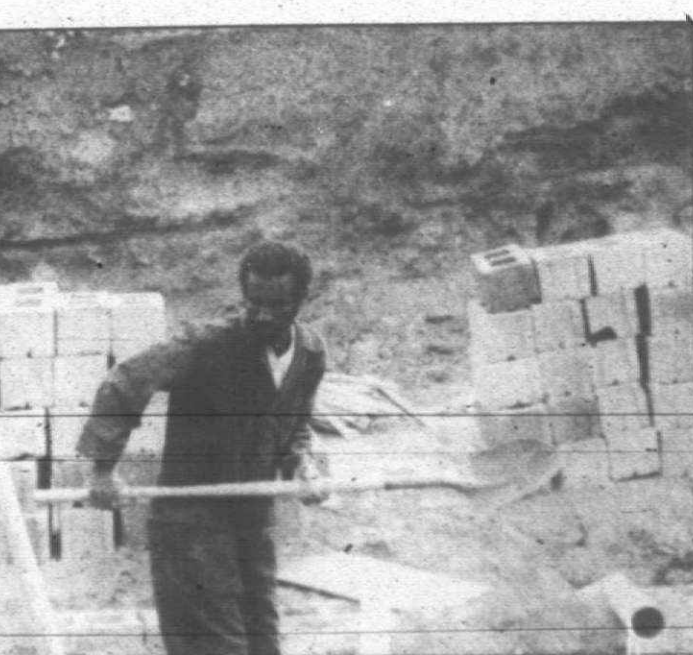
But they realize the buildings they constructed were far better than the mud huts with thatched roofs and the ones built from dried cow dung that many of the natives lived in.

"We put our faith in action," Ruark said. "We could give half our income to the church here and not do what we did in two weeks there."

To the man and woman, the team says that they would be disappointed if they didn't go back to Ethiopia. Although there are no formal plans as yet, Ruark has already talked to SIM about taking a similar group back to Ethiopia the same time next year.

And in looking back, the team admits that it was tough leaving the children.

"Children are children wherever you go," Anger said.



Plumber Scott Monroe of Wayne works with Ethiopian natives in installing drainage pipes under one of two buildings the team built in Kurfu.

religion calendar

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

POTLUCK DINNER
The United Methodist Men of Aldersgate United Methodist Church will host a potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5. The Rev. John Green, senior minister of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, will speak 7:30 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church is at 10000 Beech Daly, Redford.

INFORMATION NIGHT
Plymouth Christian Academy will have its high school information night 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the academy, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Main in Canton. The meeting is open to parents and prospective students in eighth through 11th grades. It will provide an overview of the educational programs and related activities. Faculty representatives will give presentations. For information, call the parish office, 453-0326.

EASTER CELEBRATION
Temple Baptist Church Choir and Alleluia Orchestra will present "King of Glory," an Easter celebration, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12. The dramatic musical is based on Christ's life, death and resurrection. Tickets are required and can be ordered by calling 255-3333. A nursery will be provided.

BAKE SALE
A Finnish-American bake sale will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Detroit Laestadian Congregation, 390 Fairground, Plymouth. The church is near Ann Arbor Trail and Mill. Pastries, bread, taris, pies and other items will be sold.

FRIEND DAY
Westland Free Methodist Church will have a "Friend Day" 10:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 5, at the church, 1421 Veno, Westland. The program will feature a concert by Ron and Carolyn Patti, parents of gospel singer Sandi Patti. They have performed at the White House and around the world. A freewill offering will be taken. Child care will be provided. For information, call 728-2600.

LIFE LOSSES
Covenant Community Church will offer "The Challenge of Living Through Life Losses" with Ruth Sisson, a two-part seminar on the grieving process and the road to recovery, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford.

Sisson is the author of "Instantly a Widow," the story of the lessons God taught as she struggled to adjust to life following her husband's death. Reservations are required for the April 11 session, which will include lunch. Reservations should be made by calling the church office, 535-3100, by Monday, April 6.

SACRED ARTS
Students can register 3-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6-8, for the spring semester of the School of Sacred Arts at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile in Livonia.

The school offers instruction in a variety of arts, including voice, instrumental music, drama and drawing. For information, call 422-1899 after 2 p.m. weekdays.

CONCERT BAND
The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have the Asbury College Concert Band of Wilmore, Ky., in concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, in the church sanctuary, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. A Lenten potluck dinner, with meat provided by the church, will be served 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. For information, call 421-8628.

OVERCOMER'S OUTREACH
Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor in Canton, has a ministry to assist those whose lives have been affected by substance abuse. The Overcomer's Outreach program offers help for those with substance abuse problems and their families. Meetings for those with

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.

ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS
Archbishop Adam J. Maida of the Archdiocese of Detroit will speak Wednesday, April 8, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Maida's topic will be "If You Want Peace, Work for Justice." The prayer service will be 7:30 p.m. A reception will be held in the gym following the service. For information, call the parish office, 453-0326.

MUSICAL DRAMA
Redford Baptist Church, Grand River and Seven Mile, will present a musical drama, "A Dream of Forgiveness," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 10-11.

The original drama was written by Mark Gleason and details the dream of Claudius, the wife of Pilate, who begged her husband not to sentence Jesus to death. The original score was written by the church's musical director, Donna Gleason. Jeanne Stiles is directing the production.

SUNDAY SEMINAR
The "Trial of Jesus" and its effect on Jewish-Christian relations will be the subject of the First Sunday seminar 6-8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The Rev. James Lyons, founder and executive director of the Ecumenical Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies, will speak. The seminar will be in the church parlor.

SPRING REVIVAL
A spring revival will be held Sunday through Friday, April 5-10, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 26200 Merriman, Livonia. The theme will be "Each One Reach One - Let's Spring Forward for the Lord in 1992." The revival will feature evangelist Jack Heaston and song evangelist Dale Hickey. The schedule includes 9:30 a.m. Bible school on Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship Sunday, 7:30 p.m. worship services Monday through Friday. For information, call 476-5222.

LENTEN BREAKFAST
The United Methodist Women of Garden City United Methodist Church will have an annual Lenten breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The Rev. Faith Fowler will speak. Price is \$2 for fruit cup, sweet rolls, coffee and tea. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Margaret Nash, 421-5372, or Jean Herrick, 421-3316.

BABY SHOWER
Ward Presbyterian Church will hold a baby shower for Bethany Christian Services infants 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the church, Six Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia. Bethany is a pregnancy counseling center and agency for foster care and adoption. Those attending the shower are asked to bring new and used items in good condition for newborns.

FRIENDSHIP
Friendship Connection, a personal growth and support group, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 13439 Marion, Redford, for discussion, questions and answers, fellowship and Bible study. For information, call 534-5065.

SWORBENERS OF CEDARVILLE COLLEGE
The Swoberners of Cedarville College will present a concert at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 5, at Antioch Baptist Church, 6538 Rawsonville Road, Belleville. The 12-student ensemble will share testimonies and perform a variety of music.

Recycling: Awareness can't begin too soon

One of the programs offered to schools this winter by the Independence Oaks Nature Center deals with recycling.

As an introduction, I ask the students in the elementary schools whether they bring their lunch to school in a brown paper bag. Approximately 75 percent of the students raise their hand. My next question is: How many of you take that brown paper bag home with you? Only about five or six hands go up.

I use this as an illustration of how people, at any age, can begin to help the environment through recycling and by developing an attitude of environmental consciousness. Reusing brown bags saves trees, saves space in landfills, saves petroleum and begins to instill an attitude of proper use of materials and resources.

One of the reasons the natural world has been around for so long is because everything is recycled, right down to tiny molecules. A sobering thought is that a molecule of water you drank today could have been swallowed by a dinosaur thousands of years ago.



nature
Timothy Nowicki

EVERYTHING IS recycled and everything is interconnected. Ecologists talk of food chains that start with the sun and plants, and follow with insects, frogs, snakes, hawks and decomposers that recycle the molecules of any organism that dies.

Using the term chain in this model is very appropriate because removing one of the "links," or organisms in the chain, has consequences on all the others.

We have been able to include renting and returning videos in our mod-

ern itinerary, recycling and educated use of products can also be included. Rick Lober, a concerned citizen, approached me with his concerns about uses of pesticides by homeowners.

I don't claim to be an expert on weed and pest control, but I do know that many people do not know how to use chemicals correctly. Though they read the recommended concentrations, many feel that an extra amount will do an even better job. That is not true.

EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS of chemicals only get added to the food chain unnecessarily. It is encouraging,

however, to note that on the shelves of large lawn and garden retailers, alternative products to the traditional petroleum based pesticides and herbicides are available. Consumers now have options in the products they can use in their gardens and on their lawns. Choices are something that most consumers like so they can make their own decisions.

Homeowners dispense a lot of chemicals yet, with some choices, and some knowledge of their consequences, people can control their homestead problems and not adversely affect the environment and the wildlife they enjoy watching.

Motorcycle classes set

A pair of one-day motorcycle riding classes are being offered this month at Schoolcraft College.

Performance Based Better Biking, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11, includes a riding skills test and exercises from the Secretary of State Alternate Motorcycle Operation Skills Test.

It provides licensed cyclists an opportunity to improve their skills in braking, turning and obstacle avoidance.

The class will be offered at the college Liberal Arts Building. Fee is \$18.

Experienced Rider Course, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 12, is designed for riders of large touring and sports motorcycles.

Participants must furnish their own motorcycle, helmet, gloves, arm protection, heavy duty pants, weather gear and over-the-ankle boots. They must also provide proof of motorcycle endorsement and insurance. Fee is \$18.

To register, or for additional information, call the college continuing education services office, 462-4448.

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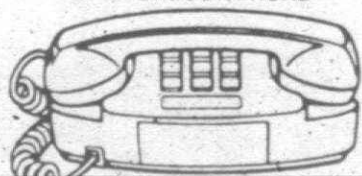
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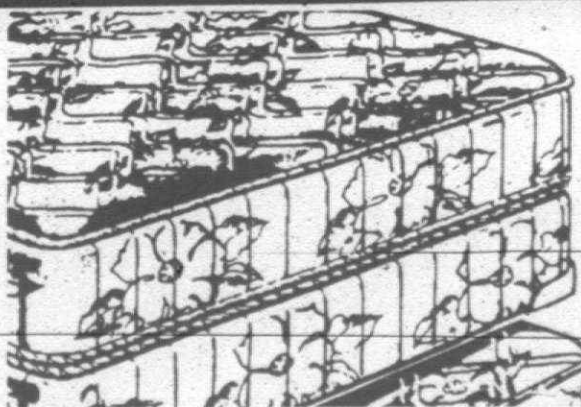
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Paris comes to Plymouth. Direct from the art salons of Paris, Cannes and Milan, paintings by internationally renowned artists will be auctioned at the Plymouth Newcomers Art Auction Saturday, April 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

The event will feature the works of LeRoy Nieman, Salvador Dali, Norman Rockwell, Picasso, Marc Chagall, Wooster Scott and others, presented for auction by Marlin Art Inc. of New York.

Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, champagne punch and a chance to preview auction items.

The live auction will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth YMCA Building Fund. Call 454-1328.

In miniature. A spring miniature show and sale will take place 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Holiday Inn of Livonia-West, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North.

Thirteen of the 38 exhibitors will be from Michigan. Other states represented include California, Florida and New York.

Miniatures include such crafted wares as dollhouses, landscaping and furniture. Admission is \$4.

Stamp of approval

Mike Todoroff of Westland was among the top 10 winners in Michigan's 1993 trout/salmon waterfowl design contest, which drew 67 entrants.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources sponsors the annual contest.

Historical gardeners

Historic property owners and gardening buffs will host Scott Kunst speaking on "Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes 1840-1940" at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26 in the Historic Spicer House, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Kunst, an Eastern Michigan University landscape history professor, has designed historic landscape restoration plans for Greenfield Village, Historic Fort Wayne and the Spicer House.

This how-to lecture will focus on Victorian, Greek Revival, Colonial Revival and other periods of architecture along with perennial borders and foundation plantings.

Admission to the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission-sponsored event is \$5 per family.



Livonia artist June Hillman painted this acrylic on canvas, "Shepherds in Blue," in the tradition of realism. The scene focuses on Hillman's daughter and her Border Collies.

Colorful

Livonia artists to showcase works

See Exhibitions, 3D

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB will present its 31st annual art exhibit and sale 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

Thirty artists will display more than 100 artworks, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel and mixed media.

Chris Unwin, a former Visual Art Association of Livonia instructor, will judge the artwork, choosing Best of Show, first through third-place winners and honorable mentions.

If you're redecorating your home or office this spring on a tighter than usual budget, buying bin art could provide a colorful solution to your problems by framing the works yourself.

'Painting is a compulsion. I lose all track of time. It's like an oasis.'

— artist Audrey Harkins

"We'll have bin paintings, which are unframed paintings, beginning at \$25," said Livonia artist Mary Mull, show coordinator.

Mull, who started painting in 1977, will exhibit watercolors in the spring show. She began her art studies in oil with Arlene Knecht and continues to take classes at VAAL and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Over the years, she has won 13 ribbons plus purchase and money awards.

NIGHT SCENES and inclement weather are often neglected by modern painters. A watercolor titled "Refuge" by Mull is an exception. It features a white

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From left, Rodney Julinelson, Deena Renaud and Paul Moulds of the Livonia Civic Ballet Company perform "Themes-Music from the Movies," a selection choreographed by the company's assistant artistic director, Arnell Janet Newell.

Livonia dancers to stage a treat — family ballet

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Enjoy an entertaining dance extravaganza when the Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "An Evening of Ballet Divertissements" Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12, in the Stevenson High School Auditorium, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia.

Featured artist/choreographer for the springtime treat is Peter Pawlyshyn of the Nevada Dance Theatre in Las Vegas. He'll premiere his newest ballet, "Les Grand Orion Ballet."

Program selections range from classical ballet to character, and the flash and spice of Broadway dancing.

Livonia Civic Ballet's senior company will perform three parts of "The Comedians," "Ten Cents a Dance," "Themes-Music from the Movies" and "Les Grand Orion Ballet."

The junior company will dance a character number from "Coppelia" and "Luthuanian Heel Toe Polka."

"With 'The Comedians,' you have a fun, light dance. The number from 'Coppelia' is serious — a classic ballet," said Lin Eagle-Trudell, dance company board member.

"Ten Cents a Dance," choreographed by assistant artistic director Arnell Janet Newell, promises to be one of the evening's crowd pleasers. Inspired by the Gene Kelly movie, "On the Town," the dance is choreographed to "It Had to Be You," "My Funny Valentine" and "Ten Cents a Dance."

"I LIKED the music. Growing up, I was influenced by the music of the '40s," Newell said. "The music is most important to keep the audience's interest. Based in a dance hall, the number features two sailors and a taxi dancer."

"Our sailor is a calm, quiet young man. The other is rambunctious. They're both vying for the girl's affections."

Newell also choreographed "Themes-Music from the Movies."

'It's a unique art form. I'm excited about being a part of it. It's my way of showing my two daughters the world of the arts, learning the self-discipline, camaraderie and working with others it takes.'

— Sharon Pommerville

It includes music from the movies "The Godfather," "Edward Scissorhands" and "Avalon."

"It's beautiful music. I didn't put a storyline to it. I wanted to show the talent of the dancers in the senior company. It's a difficult dance," Newell said. "The number features all of the dancers costumed in black leotards and chiffon skirts except for four, who are in red, yellow, blue and green."

Guest dancer for "Themes" and "Les Grand Orion Ballet" is Michael Finegan, a board member and dancer with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. Finegan in the last 12 years has been a featured dancer and vocalist in metro Detroit commercials, musical comedies and stage productions.

"THEMES" is a nice collage of music. It's fun because if you've seen the movies, the music is familiar but the dance is new and exciting," Finegan said. "Peter's ballet is an interesting collage, an excellent piece, a beautiful ballet with no real storyline."

Finegan hopes to attend a Cecchetti seminar this summer on full scholarship with Dennis Nahat's Cleveland-San Jose Ballet. "I think it's important to support the arts in Livonia and the youth," Newell said.

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Art exhibition gallery — It's fitting to have in a library

SHE NEVER tires of talking art while organizing fine art exhibits for the Livonia Arts Commission. And she bubbles with excitement about the new exhibit gallery in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"Oh, gosh. I'm thrilled," says arts commissioner Dorothy Wilshaw. "We've worked over two years to get panels for that gallery."

I'm excited too. What better place to showcase the visual wonders of fine art than a library, one of our richest cultural jewels?

The smaller shows planned for the gallery will complement the larger exhibitions that adorn the Livonia City Hall lobby. The second-floor, glass-enclosed gallery will open Saturday, April 11 with a major spring show.

"The gallery is just one more example of the way the library and the arts commission have been working to strengthen the cultural fabric of

our community," says Michael Deller, library director.

Adds Mayor Robert Bennett: "Livonia historically has had greater than casual interest in promoting culture: Music Under the Stars, the Arts and Crafts Festival, art exhibits at city hall, cultural events at the library, the Livonia Symphony. We're continually looking for opportunities to expand our cultural endeavor."

THE ARTS commission and the Friends of the Library will share the \$16,000 cost to equip the gallery with the slatwall, freestanding display panels.

A 40-piece exhibit, featuring works by eight artists from whom the city has acquired artwork, will fill the gallery April 11 to May 3. In the mid-1980s, the Livonia Cultural League donated many of the 53 pieces of art now in the city's art collection.

Gallery hours will match the library's 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday



Bob Sklar

through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

THE GALLERY will be dedicated at a by-invitation, meet-the-artists reception Friday, April 10.

That night, the spotlight will turn to artists Carl Sams II of White Lake, Gwen Tomkow, Edee Joppich and V. Janus Benda of Farmington Hills, Theresa Politowicz of Northville, Eileen Bibby of Livonia, Cindy Fields McMahon of West Bloomfield and Mary Tomas of Troy.

Sams is a wildlife photographer. The others work in watercolor, oil,

acrylic or paper. Their artwork is displayed throughout the library and city offices.

For the gallery's kickoff exhibit, these artists will bring up to four pieces each to display alongside their work now in the city collection.

"Besides a nice exhibition area, the gallery is going to be educational," Wilshaw said. "We hope to bring in national touring exhibits and exceptional individual artists like Tom Hale."

Hale is a nationally renowned artist from Farmington Hills whose abstract paintings boast a classic automobile theme.

WILSHAW ALSO hopes to attract Dearborn artist Electra Stamelos. "One of her watercolors, a real gem, hangs in the library outside the director's office."

The gallery panels, made by Design Fabrication in Troy, are versatile enough for a typical 45-piece individual exhibit as well as three-dimensional pieces like sculpture and jewelry.

"They're easily reconfigured so we have great flexibility with them," Wilshaw said.

Wilshaw, who oversees the city hall art exhibits, will team with arts commission chairman Jack Olds to coordinate gallery exhibits. Olds doubles as city liaison to the Friends.

Wilshaw envisions seven shows a year at the gallery compared to the 11 monthly shows at the city hall. Gallery shows won't be limited to a month.

The arts commission will keep 30 percent commission from any sale made during a library exhibit. Proceeds will go into its trust fund for other art projects and purchases.

No commission is charged at city hall shows because there's little cost involved with those exhibitions, Wilshaw said.

The Livonia Fine Arts Festival, featuring the best in Livonia Public

Schools student work, will move into the gallery, atrium, auditorium and other parts of the library May 11-22.

SOME PIECES of art stimulate us visually. Many are instructive. Others are just plain fun. So artwork is a natural for the library.

As Deller put it: "The library does much to civilize the community. It enlightens and enriches us, providing access to things we want in our lives."

"One of those things, art, helps us look at the world in a different way. Art is one more way the community comes in contact with ideas. And ideas that artists present can be very startling and cause us to re-think the way we look at things."

In short, library patrons can find in art what they find in books — new ideas they prick our consciousness or old ideas, under a new cover, that spur us to ponder what we've long taken for granted.

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Still wise to refinance? Proof is in the numbers

(AP) — More than a million homeowners with mortgages more than three years old have already seized the day, according to Kiplinger Magazine. They've refinanced and boosted their combined disposable income by millions of dollars. An owner who traded a \$100,000 fixed-rate 30-year mortgage at 10 percent for the same loan at 8 percent is happily saving \$144 a month before taxes.

But what if you're still on the fence? What if you paid to refinance a couple of years ago, or you have an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) with an adjustment due soon? Is refinancing worth it?

An old rule of thumb holds that you shouldn't bother unless you can cut your rate by at least two percentage points. But with rates like today's, the rule may not apply if you plan to stay in your home or want to switch to a shorter-term

mortgage or from an ARM to a fixed-rate loan.

You can calculate whether your savings exceed the cost. First, add up the cost of the points and other fees, which can average 2 percent to 5 percent of the mortgage amount. To figure how long it will take to pay this back, calculate what your new monthly payment would be. Find your new principal and interest payment, then subtract that amount from your current principal and interest pre-tax savings.

Because the interest is tax-deductible, subtract 28 percent of the savings — or 15 percent or 31 percent, depending on your top tax rate — to get your approximate after-tax savings. Divide the total cost of obtaining the mortgage by those savings. The result is the number of months it will take to recoup refinancing ex-

penses. The longer you expect to keep the loan beyond that point, the stronger the argument to refinance.

SHOULD YOU REFINANCE if you have an adjustable-rate mortgage? The problem with ARMs is that your current rate — assuming it has recently adjusted or soon will — probably is at or below today's 30-year fixed rate. Rates should stay low for the next several years, but they're unlikely to go much lower.

Should you keep your ARM, trade to a fixed rate or take advantage of low teaser rates on new ARMs? If you plan to stay in your house, it makes sense to lock in a fixed rate. You won't necessarily save a lot of money compared with the ARM you're trading in, but you get the peace of mind of knowing you won't lose if rates rise.

If you plan to sell within two or

three years, keep the ARM. Here's why: Assume you took out a one-year ARM for \$100,000 on Jan. 1, 1986, at 9.25 percent. Your rounded rate last year would have been 10.125 percent (assuming a margin of 2.75 percent, percentage points over the index value of 7.35). This year, with the index down to 5, your rate would be 8.125 percent — you don't get the actual adjusted rate of 7.75 percent because there's a 2-point annual cap.

If you switched the loan balance of \$95,000 for a 30-year, fixed-rate loan at 8 percent, your payment would drop from \$755 to \$697, saving \$42 a month after taxes. Assuming your ARM rate of 8.125 percent remained unchanged, it would take about six years to pay off estimated closing costs of \$3,000.

With first-year "teaser" rates around 5 percent to 6 percent for a one-year ARM, it's tempting to con-

sider switching an old ARM for a new one. In the example above, if you had traded your \$95,000 ARM for a one-year ARM with a 5.5 percent teaser, your first-year payments would drop from \$755 to \$539. After that the interest rate would settle in at about what it would have been on your old ARM, assuming the index and the margin are the same. You come out ahead only if your first-year savings exceed the cost of refinancing.

YOU'LL ALSO need to compare points and rates. A point, which is 1 percent of the mortgage amount, is prepaid interest — you pay it up front. Paying more points lowers the note rate by some fraction of a percentage point, so you have to decide whether to take a higher rate and fewer points or a lower rate and more points.

The longer you'll be in the home, the better off you'll be paying more points to get the lower rate. A three-step calculation can help you choose the best combination of rates and points: 1. Estimate the number of years you think you'll keep the loan. 2. Divide the years into the number of points. 3. Add that to the interest rate.

When you're refinancing just the balance of your mortgage, interest on the entire amount is tax-deductible. If you borrow additional money, the interest up to \$100,000 extra is deductible as home-equity debt. Unlike points for the original mortgage, points for refinancing must be deducted over the life of the loan, unless you use the funds for home improvements.

You can keep money in your pocket by folding the closing costs into the loan.

Alert board members to liability issues regarding spending

Are condominium boards comprised of almost all retired people who have no loyalty to any of their contractors, or professionals because they constantly seek to find the cheapest way of doing things, no matter at what cost? Their actions border on senility. What can we do?

Possible recourse through removal may not be helpful unless you can convince a majority of the members of the association that the policies and attitudes of the board are self-defeating and, in the long run, will

cost the association money, let alone aggravation. Try to enlighten the present directors by alerting them to the potential liability that they will run if they abuse their prerogatives as directors. If that fails, try to get a slate of people to challenge the board either at the next annual meeting or at a special meeting called for their removal.

We have received a writ of garnishment served on our condominium association with respect to one of our employees. He was paid on a

weekly basis. It seems to me I have read about a change in the law. Can you update us?

On Jan. 1, 1992, Michigan's garnishment law was changed substantially. Up until then when a business received a notice of garnishment, it was responsible to report only what was then due to the judgment debtor — in your case your employee.

Beginning Jan. 1, garnishment of periodic payments, including wages, imposes liability on the business to report all payments due within the



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next 91 days and to either pay the withheld amount to the court or to the creditor serving the business with a writ of garnishment. Failure to do so will impose on the business

liability for the amount that should have been disclosed and withheld.

Under the statute, periodic payments include all monies paid to employees, subcontractors, commission sales agents, landlords or others. It includes wages, commissions, rental payments, land contract and other periodic payments.

You should check the writ of garnishment served on you to insure that you comply with the new requirements.

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WMU building a campus jewel

By Dale Northup
special writer

The array of blank, banal, modernist buildings on our college campuses are often the product of limited budgets and the lack of a uniform master plan.

This problem can sometimes be partially remedied with the construction of a uniquely designed building. Then the Promethean flame of learning is renewed by an architectural spark.

The Haworth College of Business, on the campus of Western Michigan University, is a case in point.

Designed by Carl Luckenbach of Luckenbach, Ziegelman & Partners in Birmingham, the Haworth building is a three-story, 170,000-square-foot facility that graces the northern perimeter of the campus.

The building is named after the Haworth Corp. of Holland, manufacturers of office systems furniture, which donated a combined corporate and family gift of \$5 million.

Constructed of red brick and limestone under a shallow hip roof, it is a U-shaped building that surrounds a central quadrangle, adding a sense of collegiality to the campus and yet establishing its own identity.

The building is located on a sloping site with two stories on one side, punctuated by an arcade that faces the campus. On the opposite side, three stories overlook a valley.

The building contains 33 classrooms, 200 office work stations for administration, faculty and office personnel, a computer laboratory and a 400-seat auditorium, all of which surround a central courtyard.

Three sides of the courtyard are defined by large windows on the middle and upper levels, allowing the interior space to open upon the exterior space enclosed by the building. And, in like manner, the third level has floor openings that visually link it with the middle classroom

level below. Both the interior and exterior of the building have a spatial integration that plays a paramount role in the design.

On the upper level, continuous bands of windows, under the large projecting eaves of the roof, line the exterior walls of the building.

These windows project out in the middle to become bay windows, adding to the spatial projection of the conference rooms located behind them.

The middle level also has a band of windows that are framed by brick mullions and capped with horizontal limestone lintels. Windows and doors on the lower level, facing the valley, are framed by limestone walls and abutted by a terraced patio, both of which serve to anchor the building to its site.

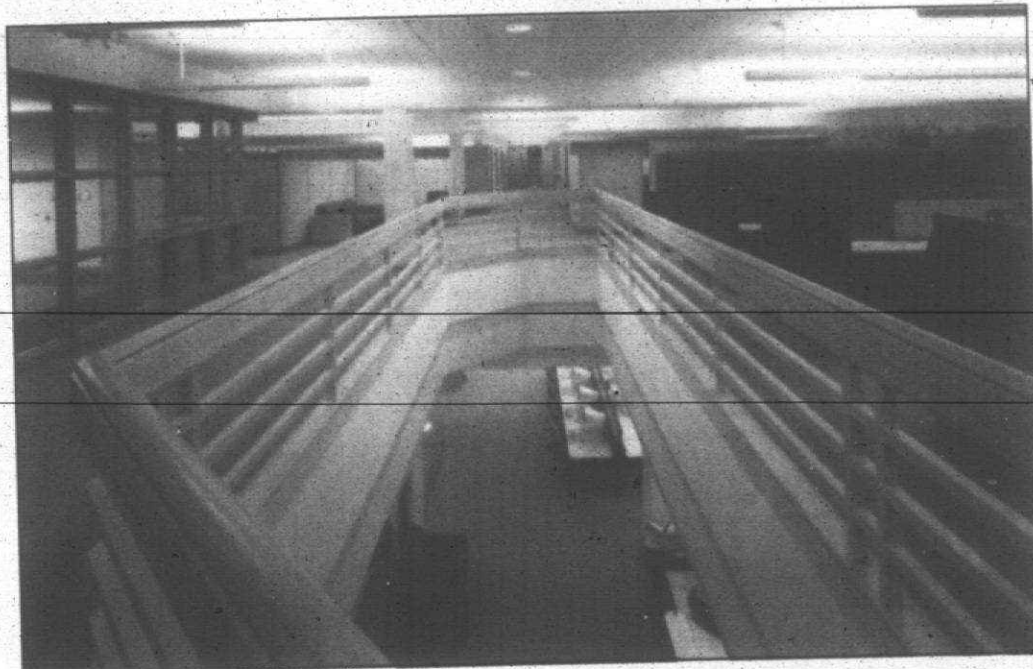
The overall style of the Haworth Building could be called Neo-Prairie School, a sort of current architectural revival in the Midwest.

According to Lake Forest, Ill., architect Tom Heinz, "The Neo-Prairie School movement is not all that different from the way it was done in Frank Lloyd Wright's time."

Its characteristics include simplicity, use of 'earth tones,' ornamentation that is integral to the overall architecture, a focus on the spaces rather than on decoration.

Whether Carl Luckenbach had the Prairie style in mind is not the question. What is important is the fact that the Haworth College of Business is a welcome addition to what could be politely termed Western Michigan University architecture. Perhaps with Haworth, and the design acumen of Luckenbach, the university is pointed in a meaningful direction involving a building that is integral with its site, the campus and its educational mission.

Dale Northup is a professor of architecture.



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The Haworth building combines classrooms, labs and offices.

Subcontractors band together

By R.J. King
special writer

Eying their work orders, shop floors and cash registers, several area subcontractors are giving a new spin to an old idea in hopes of sparking new sales in the ever-competitive construction industry.

Knowing that opening lines of communication is the fastest way to generate new business, a core group of 25 subcontractors has formed the trades council, a committee designed to appeal more effectively with fellow members of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM).

"The subcontractors were looking for a united voice within the association to get the word out about their particular talents," said Mary Ann Dalgleish, committee administrator of BASM, which has its headquarters in Farmington Hills.

"Before we just had builder members and associate members. But because our associate members are so diverse (from bankers to Realtors to carpenters), it's difficult to tell who does what from just a company name. The trades council will help highlight subcontractors and address concerns unique to their field."

Whether overlooked or undervalued, the trades council will, for the first time, pair carpenters with cleaners, not only as a way of drumming up new business, but also to sponsor seminars designed to help subcontractors, most of whom are small-business owners.

"We wanted to become a cohesive unit to better market our skills and services before the builders and our suppliers," said Jeff Houslander, co-chairman of the trades council and owner of The Houseway Co. in Livonia, which specializes in residential roofing and siding.

"We hope the council will increase business for all those who join, and certainly more opportunities will open up for everyone involved. If a builder is looking for a plumber or electrician, we want the trades council to be their first option."

APART FROM expanding networking opportunities, in the past, many subcontractors expressed regret over missing many BASM-sponsored meetings, seminars and guest

speakers, events that were scheduled during weekday working hours. To get around such time conflicts, the trades council will hold monthly administrative meetings and related events in the early evening.

"The evening hours will help a great deal because it's tough to leave the business during a workday," said Annette Lockard, one of the council's founding members and co-owner of Auburn Hills-based Compulsive Cleaners, which cleans construction sites.

"Right now we're looking to sponsor seminars in bookkeeping, how to hire new employees, how to approach builders and address insurance and worker's comp matters. We also plan on setting up a network for obtaining used equipment and other networking opportunities."

There is no cost to join the trades council, but membership in BASM is a prerequisite. At the end of May, the council will sponsor its first guest speaker, Steve Thomas, who is host of the public television show, "This Old House."

FOR FOUNDING members, the introduction of the trades council couldn't have come at a better time as the U.S. Commerce Department reported housing starts in February were at a two-year high — 1.5 million units. Because housing starts often signal the start of actual construction, the February increase foretells better days for a host of related industries, including plumbing, electrical and insulation.

Vic Johnson, co-chairman of the Council and president of Johnson Insulation in Shelby Township, said he wanted to see the council address what builders require of subcontractors before they sign off on a work order.

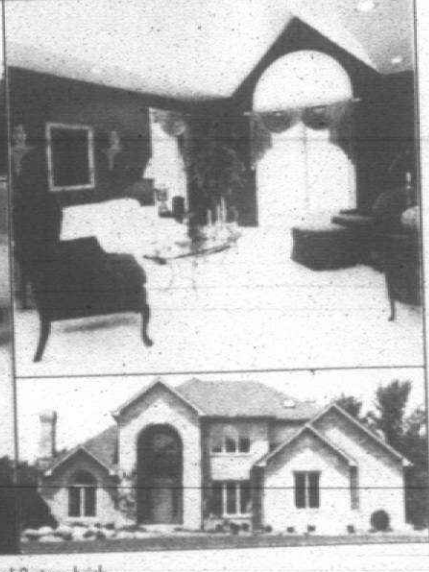
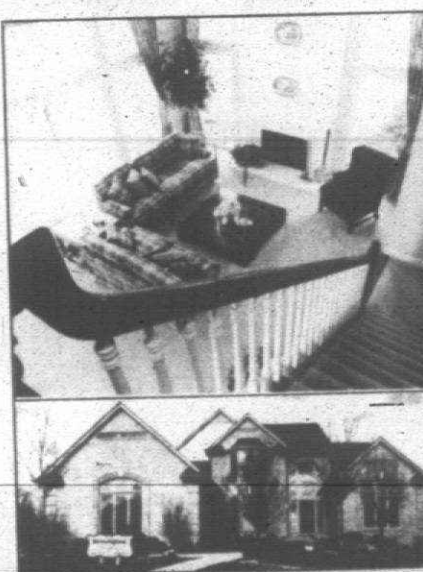
"We're competing with companies which don't have liability insurance, so we want to address what exactly the builders look for in hiring a plumber or carpenter. We also want to know how we can reduce our insurance costs."

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Scott A. Larry has been named executive vice president of Rodney Lockwood & Co., Birmingham, a general contractor specializing in multifamily housing.

Stacy K. Griesmer, Wade-Trim/Associates field engineer, has been selected by the Oakland Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers as its Young Engineer of the Year for 1991-92. A 1989 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a degree in construction engineering, she

Scott A. Larry

building news

is working on the contract administration for a wastewater retention facility in Livonia. She is the recording secretary of the Oakland chapter of the MSPE and will advance to the statewide competition of the organization.

They almost hit the nail on the head. Two entrants in the 1992 Builders Show House of Nails Contest came within two nails of the correct number. Actual count was 22,130. Jennifer Tomaszewski of Ypsilanti Township guessed 22,132, and Gerald Heidisch of Allen Park guessed 22,128. They will split the \$20,000 prize.

Vacation home tax treatment varies

If you're thinking about buying a vacation home, be sure to consider the tax consequences. The tax treatment of your vacation home depends on how and when you use it, according to the Michigan Association of CPAs.

If you've bought a second home and elect not to rent it, the tax rules are quite simple. You can deduct mortgage interest and property taxes but not other expenses such as utilities and repairs. If you change your mind and rent the house, Uncle Sam allows you to rent your home for up to 14 days a year and collect that rental income tax-free. Different rules apply if you rent for more than 14 days and still spend considerable time there yourself. If your personal use exceeds the greater of 14 days or 10 percent of the time that it is actually rented at fair market value, your vacation home is

still considered a second residence for tax purposes. This means that you can deduct mortgage interest, property taxes and casualty losses (within certain limits), and a portion of your rental expenses.

The IRS requires that expenses be allocated to rental use based on the ratio of rental days to total use days. Be aware that the tax court has recognized a different method for allocating personal and rental expenses. Its position is that mortgage interest and real estate taxes should have a separate allocation based on the number of rental days by the total days in the year.

In addition, rental expenses must be deducted in a prescribed order: first, interest, taxes and casualty losses; then insurance, utilities, repairs, and other operating expenses; and finally, depreciation.

IT'S ALSO important to note that the deductible expenses on a second home cannot be more than the income received from the property.

For your vacation home to qualify as rental property, the personal use of the home must be limited to 14 days a year, or 10 percent of the number of days the home is rented at fair market value, whichever is greater. This restriction also applies to members of your family and others who are interested in renting your home for less than the fair market value. Keep in mind that days spent repairing or fixing up the vacation home are not counted as days of personal use.

Owners of rental properties, as opposed to owners of second residences, may be eligible for even bigger tax breaks. Generally, they may deduct operating expenses, costs for liability insurance and advertising

costs incurred to rent the property, as well as depreciation. These are also subject to the IRS method of allocating expenses based on the ratio of rental days to total use days. Be aware that the amount of mortgage interest attributed to personal use is considered consumer interest, which is no longer deductible.

If you were unable to rent your property or rented it for only a limited time, Congress still provides you with a tax break. As long as you are actively attempting to rent your property, you may deduct expenses incurred during a period in which it is not being rented.

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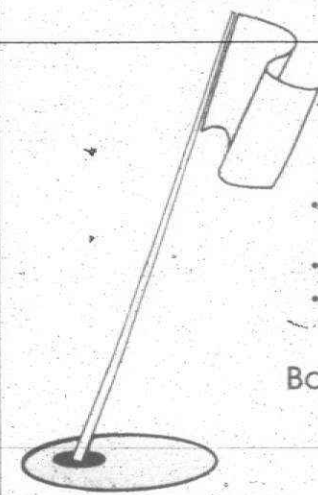
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(AP) — Hot water on demand, potions for primping and pampering, flattering lights, slick surfaces, appealing decor all make the bathroom a pleasurable "enough place. But those very features can be hazardous to kids.

"For children, the bathroom is actually one of the two most dangerous rooms in the house. The other is the kitchen," said Herta Feely, executive director of the National Safe Kids Campaign, a Washington-based group that promotes a safe environment for children.

A complete set of statistics on the number of serious accidents in bathrooms isn't collected, according to Feely. But there is evidence that a

significant number of injuries to children occur in the bath. These include at least 5,000 serious scalds from hot tap water and a significant share of the one million poisonings recorded each year, as well as slips and falls, drowning and choking.

"Fatalities are rare," Feely said. Injuries, however, are not. She cited a 1984 study in the American Journal of Public Health: For every death, 45 children require hospitalization, another 1,300 are treated and released and 2,600 children are treated at home.

The message of safety appears to be getting through to the bath industry. Safety issues were a focus at its

Safety features include temperature-limiting faucets for sink, tub and shower and pressure-balanced shower valves that maintain an even temperature even if cold water is turned on elsewhere in the house.

annual trade fair in Atlanta in March, where Feely was invited to speak on safety at a seminar for installers and designers.

A CHILDREN'S bathroom designed with safety in mind was on display.

"This is the first specifically safety-related prototype bathroom on display in the design ideas section of the show," said Donna Luzzo, communications director of the National Kitchen and Bath Association, which sponsors the event. Among safety-promoting features designed into the room are temperature-limiting faucets for sink, tub and shower and pressure-balanced shower valves that maintain an even temperature even if cold water is turned on elsewhere in the house.

There are also magnetic locks on the medicine cabinet and drawers,

low voltage lighting that reduces the chance of electrical shock and a "soft" fiberglass bathtub with a surface layer of urethane foam. The surface is said to pose less risk of serious injury in a fall.

In addition to ample floor area for toweleling and dressing, the corners and cabinets have rounded corners. There are heavy-duty grab bars in the tub and separate stall shower and seats in both the shower and changing area.

Special bathrooms aside, the developing trend generally is to build safety features into new bathrooms rather than adding them later, said Leslie Hart, editor of Kitchen & Bath Business magazine. "There's also more interest in making these features attractive and homelike."

GRAB BARS, for example, come in bright colors and no longer look like hospital equipment. Magnetic locks on medicine cabinets are unobtrusive, and prefabricated stall showers are being designed with built-in seats. In the past, locks and other safety features usually had to be added, giving the room an institutional look, according to Hart.

The most reliable route to a safe bath for consumers who are adding a

bath or remodeling one is self-education, Feely said.

"Whether you prefer a freestanding pedestal sink or a built-in sink, rounded edges will minimize the problem of cuts and abrasions," she said.

She recommends using materials that are not unusually slippery when wet and installing grab bars and a tub with a slip-resistant bottom.

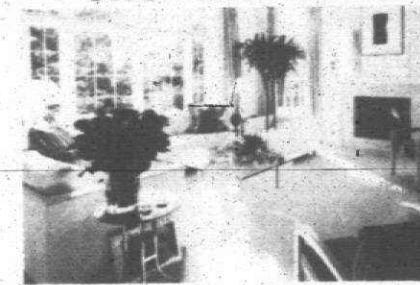
But what about the vast majority of people who aren't planning to add or remodel a bath?

Anti-scald devices can be added to existing faucets, and a rubber mat can be placed in a bathtub with a slippery bottom. If you have children, keep cosmetics and other potentially hazardous substances out of reach. You can also make your bathroom safer simply by changing your habits, Feely said.

"Remember that hot water is liquid fire to children at certain ages. At 1½, kids turn knobs out of curiosity," she said. "Don't leave a young child unattended in bathroom."

When turning a bath, "don't fill the tub with the hot water first and then the cold, as some people do, she said. Instead, mix them. She also advises against leaving a hair dryer plugged in.

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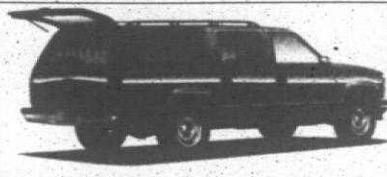
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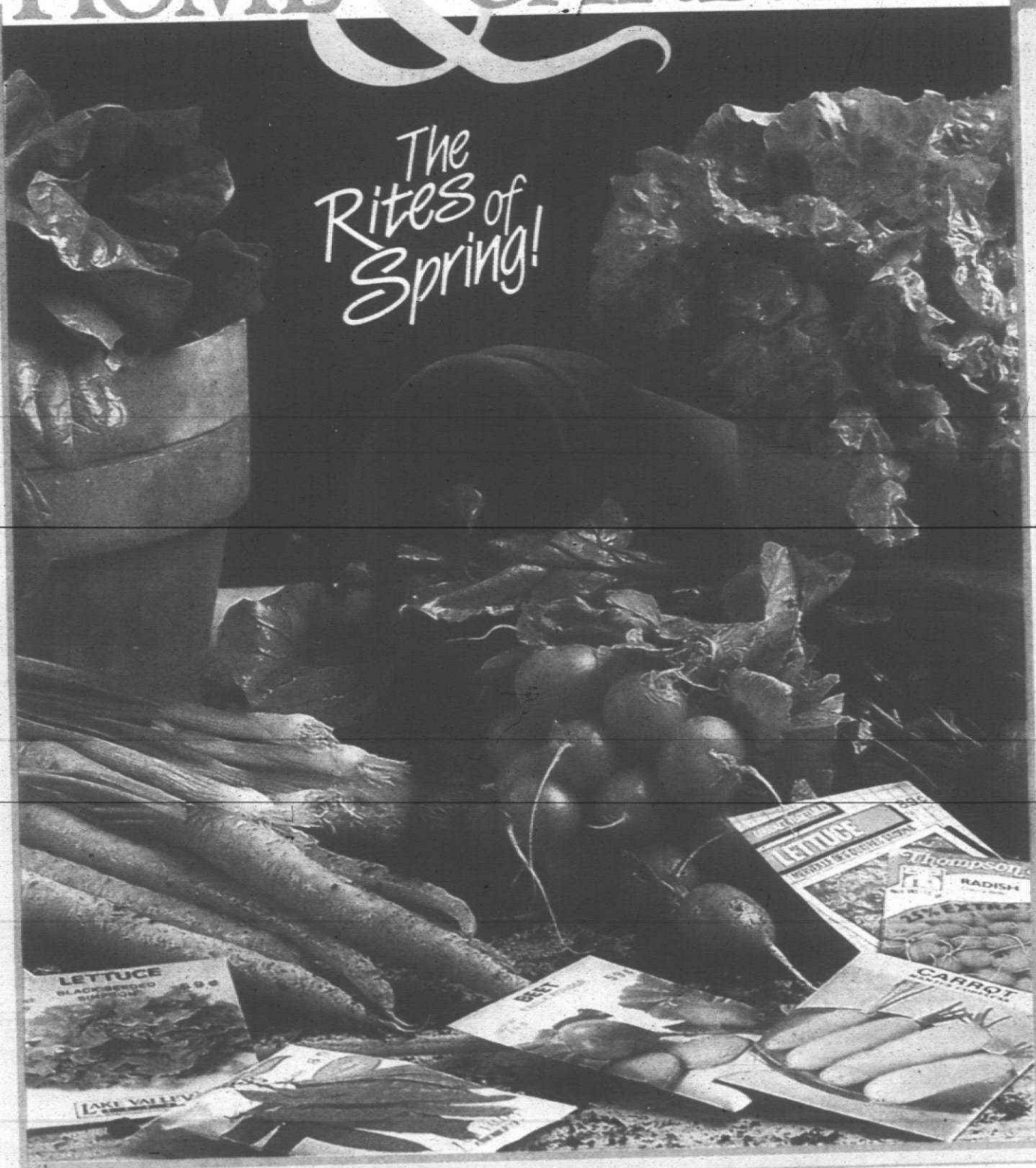
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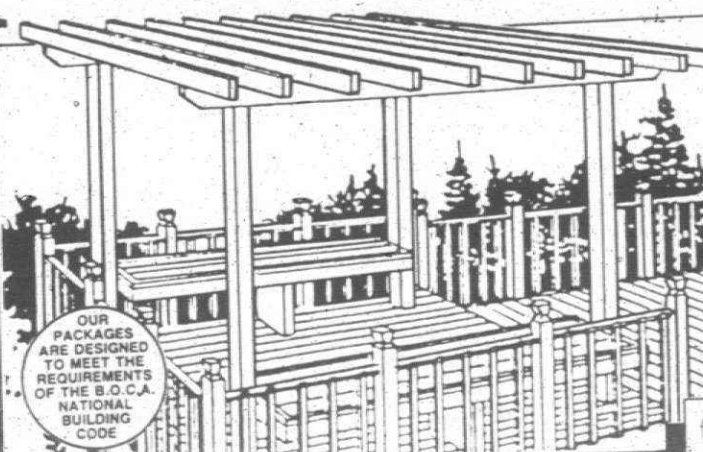
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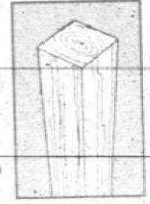
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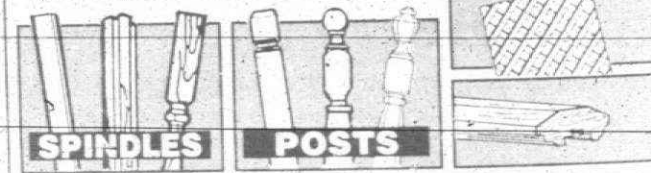
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season.

In this first home and garden section
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easy-to-read, informative package of
stories written especially for
suburbanites hooked on working in the
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For garden buffs, here's a helpful
hint from Copley News Service:

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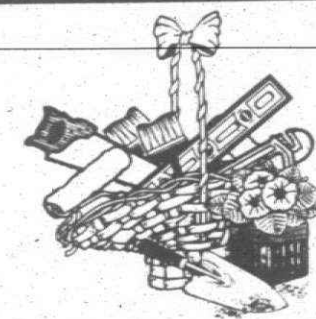
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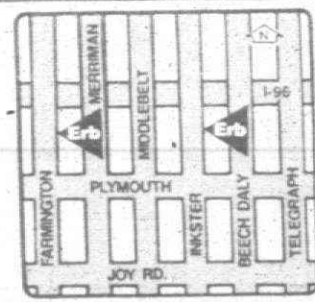
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Ablaze

Spring into color with perennials

By Cathleen Collins Lee
special writer

RIGHT ABOUT now, Carroll Cato's garden is starting to come to life. Tulips and daffodils and narcissus are blooming and, with any luck, the poppies are out.

But if you look closely, you can also see slender shafts in every shade of green poking up all around the yard. The wisteria vine growing alongside the house is budding and so is the ivy that winds around a large maple tree.

From now through November, there, will always be something blooming in the perennial garden around all three sides of Cato's Garden City back yard.

She will plant a few annuals, but most of the more than 200 kinds of plants and flowers will simply push their way out of the ground and bloom: baby's breath, dianthus, lavender, columbine, hostas and lupines.

That is the beauty of a perennial garden. Once you plant it, you can sit back and enjoy seeing it recreate itself every year.

All right, so it isn't quite that easy. Perennial gardens do require good soil preparation and some maintenance. It can also take some trial and error before you find just the right combinations of color, height, texture and blooming season.

BUT NANCY Kleckner of Bloomfield Hills, who has been avidly growing perennials for about five years, says that's part of the fun.

"I make mistakes every year, but I learn from them," she said. "If something doesn't do well in one spot, you take it out and put it somewhere else. You're not committed. You just keep adding and subtracting and changing. I like the fact that it's never finished."

Although the flowers are a delight to look at, Kleckner and Cato both say the most important thing in a perennial garden is the soil. Because perennials have shallow roots, the top six inches of soil are very important. And because the plants remain in the ground, it's hard to



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

This rubrum lily, a type of perennial daylily, adds intense color and dark green foliage to Nancy Kleckner's Bloomfield Hills garden.

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— Nancy Kleckner



In May, yellow irises reign over this part of Carroll Cato's Garden City garden. Pink columbine and purple bachelor's buttons are growing in front of them, with a few purple lupines blooming behind.

till the soil thoroughly later on.

Jeff Jones, president and owner of Plymouth Nurseries, recommends you start with a mixture of sandy loam topsoil, sphagnum peat moss and cow manure. He also recommends that while you're at it, you raise the flower bed a good six or eight inches above the ground to provide drainage.

Cato has had good results using just cow manure and the usual Canadian peat moss, which you should work into the garden every year.

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Color them perennial

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Marianne Roby, perennial supervisor at Bordine's Better Blooms in Rochester Hills, points out that there are other practical considerations as well: before you buy flowers, you should take into account the pH balance of your soil; how well it drains and how windy your yard is.

CATO LIKES nothing better than to spend the summer working in the garden.

"I take my frustrations out on the soil," she said. "I will never have an ulcer. It's difficult to get me to come in and cook supper. I will garden from early morning until late night if allowed."

Cato has created many different areas within her yard, grouping together bulbs, perennials and annuals so that something is always blooming. In the bed along the right side of the yard, a row of yellow crocuses blooms early in the spring, followed by the tulips and daisies behind them.

When those are finished, the irises are blooming and the chrysanthemums are filling in. Later, annuals will replace the tulips and daffodils.

Another section of the yard is full of rose bushes, interspersed with columbine of all heights and colors. The columbine bloom early, in May, when they're about finished, the roses are in bloom.

Although Cato appreciates the new hybrid plants, she is also fond of the old-fashioned varieties: "I like to keep the old things you'd find along the roadside.

I often collect seeds from irises and lilies that I see along the road."

KLECKNER ACTUALLY has four different gardens on her 2 1/2-acre lot: a shady perennial garden, two curving perennial borders and a wildflower meadow at the back of the property that she and her husband, Keith, simply scattered with wildflower seeds.

The shady garden is an abundance of ferns, bleeding heart, hosta and Solomon's seal growing along the edge of a woods and going down a path. Wildflowers such as trillium and jack-in-the-pulpit bloom in the woods.

The large sunny gardens are a profusion of pink, purple, blue and white perennials of all heights and textures, interspersed here and there with clumps of hot-pink zinnias, which are annuals.

LIKE MOST perennial gardeners, Kleckner plants her flowers from the shorter in the front to the tallest at the back. She doesn't plant them in rigid rows, however, but in large, informal clumps that have a lot of impact.

She has planned her gardens to take account of the color, texture, height, foliage and blooming time of the plants. She's particularly pleased with the combination of plants in one part of her garden.

In the front is a border of late blooming perennials. Behind it and off to one side, adding height and drama, is a large topiary lilac with some meidiland roses around it. Behind that is a row of peony bushes with some bulbs in front of it.

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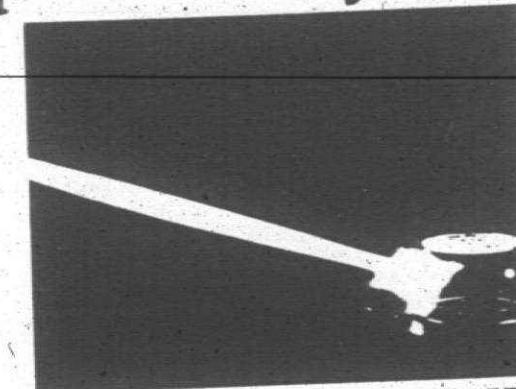
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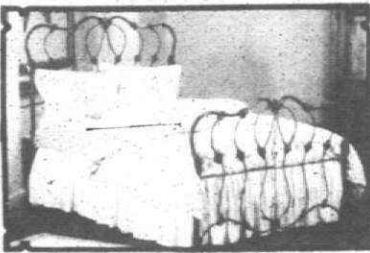
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New products spotlighted

HERE'S A sampling of new products to try out in the home and garden:

• DADO'S BACK

Decorative moldings reappeared in the last two years and now the dado — the decorative part of the lower wall just above the base board — makes a comeback.

From the English company Crown Berger Ltd. come two embossed wallcoverings similar to the papers the company made in 1887, in the height of the Victorian era.

A roll includes 10 panels ready to cut apart and apply separately to the wall. After applying a clay base adhesive, the paper is brushed (not rolled) on the wall to keep the raised pattern from flattening. The paper can be painted to match the wall or covered in a contrasting color. It's not stripable, but it can be repainted to change the look.

Each roll (21 1/2 inches wide, 35 1/2 inches high) covers about 17 running feet and costs \$50. Available at Windows & Walls & More, West Bloomfield, 661-3840; Garden City Painter's Supply, Garden City, 425-0530; Lincoln Park Painter's Supply, Plymouth, 455-4100; and C.R. Design, Troy, 649-0111.

• HOME CLEAN-UP

If you're looking for a non-toxic drain cleaner, try Plumb Clean (\$9.99) or DrainCare (\$7.99), two biodegradable products guaranteed to work through just about any kind of sledge your household drains have to offer. Just mix

one tablespoon of either product in eight ounces of water and pour down the clogged drain. The products even get rid of foul smells in the garbage disposal.

To show their products are safe to use, the manufacturers package the instructions inside the container, so you'll have to fish out directions with your fingers.

Want clean air without installing an electronic air cleaner on the furnace? 3M sells the Clean Air Filter (\$15) with a static charge that attracts 92 percent of the dust and pollen inside the home.

All products available at Jean's Hardware, Farmington Hills.

• RECYCLED FENCING

Hard to believe, but even fences are recyclable today. Better Built Fences, Inc. in Canton sells sturdy, attractive fencing made of recycled plastic milk bottles. After recycling, the liquid plastic is poured into a mold that forms eight-foot sections of picket or privacy fence, four or six feet high.

The result is a maintenance-free product with a 20-year prorated guarantee against peeling, chipping, fading or rusting. What's more, the fence comes in white, beige or gray and never needs painting. The company even sells picnic tables to match.

For all this technology, you'll pay \$95 for each eight-foot section, but you can save on the installation. The company sells a training video for do-it-yourself installations.

For more information, call Better Built Fences, Inc. 397-9790.

Polish those green thumbs

By Janice Tigar-Kramer
special writer

HERE'S A sampling of the gardening seminars and nature tours scheduled in the local area this spring:

• APRIL 4, 11, 18

Master gardener Janet Maconovich offers a series of landscape workshops at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, 333 North Hill Circle, Rochester. In three hands-on sessions, participants do site evaluation, develop a landscape plan, learn to select plants for specific purposes and prepare the site for planting. 9 a.m. to noon. Fee \$54/\$45 members. To register, call 656-0999.

• APRIL 4 AND MAY 9

Learn to plant and maintain water gardens in a two-part seminar sponsored by Grass Roots Nursery and the Cranbrook Institute of Science Continuing Education and Outreach Program. Learn how and what to plant in back-yard ponds, 7:30-9 p.m. April 4 at Cranbrook's Gordon Hall, 550 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Put your skills to work during a hands-on session at the Cranbrook ponds, 10 a.m. to noon May 9, 500 Lone Pine. Fee \$20. Reservations: 645-3635.

• APRIL 20 AND MAY 18

Join the Community House Garden Club, 380 S. Bates, downtown

Birmingham. The newly formed group meets the third Monday of each month to talk gardening. Plans for April 20 aren't complete. On May 18, botanist Jim Wells from the Cranbrook Institute of Science will talk on "Summer Wildflowers." Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Dues \$20 annually or \$5 per meeting. For reservations, call 644-5832.

• APRIL 22-26

Tour Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee with a group from Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester. The annual trip to view spring wildflowers includes guided tours by park naturalists. Cost includes hotel for four nights, based on four per room. Drivers needed for carpooling. Cost \$115 per person/members \$90. For reservations, call 656-0999.

• MAY 2

Master Gardeners of Wayne County present a full- or half-day gardening seminar at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Separate sessions are planned for adults and children ages 6-12. Subjects include roses, herbs, flowers and landscaping. The children's program, "Plants in the Americas," includes projects and outside activities. Adult registration is required for child's enrollment. The half-day session is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. The full day is \$17 for adults, \$8.50 for children. Full day includes lunch. To register, call 525-0476 or 248-2751 by April 25.

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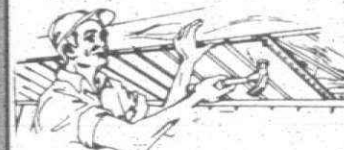
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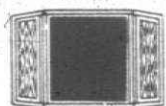
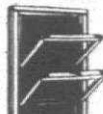
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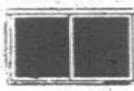
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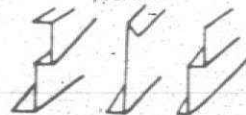
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