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Plymouth-Canton pink-slips 156 teachers

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Long-dreaded blood-letting in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools took place Monday night when the school board pink-slipped 156 teachers.

Also falling victim to the budget-cutting ax were 28 high school courses, including — to the dismay of a meeting room full of outspoken students and parents — an advanced acting class.

School officials are taking the measures to cope with next year's projected \$4.3 million revenue shortfall. The deficit is being created in part by the property tax freeze, the state's capping of Social Security payments to school districts, and a proposed tax-base sharing plan.

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE is further muddled by uncertainty about what other action might be taken in Lansing. "It's almost like budgeting by Ouija board," said Superintendent John Hoben.

Those whose contracts won't be renewed at the end of the 1991-92 school year include teachers with up to six years' seniority. Among them are social workers and counselors; math, science and language teachers; marching band directors; and teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

"It's regrettable, and I'm hopeful that somewhere along the line, we can call everyone back. But this has to be done to meet requirements," Hoben said.

"Looking down this list, I see a number of people I know who do a wonderful job," said

trustee E.J. McClendon. "The saddest thing a school board ever has to do is lay off people," especially people of this caliber.

"This puts lumps in the throats of every one of us. I just pray some series of events will occur to allow us to reduce this list to a much smaller number."

"This should give everyone added incentive to write or call legislators from our area. Gov. Engler and some of the other leaders in educational circles," said trustee Dean Swartzwelder. "That's where the district can have impact. There's not a lot we can do at this level."

Trustee Roland Thomas said his "heart goes out to these people. I wish it were different."

"These are real people feeling real problems, not just a list of names," he said.

Thomas said he bumped into a couple — one of whom is a Plymouth-Canton teacher being laid off — at a restaurant Saturday. "They just signed an agreement to move into a new home."

STUDENTS AND PARENTS wasted no time organizing a campaign to save a third-year acting class.

Parent Debbie Burtka of Canton read a letter signed by 358 residents, parents and students.

"The students involved in Acting III have walked away with significant growth in an area many hope to pursue upon graduation from the park. We also have a long list of students hoping to take Acting III during the following school years," she said.

Student Amy Hooper told the board, "I

think I have learned more in this class than anywhere else. We learn to work together and cooperate as a group. This class is so dedicated, we all become teachers. Acting III should be looked at for reinstatement."

Parent and educator Barbara Faler said she could take her child to community theater, but he wouldn't have the opportunity there to write and create his own product and present that to an audience. "I hope you will take a look at the cuts and make them as equal as you can," she said.

Ruth Habel of Plymouth also made a strong case. "Not only do students learn to act in this class, but they learn to be better people."

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Yack's request for extended leave denied

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack won't be allowed to return to his former job in the Wayne-Westland school district if he loses his re-election bid in November.

The school board Monday narrowly rejected Yack's request to extend his leave of absence for a fifth year, during his campaign for a second consecutive four-year term as township supervisor. He currently has no opponents.

In a 4-3 vote, the board ended Yack's 20-year Wayne-Westland career in a decision made despite sharply opposing views.

"I'm not surprised, but I'm disappointed," Yack said Tuesday. "I was really hoping that they would respect my community service in the way that they respect military service."

Yack has served as classroom teacher, learning consultant, elementary math coordinator and federal projects leader in the 16,000-student district. In his most recent

post, he taught math at Lincoln Elementary School.

In a letter to the board, Yack asked for a fifth year of leave to protect his job in case he loses his re-election bid. He also had informed the board he would resign if he wins the race.

"That's the school board's prerogative," he said Tuesday, commenting on the board's decision.

BOARD MEMBERS Vicki Welty, Andrew Spisak and Leonard Posey supported the school administration's recommendation to extend Yack's leave, but board members Kathleen Chorbagan, Fred Warmbier, Laurel Raisanen and President Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek rejected it. "At five years, I have to draw the line," Chorbagan said.

Warmbier noted that if Yack returned to Wayne-Westland, he'd automatically benefit from salary increases that went into effect during his absence. Moreover, Warmbier appeared bothered that Yack can receive retirement benefits from two public-sector jobs.

"It's closely akin to double-dipping," he said.

But Spisak, calling Yack "a very, very good teacher," stressed that many government officials have left

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On strike

Kroger workers in Plymouth Township showed their anger on Tuesday, picketing at the store on Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road. The more than 7,000 Kroger workers voted on Sunday to

strike. The Kroger store along with others in Metro Detroit are staying open.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

U.S. Rep. William Ford took his bid for re-election in a new district to the Canton Rotary Club on Tuesday.

Ford downplays congressional malaise, points to successes

By Brian Lysegh
staff writer

Speaking before the Canton Rotary Club this week, U.S. Rep. William Ford sounded like a politician running for re-election.

He is. In a wide-ranging talk Monday, Ford, a Taylor Democrat whose district has been revised to include Plymouth, discussed college loan legislation that he supports and aimed barbs at the media, the University of Michigan and the defense department.

He downplayed the malaise said to be facing Congress and suggested that new district or not, he will be re-elected.

"THE TRUTH OF the matter is, while some people in Congress are still more concerned with housekeeping matters, some of us are still doing the work of the

legislator with some measure of success," he said at the Roman Forum restaurant.

The new 13th District combines sections of the 2nd district of Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth and Ford's 15th District. It stretches from Inkster to Ann Arbor, and is new enough that Ford staffers are still revising maps. The new district does not include Ford's Taylor home.

Pursell said he would not seek re-election after the redistricting plans were announced.

Ford sounded unconcerned about the new district, noting that it's only 30 percent changed from his current one. First elected to Congress in 1965, Ford is chairman of the House education and labor committee, the labor and post office committee, and the subcommittee on postsecondary education.

He is expected to face a Republican challenger in November, though one potential candidate said the new

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Republicans take aim at Ford in new 13th district

Only one Republican has formally announced his intention to run for Congress in the new 13th District that includes Plymouth and Canton.

He is Raymond Tanter, 54, a University of Michigan political science professor and former National Security Council member who lives in Ann Arbor.

"I have experience in attracting Reagan-Bush Democrats," said Tanter, who will need it. The new district is considered marginally Democratic. The 13th stretches from New

Boston in the southeast to Ann Arbor and includes Livonia, Northville, Westland and Garden City.

Rep. William Ford, a Taylor Democrat with 32 years seniority, is setting his sights on the new 13th after his current district was revised and combined with that of Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton.

Other possible Republican candidates are:
• State Sen. Robert Geake of Northville. He said the district is 55 percent Democratic.

He said he is still exploring a campaign, but it could be a difficult district for a Republican to win. He added: "I'm not in the habit of entering races I can't win."

• Cynthia Hudgins, of Ypsilanti Township, district director in the Ann Arbor office of Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, who is not seeking re-election.

"I have not made a decision yet," she said, adding that she hoped to announce her intentions next week.

• Susan Heintz, former Northville Town-

ship supervisor and county commissioner who is now an aide to Gov. John Engler. She said she is considering a run. She likely will not run if Geake does.

• Burl Adkins, a Southgate businessman, who has run three times before against Ford, once as a Democrat and twice as a Republican.

"I believe he is going to run," a spokeswoman said.

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Republicans target new 13th district

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Heintz said she expected there would be a strong Republican challenge in November. Peter Fletcher, a Republican Party activist, said the likelihood of the GOP capturing the district is "somewhat of an outside chance." But he said the wild cards are reapportionment and the anti-incumbency feelings that voters have expressed at the polls this year.

Tanter, who announced his can-

didacy this week, noted that George Bush captured 49 percent of the district in 1988 and Ronald Reagan took 54 percent in 1984. He said he had been testing the political waters for a U.S. Senate campaign, but decided to enter the U.S. House race when Pursell decided against it.

With a laugh, he said he considered Ford "like a Scud missile" shooting in from Taylor, while he is a Patriot missile moving in "to intercept him."

Ford downplays congressional malaise

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district is 55 percent Democrat. He told the Rotarians about his efforts to pass legislation that would make student loans more accessible to lower and middle income students. A House bill that passed with bipartisan support last month did just that, Ford said. He noted the high cost of tuition at U-M and said middle income students are being "priced out" of college.

THE BILL IS significant, he said, but its House passage got little media attention. He suggested that problems in Congress are getting too much notice, while the institution's significant accomplishments are ignored.

Ford said the 764-page bill was passed after 44 days of hearings

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— William Ford
U.S. Representative

and input from hundreds of special interest groups. He said reports of the influence of special interest groups in Congress is also overstated.

"When you talk about special interest groups, you have to be very, very careful. The Boy Scouts are a special interest group," he said.

Ford also talked about job train-

ing, a favorite topic. He said today's steelworkers are much better trained than they used to be, and most new jobs will require some post-high school education.

He said the U.S. Defense Department has wasted money on "fancy defense weapons," including the Star Wars missile defense system. He also called the country's agri-

cultural support subsidies the country's largest welfare fund.

BUT THE SKEPTICISM that Americans are reported to be feeling about their country and their government — Congress and elsewhere — seemed echoed in Lawrence Schafer, a Rotarian who owns a Canton machine shop.

"This country needs major reform and we're not capable of it," Schafer said after Ford's speech.

A political independent, Schafer said America's problems are in some ways similar to those of the former Soviet Union.

He also said he has heard nothing from any presidential candidate — Republican or Democrat — that would address the country's problems. Government, he said, isn't working.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

U.S. Rep. William Ford: "The truth of the matter is, while some people in Congress are still more concerned with housekeeping matters, some of us are still doing the work of the legislator with some measure of success."

Student expelled for gun incident

A 15-year-old student was expelled by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday night for offenses including the pointing of a gun at a fellow student's head on a school bus.

Trustee E.J. McClendon said the gun actually was a pellet gun, "but it looks exactly like a Magnum .257." The student, who has poor grades, also was found to have firecrackers in his locker.

The student — a Canton resident who turns 16 this month and will be beyond the mandatory school attendance age — possibly will face charges in juvenile court, McClendon said.

The teenager was suspended after the incident occurred about two weeks ago. A hearing before the school board was not requested by the student's parents.

While the student has shown little concern or remorse, he may, at some time in the future, return to school "if he gets counseling and a sense of reality," McClendon said.

"While the weapon was a pellet gun, 'if you fired it at someone's face, you could put out an eye, and it could conceivably enter the skull, in which case death might result,' he said.

"Pointing it at someone is dangerous. Pointing it at someone's head is

doubly dangerous." The victimized student "thought it was a loaded .257," he added. "And this young person didn't seem to think it was anything but funny."

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Pallbearers carry the casket out of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton after the funeral service Tuesday.

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Police officer mourned

JIM KELLEY was mourned Tuesday as someone whose physical heart gave out while his spiritual heart was still going strong.

More than 400 police officers from across Michigan joined Kelley's family, friends and other city officials at funeral services for the 30-year-old Livonia Police patrol officer who died suddenly Friday during a training run.

Mourners included officers from Redford Township, Inkster, Canton Township, Van Buren Township and as far as Saginaw.

Kelley's Livonia colleagues stood in a tightly formed ring around seated family members in the packed funeral home before the procession to St. John Neu-

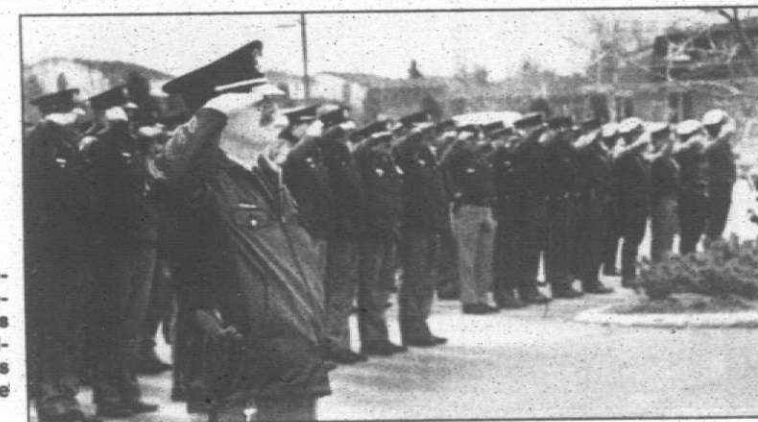
mann Catholic Church in Canton Township. Members of the Livonia SWAT team served as pallbearers.

The Rev. Matthew Ellis eulogized Kelley as "a devoted son, brother, fellow officer and just plain good person."

"Many of you can testify about his real heart, his spiritual heart," Ellis said.

Fellow officers gave short readings from the Book of Wisdom and Letter of Paul to the Romans found in the New Testament.

The selections were chosen by Kelley's mother, Theresa.



Officers from Livonia and other departments salute as the casket of patrolman Jim Kelley is placed in the hearse.

Board opposed to schools of choice, sets June 8 vote

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

It took Plymouth-Canton school board members about two minutes to decide against the adoption of a schools of choice plan, agreeing that it's an unsound proposal that will not — despite what Lansing says — bring about educational improvement.

But the buck doesn't stop with the board. Voters will make the final call in the upcoming June 8 election.

School districts in Michigan were mandated by a new state law to appoint a citizens' committee to draft a schools-of-choice plan, and either adopt it as written or put it to the voters.

If the plan passes in June, it will be implemented, despite the wishes of school officials, who are advising voters to vote no on the issue.

THE BALLOT WORDING agreed to at Monday night's meeting doesn't spell out the mechanics of how the plan would work. It simply says, "Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washenaw Counties, Michigan, have 'schools of choice' within the school district?"

School board members approved of the wording to varying degrees.

Trustee Dean Swartzweiler said, "I am very pleased with the wording. A no vote will mean no, and a yes vote, yes."

Trustee Roland Thomas said the wording was too vague. "It doesn't communicate anything to voters. It could mean anything to anyone. I really have a problem with wording that isn't explicit enough."

"On the other hand," Trustee Carl Battistilli said, "we don't have the information we need when we vote for president, either."

The job of communicating the plan to voters will fall to community relations director Dick Egli, said Superintendent John Hoben. Hoben said it wasn't possible to include the cost of the plan in the ballot proposal because "we don't know how many would select a choice school."

The plan would be phased in, with 1992-93 being an

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"informational and positioning" year allowing time to determine how much participation to expect in a choice program.

Under the Plymouth-Canton plan, students would be allowed to enroll at the school of their choosing only on a year-by-year basis. That's because the law mandates neighborhood students cannot be displaced by choice students.

Siblings of choice students would receive first priority in entering a choice school. Committee chairperson Carey Peters said a major headache concerning choice involves transportation. "The intent is for the state to reimburse districts, but we all know what intent means," she said.

School board members E.J. McClendon and Les Walker gave voters the benefit of the doubt, agreeing that residents have proven in the past that they'll take the time to become informed before going to the polls.

Board members said their rejection of the plan doesn't reflect the committee's work.

"You can't make a bad idea a good idea with a good report," said McClendon. "It's fundamentally an unsound proposal."

If voters reject the plan, the district is exempt from choice for two years. "At the end of two years, we have to go through the process again with the same types of parameters," Hoben said.

Canton girl, 15, fights off attacker

A 15-year-old Canton girl was knocked to the ground in a possible sexual assault attempt Saturday.

According to a police report, the teen was walking with a friend along a creek near the Meijer store about 9:30 p.m. when a man ran up and knocked her to the ground. He then laid on top of her and began to suck on her neck. The victim successfully fought off the man and fled. Police searched the area without finding the suspect.

crime watch

A car accident on Beck Road. According to a police report, the weapon apparently fell out of the car at the time of the accident, early Friday, and was found on the road wrapped in a towel.

ILLEGAL GUN: Police found a sawed off shotgun amid debris from a car accident on Beck Road. According to a police report, the weapon apparently fell out of the car at the time of the accident, early Friday, and was found on the road wrapped in a towel.

car's glove box. A 37-year-old Utica man who was injured in the crash told police he bought the illegal weapon at a gun show and carried it for protection.

BREAK-IN: A Canton man returned to his rented home on the 44000 block of Michigan Avenue Monday to find a burglary. The garage door was partly open and a toolbox with \$200 worth of tools was missing. The burglars apparently did not enter the home, except for the garage.

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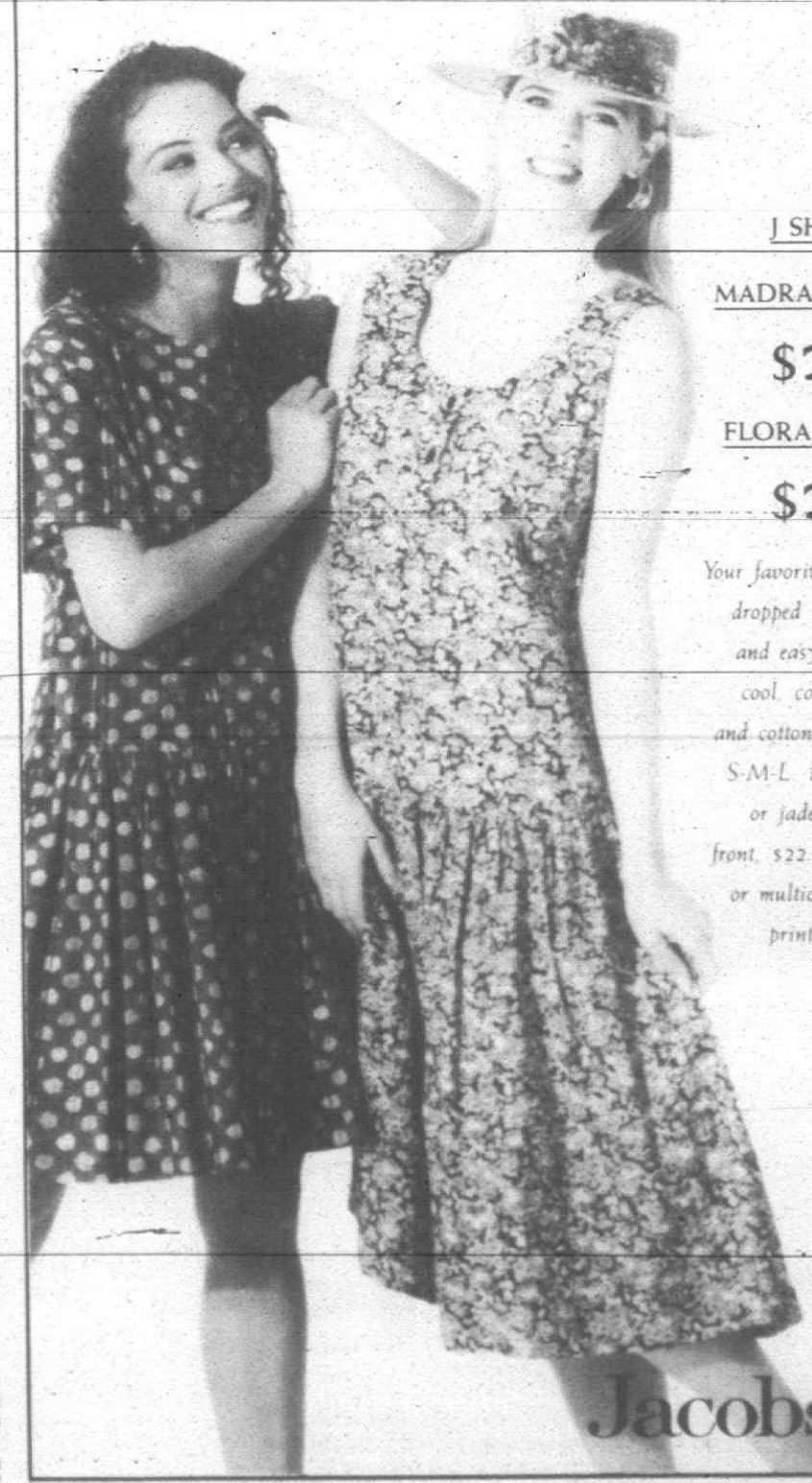
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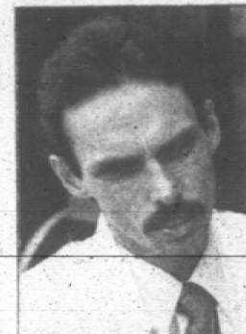
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— Tom Knebl
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— Dave Boyd
Canton



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— Pat Walte
Canton



"The young Elvis. He wasn't on drugs and alcohol then. That's if you want to have an Elvis (stamp) at all."
— Alan Mutrynowski
Warren



"I never gave it much thought. But I guess (the young Elvis) because it makes me feel young again."
— Sandra Bennett
Canton



"Personally, I don't feel we need an Elvis stamp."
— Larry Wegryn
Canton

Schools lay off teachers

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Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, said, "It's not at all surprising there are concerns surrounding this course or that. The reality is there is no satisfaction in

having to take these kinds of steps." Canton High School principal Tom MacKenzie said deciding which classes to cut and consolidate was an agonizing process. "It wasn't an easy thing to do. We all hope this situation won't exist for long."

For Plymouth resident Erik Stoppa, the explanations fell on deaf ears. "We are trying to resolve the problems in the world," he said. "I believe one of the ways is through education. In order to do so, we need to hang on to these teachers. I myself didn't complete high school. No one knows better than me how rough it is when you don't have a diploma. For kids who don't make it through school, it will be twice as hard."

Yack's request for leave denied

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behind jobs in industry and have been allowed to return to them. He suggested school districts should have similar job security.

WELTY SIDED with Spisak and

said, "I am wondering how we get good people to run for elected office if we take away their job security. We have to make sure that we don't ruin their whole life just for them to run (for public office)."

But Warmbier said the board

should closely scrutinize any job leave beyond the first year.

Bill Taylor, the district's associate superintendent for employee services, said long-term leaves were more common a decade ago. More recently, however, Taylor said few

if any — employees other than Yack have received a fifth year of leave.

Yack, meanwhile, said he'd consider seeking a school administration job in western Wayne County if he loses his re-election bid.

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Auto insurance debate AAA outlines proposal it says will lower rates

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Auto owners in the metropolitan Detroit suburbs are most likely to see insurance rates rise, now that Michigan has reverted back to a pre-1986 law.

Called "territorial system," it consists of a series of rings around Detroit. Here, according to the Michigan Insurance Federation, is how it works:

Detroiters, who have the highest accident and theft rates, pay the highest insurance rates. Suburbanites next to Detroit must pay no less than 90 percent of Detroit's rate. The next ring of suburbs is charged 80 percent — and so on to the 45 percent mark.

If an insurer charged a Detroit driver \$1,000, the lowest price the insurer could charge any other driver in Michigan would be \$450.

THAT SYSTEM, in law prior to

1986, resulted in two auto insurance markets in Michigan — one in metro Detroit and one in the rest of the state.

Two groups of four companies dominated the two markets. There was almost no competition between the groups.

Here's why: Suppose the loss experience in Traverse City justified a rate of \$200. A company selling in metro Detroit couldn't compete because it would have to charge \$450.

And vice-versa: A company selling for \$200 in Traverse City could charge a top rate of only about \$440. Hence it couldn't afford to compete in the metro Detroit market, according to MIF.

MICHIGAN REVERTED back to the "territorial" system when Gov. John Engler vetoed Senate Bill 691 (H-1), an extension of a 1986 law that expired March 31.

That bill sought to cut auto insurance rates 15 percent.

The arguments were the classic Republican vs. Democratic arguments over cost controls vs. price controls that have reverberated through the State Capitol for a decade.

Democrats and a few Republicans opted for price controls — the 15 percent rate rollback. Their position is supported by consumer groups and the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

Most Republicans buy the insurance industry argument: To control prices, you must control costs. That means capping payouts for catastrophic claims, "pain and suffering" and damages where the insured was partly at fault.

AAA MICHIGAN, top firm in the metro Detroit market, last week started a petition drive to put its proposal before the Michigan Legislature.

If the Legislature fails to adopt it

in a given number of days, the plan would automatically go on the Nov. 3 ballot, just like the plan to halt state abortion funding.

Lawrence Givens, AAA Michigan vice president of corporate relations, said that the petition drive, called "Lower Rates Now," would save the average motorist up to \$150 a year. It would do so by offering coverage choices and better controlling legal and medical expenses, the costs most responsible for rising premiums.

State Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deaorn, opposes AAA's plan because there are no guarantees rates would be lowered in exchange for giving up consumer's rights. Hart said cutting legal expenses is a theme of the AAA proposal but what AAA doesn't tell you is that they have been notorious for forcing victims into court to collect benefits that they are owed.

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Insurance bill veto prompts sharp response

Here is what state and local politicians had to say about SB 691, the auto insurance premium cut bill vetoed by Gov. John Engler: "A sham. A cruel and cynical hoax. An election year gimmick. So misbegotten and so technically flawed that by its own provisions it cannot possibly achieve its an-

nounced major objective of a 15 percent overall rollback of auto insurance rates. There are simply no changes in this bill relating to cost savings."

Sen. George Hart, D-Deaorn (voted yes): Veto is "an outrageous insult to all the consumers. The governor's cozy relationship with the in-

surance industry must end. Electing an insurance commissioner is a way to break up the governor's romance."

Doug Cruce, former senator from Troy and president of the Michigan Insurance Federation (opposed): "Michigan lost more auto insurers than any other state during the 1980s

— 50 between 1982 and 1988 alone. The bill would set up a state price fixing body and restrict the ability of insurers to charge customers based on the accident rate in their area."

Sen. Dick Dillingham, R-Fowlerville (voted yes with Democrats):

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Seminary is still for sale; ruled out as stadium site

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

No matter how a court case is decided on the former St. John Seminary in Plymouth, the Archdiocese of Detroit plans to sell it.

It is the intention of the Archdiocese to sell the property pending the resolution of the case, said church spokesman Richard Laskos. His comment followed U.S. District Judge Avern Cohen's action April 6, to continue a hearing on a dispute over the property.

Judge Cohen is expected to rule in the dispute as early as next month. In October 1990, the archdiocese terminated a \$5.5 million purchase agreement signed with Retirement and Health Services Corp. of Baltimore, Md., to convert the buildings into senior citizen housing.

THE BALTIMORE FIRM sued the church, charging it broke the purchase agreement, while the Archdiocese maintains it can legally end the agreement.

Shortly after the agreement was terminated, church officials said a new buyer had been identified. But during the past year, church officials say they haven't identified a potential buyer.

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But former township supervisor Maurice Breen and the township board passed a resolution proclaiming no Tiger Stadium would be built there, to end speculation. "It's not the type of facility we encourage in Plymouth Township," he said then. Does Retirement and Health Services Corp. still plan a facility there if they win the case? "I certainly would like to take a look at it again," said John Erickson, president of the firm.

"I haven't talked to township officials for more than a year, I want to make sure where they would be on it," he said.

The 40-year-old seminary was closed in June 1988. The land is zoned residential for one-acre or larger lots. Township officials have said a buyer could seek another use for the property, as it's not likely to go to a house builder.

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The program begins 7:30 a.m. in the Meeting House which is at 451 Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The Livonia Jaycees is one of the co-sponsors. The speakers at the breakfast meeting will be Dr. David Cole, director for the Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, and David Sowerby, vice president and economist with Manufacturers Bank.

Sowerby will provide a closer look at key economic indicators affecting business locally and nationally and Cole will discuss the automotive industry in transition.

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Hart calls Engler veto 'insult to consumers'

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The veto is "a slap in the face to Michigan residents demanding an insurance rollback and a kick in the shin to the spirit of bipartisan cooperation. The governor is ignoring close to 50 Republicans who supported this legislation."

Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek (voted no): "This bill will actually increase rates for those drivers in suburban Detroit and in some outstate areas. The people of Michigan are sick and tired of subsidizing frivolous lawsuits each year in the form of higher insurance rates."

Frank Garrison, state AFL-CIO president (favored): "If he (Engler)

signed the bill, rates would go down 15 percent. Auto insurance rate increases are the cruelest tax hikes of all because they are levied by faceless insurance executives exempt from anti-trust laws."

Sen. Dick Posthumus, GOP leader (voted no): "The actual legislative bill (House substitute 1) did not reflect the agreement hammered out by the negotiators — over a dozen items. This was pure and simple bad faith."

Gary Corbin, state Democratic Club (favored): "Banditry. Insurance companies are making a good corporate profit on our required coverage. John Engler will deprive hard-working Michigan families of insurance rate relief."

Schoolcraft to host seminar for bee keepers

Schoolcraft College will host Southeastern Michigan's 54th annual bee school Saturday, April 25. Registration will open at 8 a.m.; the program begins at 9 a.m. A variety of lectures, demonstrations,

workshops and videos from maintaining two-queen hives to treating bee-sting allergies will be presented. The one-day program is designed

AAA proposal focuses on cost controls

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If approved, AAA's plan would:

- Allow motorists to choose between \$250,000 and \$5 million worth of medical coverage. Currently, unlimited medical coverage is required for all motorists. Since 1973, more than 99 percent of all medical claims have been under \$250,000.

- Decrease the assessment charged by the Michigan Catastrophe Claims Association (MCCA) for medical coverage. This annual state-mandated charge on each car has jumped from \$32.60 five years ago to \$110.58 today.

- End duplicate payments. Persons who have both automobile insurance and other insurance to cover medical expenses must coordinate those plans to prevent collecting twice.

- Decrease legal costs by allowing

only seriously injured accident victims to sue for non-economic losses and reducing the number of minor injury lawsuits which are filed.

- Prohibit drivers from more than 50 percent at fault in an accident from suing for non-economic losses.

- Allow motorists to waive currently mandated liability coverage which protects them in case they are sued. This option would benefit those who don't need this protection. At the same time, insurance companies would be required to offer motorists coverage for protection should they be injured by an uninsured, at-fault driver.

- Set maximum fees for medical care providers similar to that used for workers' compensation claims.

- Permit discounts for policyholders who are claim-free with the same insurer for the last five consecutive years.

- Create a premium refund standard — company premiums that exceed claim payments and operating expenses by more than 5 percent would have to be refunded.
- Close the "revolving door" between the state Insurance Bureau and regulated companies. Former insurance commissioners will have to wait two years after leaving state service to work for, or be on the board of, a regulated company.

GIVENS SAID reforms are needed because medical and legal costs have skyrocketed and are the major reason for the rise of auto insurance premiums each year.

"Between 1985 and 1990, our payouts for medical care per insured vehicle increased four times faster than the local inflation rate, while

legal payouts increased five times as fast," he said.

Givens said cost controls work. During the 1985-90 time period, AAA Michigan's efforts to combat auto theft reduced claims payouts 9 percent per vehicle for Comprehensive coverage.

"We have heard the arguments against the elimination of unlimited medical coverage and further limitations on the right to sue for pain and suffering," Givens said.

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IN BRIEF

Extra miler

Susan Schneider, a Canton High School English teacher, was named an "Extra Miler" at the Plymouth Canton school board meeting.

Schneider has worked for the district since 1972 and has also taught Latin. She was recommended for the award by staff members and students.

Her extra efforts include helping students prepare for the Advanced Placement English Test. Also mentioned was her willingness to work with students before and after school and even after graduation.

In addition to teaching, she served on the Curriculum Coordinating Council in developing goal based curriculum. She has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan.

Economic indicators

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting a breakfast meeting entitled "Business Forecast '92," featuring David Cole and David Sowerby beginning 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, at the Mayflower Meeting House, 451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Sowerby, vice president and economist with Manufacturers Bank will provide a look at key economic indicators affecting business locally and nationally. Discussing the automotive industry in transition will be Cole, director for the Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation (OSAT) at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

Reservations may be made by calling the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540. The breakfast is hosted in conjunction with the Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Westland Chambers of Commerce, and sponsored by Michigan Bell.

Big train

The world's largest portable model train set is scheduled to be in Plymouth on April 24-29.

Plymouth Yard Hobbies, 904 Starkweather in Old Village, is the site of the Lionel Trains exhibit. "The Magical World of Lionel Trains" exhibit is touring North America in a 46-foot trailer that has a glass display case to show off the railroad set.

The set, recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records, has 6-10 trains running through tunnels, across bridges, and passing through towns, villages and countryside.

See complete race results, today's sports section.

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Hugh Sweeney, a Redford Road-runner and a volunteer at Michigan's inaugural Race for the Cure, said working this event was unlike any other. A whopping 3,403 runners and walkers entered Saturday's all-women's race at the Detroit Zoo to raise money for breast cancer education and research.

"It was phenomenal," Sweeney said. "As the women ran by, I saw a different type of intensity on their faces, kind of a pride in what they were representing."

For many, it was because they were walking and running with tears in their eyes. On their minds were memories and thoughts of a relative or friend who'd died of breast cancer.

The Race for the Cure was started in 1983 by a Texas woman, Nancy Brinker, who lost her sister to the disease.

With \$200, she founded the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in her memory. Brinker launched the race with the hope of raising awareness about the disease, now the leading killer of women between the ages of 35 and 54.

Nine years later, the fund-raiser is staged in 17 cities in the U.S.

WHEN JANE HOEY of the Michigan Cancer Foundation, race consultant Pam Weinstein and Motor City Striders vice president Andrea Carroll learned of the Race for the Cure, all three knew it was something they had to bring to metropolitan Detroit.

In three-and-a-half months, they did what even the Komen Foundation told them would take a year; organizing a successful run.

"We figured the first year we would break even," said Hoey.

The results were beyond their wildest expectations.

Corporate sponsorships, entry fees and donations aren't officially totaled, but proceeds are nearing the \$78,000 mark, said Hoey. "What this means is that women care very much about this disease. This wasn't just a race for racers. This was a walk and a race for everybody. It

didn't matter whether they had racing in their blood."

Detroit's Ella Willis, 34, does have racing in her blood and proved it once again Saturday, besting the field in 17:58.

The winning racewalker was Sofia Wolan, 25, of Detroit, with a time of 25:32. Darlene Hunter, 9, of Commerce Township was the winning wheeler in 25:32.

ONE LUCKY ENTRANT took home two round trip airline tickets to Orlando, donated by Hanson's running store.

Times and prizes were secondary on Saturday.

Jan Grudzen, who works for Jacobson's, one of the race sponsors, walked in memory of her mom, Gina Grudzen, who died of cancer 15 years ago. She was joined by co-worker Nancy Delaney of Troy, who dedicated her 5K to a relative who's fighting the disease.

"I entered the race because I work for one of the sponsors, and I felt like it was a good thing for our company to do," said Grudzen. "It's not like you're doing anything major, but it makes a statement when there are this many people."

FARMINGTON HILLS' Jayne Wochomurka said her sister chairs the Race for the Cure in Iowa. Having heard about the race and losing an aunt and a neighbor to breast cancer, the Farmington Hills woman decided to get involved. She gathered 15 women from the neighborhood and four of their daughters. Saturday morning, they climbed into three vans and headed for the race. Afterwards, they all went out to brunch together.

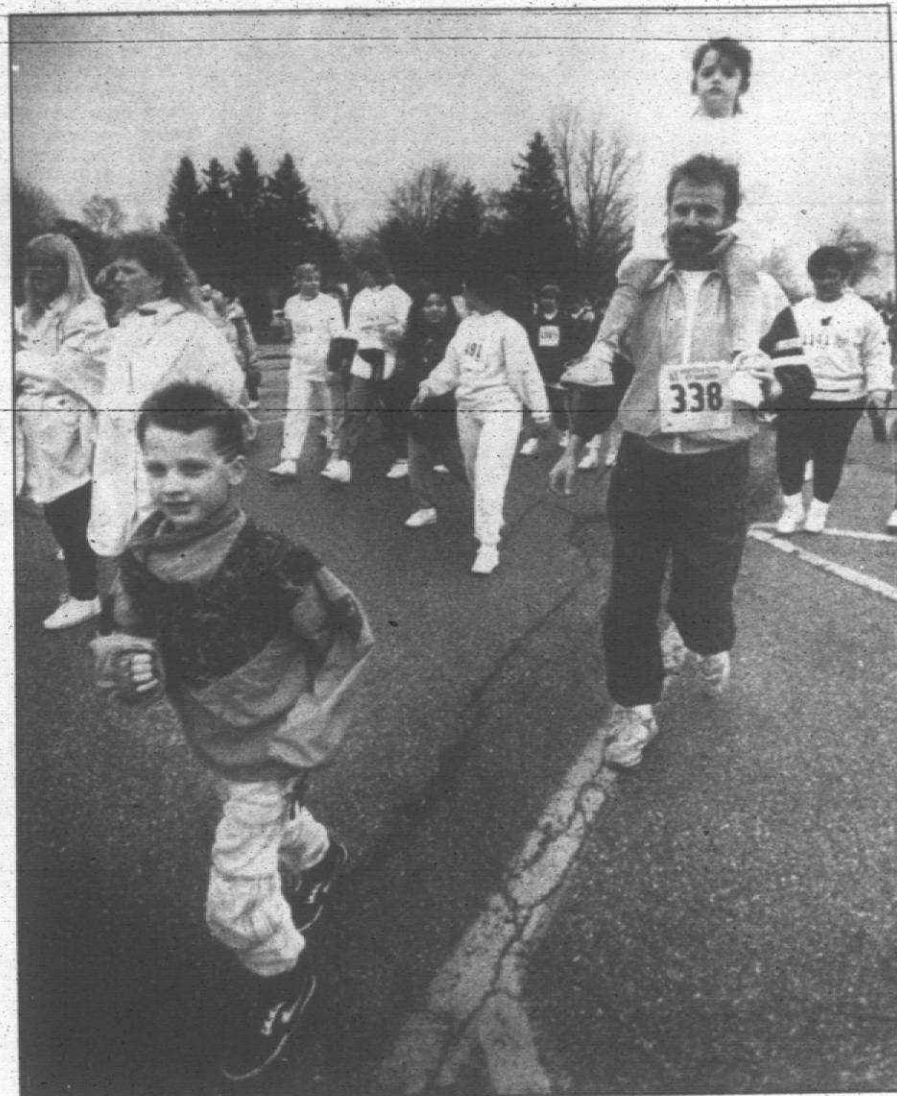
Before the race, Wochomurka, an aerobics instructor with the Southfield-based Fitness Factory, warmed up the racers along with fellow instructor Linda Pierce.

"It wasn't until after the walk that an almost spiritual feeling came over us," she said.

"We were all there, why? Because of Amy."

Neighbor Amy Fong died last October of breast cancer, leaving three young children.

"None of us is overly religious or spiritual. But this was a real bringing together of ladies who normally would not have done this," she said.



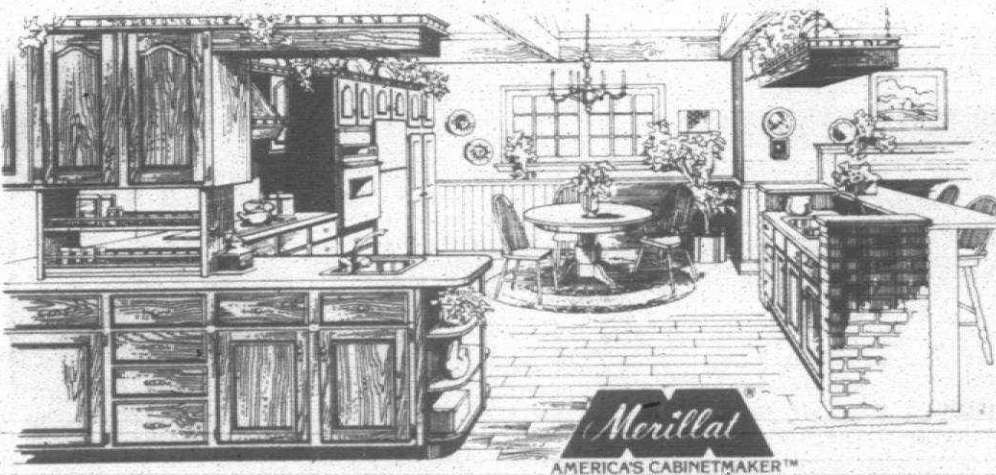
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Ray Turner of Canton is joined by his son Jack, 8, and Falan, 6, (on dad's shoulders) in the one-mile run at the Race for the Cure, a benefit for breast cancer at the Detroit Zoo.

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obituaries

RICHARD R. ROSEBROOK
Services for Richard R. Rosebrook, 70, of Taylor were Monday, April 13, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Rosebrook was born April 22, 1921 in Ashtabula, Ohio. He died April 10, in Wyandotte General Hospital. He was employed as a retail merchandise accountant at K-Mart. Mr. Rosebrook is survived by one daughter, Robyn Lowee of Canton and three grandchildren, Scott of Canton, Sean of Canton and Sara of Canton.

The Rev. William Brannan officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Youth Group of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM B. LEWIS
Services for William B. Lewis, 73,

of Canton were Saturday, April 11, at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

Mr. Lewis was born March 18, 1918 in Elizabethtown, Ky. He died Thursday, April 9, in Canton. He lived in the Canton area for seven years. Formerly of Pooler Baptist Church, he retired as a machinist at Union-Camp Paper Company. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Corps.

Mr. Lewis is survived by one daughter, Dianne Rose of Canton, one sister, Clara Smith; three brothers, Francis Trammell, J. M. Lee and Alfred Lee; and three grandchildren.

The Rev. David Hay of Calvary Baptist Church officiated the service.

Something new!

Old Village Fest has street dance, fortunetellers

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

A Saturday night country street dance is a highlight of this year's Old Village Spring Fest.

Also new this year for the city's premiere spring event is live telling of fortunes, revealed through tarot cards or crystal balls.

And organizer Sherry Bush described another addition to this year's Spring Fest: "We are opening up the band stage for local talent," said Bush, adding local musicians can call her about performing.

The third annual Spring Fest is scheduled to run 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"We are inviting anyone that lives in the area to hold garage sales, and there will be a miniflea market, and

live mystic readings," Bush said.

OLD VILLAGE, ONCE called old town, is Plymouth's original downtown. It's centered along Starkweather and Mill north of Main and near the railroad tracks.

Before World War II, passenger trains disembarked there, and long-time residents can tell stories of hobos who rode the rods during the great depression, who sometimes wandered into town to seek work and food.

Nowadays, Old Village is probably best known for its antique shops; all will be open during the festival.

From 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Miss Lee and the Country Classics will be featured in the street dance.

Also at this year's Spring Fest there will be antiques, crafts, artist demonstrations at D&M Studio, a

traveling clown-magician, face painting, a spinning wheel demonstration at the Old Village Yarn Shop, live entertainment, ethnic food booths and other family fun.

To get to Old Village, take I-275 to the Ann Arbor Road exit, go west to Lilley Road, turn right and go about one mile.

Signs directing folks to Old Village

will be along this route and other routes into Plymouth to direct visitors to the festival.

For more information on dealer space, Old Village or the Spring Fest, call Bush at 454-1997.

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O&E area students win awards in contest

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More than 400 students from 18 schools in western Wayne and Oakland counties participated in the third annual contest featured last month at the International Builders Home Furniture and Flower Show in the Cobo Exhibition Center.

The contest, open to seventh and eighth graders, encourages students to apply the fundamentals of math into concrete applications, inspires creativity and aims to instill tangible values toward nature.

Winners include:
Seventh grade: First place, Jennifer Southern of Oakland Christian School in Auburn Hills, second place,

Freddy Van Buren, Clawson Middle School, third place, Jenny McMillan, Oakland Christian School; judges favorite, Chris Smith, Oakland Christian School; most creative, Ryan Viau, St. Valentine Catholic School, Redford Township.

Honorable mention included: Patrick Costyke, St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia; Peter Rose, Norup Middle School, Oak Park; Jenny Chambers of St. Valentine and Dan Allen, Christine McGrath, Jason Zuziak, Shaun Kalis, Katie Zaleski and David Hockenberry all of St. Michael.

Other honorable mentions include Patrick Glendon, Pierce Middle School, Redford Township; Chris Marco, St. Robert Bellarmine, Redford Township; Daniel Sapeika, Hilliel Day School, Farmington Hills; Aaron Horwitz of Norup Middle School, Oak Park; Kevin Peasgood,

Clawson Middle School and Henry Lang of Walled Lake Middle School.

Eighth grade: First place, Christina Walsten, Hilbert Junior High, Redford Township; second place, Joe Duchene, Clawson Middle School; third place, Bridget Greenway, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills; judges favorite, Lindsay Soter, St. Valentine School; most creative, Hope Harrison, Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Honorable mentions included: Ryan Meath and Doug Cooper of Pioneer Middle School, Plymouth; Dawn Powers, Ryan Shaw, Jimmy Theakston and John Allison of Hilbert Junior High School; Cheryl Sieler, St. Mary School, Royal Oak; Michelle Shorter, Katie Klym, Emilia Juocys and Carrie Klym of the Academy of the Sacred Heart; Charles DeBols of Pierce Middle School, Paul and Jessica Justice of

Plymouth Canton Public Schools and Wyatt Kelly and Courtney Dell of Clawson Middle School.

Entries ranged from houses for wrens, bluebirds, wood ducks, robins and tree swallows. Houses were fashioned after a log cabin and a traffic light.

Nancy Garcia, science teacher at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, helped 10 students build homes.

"It was a neat experience for a lot of the girls. Some had never held a hammer or worked with a drill. I think they thought it was rewarding knowing they completed a project and did it on their own," said Garcia.

Sally Roo of Plymouth Canton High School spearheaded a student mentor project, where older students assisted younger ones in constructing birdhouses. The houses will be posted along a stretch of M-14.

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The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has called a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 27, 1992, to inform and receive comments from neighborhood residents, representatives of the Department of Social Services, the Christ Centered Homes, Inc., as applicant, and other interested persons in the community on the proposed location of a small group home to be known as the Eastside Drive Home in Plymouth Township.

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall at 42550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Phone No. 453-3840.

ESTHER HULSING, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will be holding a special meeting on Monday, April 27, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Meeting Hall at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a public hearing to solicit input from the residents of Canton Township regarding their cable television service. This meeting will be the public's only formal opportunity to provide the Township Board with input about the needs and desires of the community regarding cable television and to voice any complaints, problems, commitments, etc. about the cable television services provided by Omnicom as well as Omnicom's practices. The Township Board will be utilizing the information received at this meeting in their upcoming franchise renewal negotiations with Omnicom. Residents unable to attend this meeting may send their written comments to Supervisor Tom Yack, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan 48108.

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O&E Thursday, April 16, 1992

Millage play

It's act one of school drama

IT WAS FITTING that prior to laying off nearly 156 teachers on Monday the Plymouth Canton Board of Education paid tribute to members of an acting class, because afterwards trustees proved themselves much better actors than the kids.

The layoffs are nothing more than the first act of a drama being staged by the board to increase taxes.

The reason is declining state aid for education. The school district faces a \$4.3-million to \$7-million shortfall in its \$72 million budget if Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers make the cuts and play Robin Hood.

The shortfall would be caused by:

- This year's property tax freeze.
- A cap on state-paid employee Social Security payments.

- A plan to share school taxes with poorer school districts.
- Cuts in state spending on education.

The reasons for the school financing mess are numerous. And there's plenty of blame to go around.

As a society we'd rather spend money on prisons than education. Then there are the parents who ask schools to take over raising their children. Teachers aren't blameless either. They gobble up every penny of extra money in the school budget with outrageous contracts. And let's face it, when teachers strike they don't lose any money, like others who strike, they just make up the difference at the end of the school year. The money not gobbled up by the teachers goes to pay the high salaries of administrators. There's also the state Legislature trying to play the part of Robin Hood.

However, the question becomes: Who's going to raise taxes to support education, the state or the school board?

Both are squirming right now trying not to be the bad guy. It's cheap politics and David Artley, school board president, showed he was a master of it at Monday's meeting, bashing the state.

It's time for that to stop. Artley and the board have to face it: Michigan has less money for education and blaming state lawmakers does nothing to help the situation.

Board members are going to have to get se-

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rious, if they are to avert the proposed lay offs. And local taxes are the only option, if it's to be business as usual in the schools.

But there are alternatives to a hefty tax increase. They include:

- Buy outs. The board is looking at them. That means early retirement for senior teachers who are earning top wages. That would permit the hiring of newer, younger teachers who would earn lower salaries.

- Administrative salary freezes. The wages of all administrators should be frozen or even cut.

• A salary freeze for teachers. The teachers are scheduled to receive a 6-percent salary increase for the coming year. A freeze of their wages would help them save jobs.

If all that happened, the school board could then in good conscience go the voters and seek a small millage increase.

That's our screen play for the educational drama unfolding. But there's a more likely one being written by school officials.

Here's their plot. Board members continue to blame Engler and state lawmakers for the fine mess we've all gotten ourselves into. Meanwhile, back in the classroom, teachers and administrators will refuse to have their salaries frozen, no matter what.

Then the dreaded school cheer leaders I Care will start beating the drum for a millage increase to "save our children."

The wild card here is the voters. They're the stage hands in this play who could just drop the curtain on the whole affair.

And who could blame them.



Part-time Legislature is simple, sound solution

EVERYBODY knows our politics are in a crisis. What can be done?

Two simple devices — easy to do once approved — would go a long way in Michigan.

One device is to create a part-time Legislature in place of the full-time one we have now.

As the authoritative "Book of the States" concludes: "The amount of time a legislature spends in session and the level of compensation paid to its members have a direct impact on the type of member found in legislative bodies. Those states with longer sessions and higher salaries have, for the most part, a larger number of members that consider the legislature their career."

Second, more and better people could serve if they didn't have to give up their families or working careers for full-time politics.

Third, part-time legislators would literally do less — fewer bills, less micro-managing of executive departments — than they do now.

Nationally, legislators introduce an average of 100,000 bills each year, of which something like 20 percent actually pass. Result: a tower of superstructure of law and regulation which threatens to strangle our ability to get anything done.

Fourth, part-time legislators would not be paid enough to make them financially dependent on getting re-elected and, thereby, on special interest groups.

THIS IS where the overwhelming influence of special interest money comes in. Consider:

- More than \$6.6 million was contributed by special interest PACs to our state legislators during the 1990 election.
- The average member of the House took 68 percent of total campaign funds from PACs.

Are those states worse off than Michigan because they lack the constant vigilance of a full-time legislature? Plainly, no.

WHY WOULD a part-time legislature improve things? I see four reasons.

First, legislators would truly be citizen politicians instead of careerists. They would have real jobs, spend time with the people they represent, and reflect the people instead of the values of an entirely political culture.

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Philip Power

pay expenditures from PACs while the average senator took 56 percent. This means the average representative relied on individuals for only 22 percent of their campaign contributions.

Ever wonder why our Legislature seems more interested in special interests, PACs and lobbyists than you? Look no further.

So the second device is public funding of election campaigns.

The more radical version is public funding of all elections to the Legislature. Give each incumbent and nominated challenger X dollars. Ban all other expenditures. My lawyer friends tell me that's likely to violate the First Amendment.

So support the Michigan Common Cause proposal to require matching contributions from individuals for each dollar in PAC money spent by candidates. It's half a loaf, but it's better than what we have.

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

from our readers

Teachers' pay needs to be cut

To the editor: The massive budget problems facing the Plymouth/Canton School System, we need to consider alternatives other than cutting back on services or simply asking the voters for another millage increase.

It is my understanding that the average pay of a tenured teacher in Plymouth/Canton is \$45,000 per year. With only 182 work days at 8 hours per day, that translates to \$41.67 per hour. This is while the average Plymouth/Canton resident is earning only \$20 per hour (\$40,000 per year, 250 working days per year, 8 hours per day). In addition, the current teacher contract provides for additional pay increases of 4 and 7 percent over the next two years.

With over 80 percent of the school budget going to payroll, a slight reduction in pay would more than offset the budget shortfall. I think it is time to re-open the contract and make some adjustments before asking the voters for another tax increase.

Bill Heldhoff, Plymouth

Pet week gets howl from reader

To the editor: National Pets (Pests) week is fast approaching. It's that time of year when we honor the long-suffering neighbors of dog owners (pests), who turn their dogs (pests) out early each morning, permitting them to bark, yelp and howl all day disturbing everyone excepting the owner.

We also pay tribute to the neighbors of the dog owners (pests) who turn their dogs (pests) out early each morning, permitting them to bark, yelp and howl all day disturbing everyone excepting the owner.

Another variation of this is the dog owner (pet) taking their dog (pet) for its "exercise" walk each day and somehow always having their back turned or looking up to the sky while their dog does its thing on your lawn. Look along all the walks in town and you'll see evidence of this everywhere.

The highest rating goes to the dog owners (pests) who take their dogs to the local parks where our young people play. They release their dogs which then make their deposits of "doggy doo" all through the playing area and at the same time urinating on all the playground equipment.

Take a walk through our parks after a warm rain. The odor is nauseating. My comments do not apply to the many thoughtful pet owners who do properly accept their responsibility for the care of their pets at home and carry pooper-scoopers along on their daily walks.

Now the (pests) simply pawn off their cleanup responsibility on their neighbors resulting in our lawn not being as clean and as nice a place as it should be.

I would ask our police to enforce the leash, licensing and habitual barking and running at large ordinance.

I would also suggest our City Commission enact a "pooper scooper" ordinance and ban the use of our public streets and parks as dog runs as all responsible citizens in our metropolitan area have already done.

I would also ask Plymouth residents to make their wishes known to City Hall and the police department responsible for enforcement of pet ordinances.

Harold Monet, Plymouth

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points of view

Enforcers may have 'gone fishing'

"SOME HIGH-CLASS columnist you are!"

When Lem Mese, the retired outdoors writer, came to a phone conversation that way, I know I'm due for an earful.

His aspersions on my ability to influence our public officials struck me to the quick. "Go ahead," I told him, hunkering down.

"You wrote a column couple years back about our crazy fishing regulations — all the footnotes and that," he said. "It was slick, but it didn't budge them Lansing lawyers. This year's regulations are worse than ever."

I had barely glanced at the 1992 Fishing Guide, noting only that the print job was bad, almost as if the Department of Natural Resources didn't want you to read it. Corporations do that — use small gray type — when they've had a losing year. But you expect governmental rules to be printed clearly.

"LOOK AT pages 12-13, the centerfold," Lem went on. "There's one extra reference to 'see regulations by county,' under bass. And there's a new note under the daily creel limit for sturgeon."



Tim Richard

That bugs Lem, who started fishing as a kid when the guide was one simple chart with columns for the species, season, size limit and creel limit. Today the guide is 24 pages, and the centerfold has 18 footnotes, plus the references to county regulations.

"Look at the cover — the picture of the sunfish leaping from the water to get a popper. You ever see a sunfish break water? A sunfish slurps down a popper. Picture the popper."

"And look where they got it. It tells on page 3," he said. Sure enough, the picture credit was "Minnesota Library. With all the wildlife artists we have in Michigan, our DNR was buying a Minnesota picture of a stuffed sunfish breaking water."

"Look at the rules changes on page 4 — a full dozen of 'em," Lem

shouted. "Get this: 'Fishing restricted to single hooks not larger than 3/8 inches pt. to shank in the Bear and Boyne Rivers.' How's a body to know what size hook is illegal on two particular streams? Ain't realistic. Hell's bells, you gotta read the turn 24-page pamphlet for every lake and stream in the state!" I didn't argue.

"TURN TO PAGE 15 — the spearing ban rules. Here's where you really fell down on the job, Mr. High-Toned Newspaperman," he said. Lem Mese holds the press personally responsible for the deterioration at DNR.

"First it tells you that the listed lakes are closed to spearing. Then in parentheses it says, 'no, they're not closed to spearing carp. May 1 to Aug. 15. Then there's an exception for spearing pike on lakes with a plus sign."

"Then it lists certain lakes in darker type where hook and line fishing is restricted to the Last Saturday in April to Nov. 30 for pike and muskie. Then it says that lakes with an asterisk have a 30-inch size limit for pike."

"So tell me what you can do on

Lake Hudson in Lenawee County. It's in dark type, there's an asterisk, and on top of that there's a footnote. I didn't know, but I had an answer.

"I was there last year. Never got a bite. Skip Lake Hudson."

Lem was winding down. "You got rules for tagged salmon, ice shanties, unlawful methods, snagging, netting, definitions, special regs for the Sylvania Wilderness, Wisconsin boundary waters, extended season trout streams, spearing, lake trout refuges (in a special publication called CPT 104), designated trout lakes, four pages of special regs by counties and three pages of fish consumption advisories. No matter what you do, you're likely to break a rule."

"Then why do you still go fishing?" I asked.

"Heck, the way the state is cuttin' back on game wardens — along with welfare and the arts and mental hospitals — not much chance of getting caught if I make an honest mistake," the sage replied. "John Engler was't kiddin' when he said he'd give us less government."

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional news.

Basketball hype masks problems

THE ANNUAL basketball hysteria is aptly hyped as the sport event best described as madness, swept millions of sport fans away over the past several weeks.

An added bonus to those of us who live here was the awesome play of Michigan's Fab Five. Who would have believed that a quintet of young men from the inner core of this country's most feared cities would enthrall and captivate a populace so large and diverse as ours.

WHO AMONG us didn't speak with pride to our friends, families and co-workers about the way these youth, one year removed from high school, handled the pressure of the big time.

There they were. Poised on the brink of immortality in the championship game, coached by a seeming team of veterans supporting this group of five man-children sought to create a legend. That the deciding game developed into a disappointing rout — a lopsided 71-51 victory by Duke — a dynasty in the making, did not detract from the tremendous accomplishment of the Michigan 5 X's — a dynasty in waiting.

At the conclusion of the final



Jeffrey Miller

game a strange thing occurred which set the tongues of local media and others wagging. Eager camera crews, waiting after the game in the tunnel leading to the dressing room, captured an angry and disappointed Chris Webber. His game face still firmly in place, his adolescent bravado in full flower, Webber looked dead into the lens and mouthed the 12-letter curse word with maximum frequency among many in the community.

Post-mouthed immaturity, the analysts said. "A youthful competitor caught up in the moment," apologists declared. "They played hard. They thrilled us. They made us proud. Don't put down our heroes."

WHILE THIS was going on, a tiny liberal arts college with minimum black enrollment was making a big noise. White kids and black kids were duking it out, resorting to fists.

angry words and foul-mouthed bravado, hurling epithets and other projectiles at each other in the alleged defense of a young white girl's honor, supposedly bemirrored by a group of black males.

The melee resulted in massive protest by black students (if protest can be called massive with a handful of individuals), demands for expulsion of the whites allegedly a fault, sit-in activity, parent/administrator meetings and ultimatums.

The situation became truly scary when fires were set on a mainly black student dormitory floor and death threats, purportedly by the Ku Klux Klan were delivered to one student via telephone answering machines. Ultimately, in a pathetic display of solidarity and capitulation, the black students, some of them three weeks short of graduation, left the tiny college.

The moral of this tale? Confusion reigns, while the Crown Prince — big guy, white in the wings.

We have made slam dunking, trash talking, ball handling, hang gliders heroes and multi-millionaires. The fact that these young hoop superstars are a few steps removed from the ghettos of America is not an issue, only their ball prowess is important because it

makes money for the status quo. There is no racial animosity toward the sport demi-gods. As long as they are in their basketball uniforms performing for the entertainment of the masses they are non-threatening.

But if a black individual seeks to compete in the halls of academia as in the tiny college southwest of Lansing, then that person should be feared — they might take a job or a woman or an opportunity or a man.

THEY MIGHT become a threat and because these blacks are from the inner cities they become suspect, another example of affirmative action, special benefits and set-aside programs.

The basketball greats are lionized as heroes, the scholar-athletes are scorned as troublemakers. Our priorities are out of whack. In this region of Detroit, fear-of-alien races is a cancer eating us from within. We have the capacity to identify with other cultures it seems only through sport. Knowledge, the mothers milk of civilization is, it appears an afterthought. I know all too well about the shooting percentages and other basketball statistics of the Fab Five. What I don't know is how are their grades.

Students who don't master a subject stay after school with the teachers' support until they comprehend at a minimum what they should know.

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Budget dilemma

Local needs must be priority

ASK ANY TRANSPLANTED Detroit or first-generation suburbanite. Good schools and top-notch municipal services are most always high on the list when it comes to putting down roots. Those factors — along with attractive, affordable housing and accessibility to Detroit — have fueled expansion in western Wayne and Oakland Counties for more than 30 years.

Communities and school districts have happily encouraged and absorbed this growth and the tax dollars it brings with it. The bigger-is-better philosophy has always worked, especially during the 1980s, when government used skyrocketing property assessments and mushrooming commercial development to meet a burgeoning payroll.

But the suburban climate has changed dramatically in just the last few years, courtesy of the recession and grass-roots property tax reform efforts as well as those coming from Lansing. How well cities, townships and school districts adapt to those changes will determine their fate.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE don't see a whole lot of long-term, progressive thinking out there on the suburban frontier. Instead, those on the supply-side of the public sector continue along the path of least resistance — divvying up revenue in handsome contract settlements while laying off employees, cutting capital expenditures and trimming "unnecessary frills."

Some recent examples:

- In Southfield, a proposed \$80.8 million budget for 1992-93 represents "responsible, restrained and lean-operating" government, according to Mayor Donald Praccassi. A decision to leave 30 positions vacant will help the city maintain last year's budget level and the city will borrow \$537,201 from its rainy day fund to balance the proposed budget. Contract re-openers for city employees or possible pay freezes aren't addressed.

- Birmingham's QE-21 Committee (Quality Education for the 21st Century) of parents and school board members has studied possible layoffs, a shorter school day and bus route changes to make up for an expected \$17 million cut during the next three years due to changes in state funding of Birmingham Public Schools. However, the district's 1992-93 budget will grow by just over 6 percent to \$67.8 million due primarily to increases in salaries and utility costs.

Lean times mean those who provide government services need to radically re-think the way they do business. Although the two are not mutually exclusive, meeting community needs still takes priority over satisfying employee expectations.

• An arbitrator awards Livonia firefighters 10 1/2 percent raises over two years as the city grapples with cutting \$1.7 million from its budget to make up for decreases in state-shared revenue. City Council members Wednesday were expected to approve a budget-cutting recommendation which includes a hiring freeze and cancellation or delay of several capital improvement projects.

FOR YEARS GOVERNMENT has used this kind of tactic to bully its way into support for tax increases that pay for restoration of programs and fat contracts.

A casual glance at recent elections will tell you that philosophy just won't cut it anymore with suburban voters.

We would be the last to argue that government should run like private industry.

That oversimplification ignores the fact that school districts and municipalities are required by law to provide some level of service to the communities they serve. After all, when was the last time a court ordered Ford Motor Co. to have better ideas?

Still, lean times mean those who provide government services need to radically re-think the way they do business. Although the two are not mutually exclusive, meeting community needs still takes priority over satisfying employee expectations. And the next round of contract negotiations would be the best place to start.

Cutting the level of service to residents should be a last-gasp solution, not the first option when it comes to functioning under declining revenue.

While administrators and unions are feverishly working at reducing the size of government, nobody apparently is pushing to cut the cost. The losers live residents who end up with a lower level of the very services that attracted them to the community in the first place.

State aid axe

Senate targets well-off districts - again

By Tim Richard
staff writer

State senators have invented a new name for "recapture" — the practice of taking categorical aid from well-off school districts. Their new jargon is "equity correction."

Instead of taking \$60 million from well-off districts, "equity correction" will cost them \$107 million under the Senate state school aid bill for next fall.

More than 50 out-of-formula districts, which get no general state aid, are suing the state for cutting off special purpose aid such as special education.

THE SCHOOL aid bill is the work of Sens. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, and John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. Both are determined to narrow the gap in resources between the poorest districts (\$2,500 per pupil) and the richest (\$9,000).

DeGrow, Schwarz and Faxon are the three members of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on school aid. "It's been a hard bill," DeGrow

said last week. He said the panel will report it out April 21. The full Appropriations Committee will take it up April 22.

DeGrow, whose rural Thumb district includes many of the state's poorest schools, argues there is no logic to any state payment to districts with large resources.

DeGrow and Schwarz were Senate leaders in passing the law to require wealthy districts to share half the growth in their business property taxes. Gov. John Engler wants to repeal the so-called tax-base sharing. DeGrow's aid bill keeps it.

MEANWHILE, DeGrow and Schwarz proposed expanding Michigan's 4-percent sales tax to out-of-state catalog orders and long-distance telephone calls.

It would raise \$136 million, with \$120 million going to education.

They would allocate \$84 million to schools, \$6 million to community colleges, \$33 million to universities and \$12 million to general revenue sharing.

DeGrow proposes holding down

rising school costs by having the Office of the State Employer negotiate contracts instead of local districts. "Current contracts for public school employees are out of line with what's going on with most of the public and private sector," he said.

HERE IS what the school aid bill (Senate Bill 226) looks like so far:

- **Total spending** — \$3 billion, up 5 percent over the current \$2.87 billion and a bit ahead of Engler's recommended \$2.92 billion.

- **Pupil count** — continue counting pupils on the fourth Friday of the fall semester. Engler wanted to use the previous year's average daily attendance — which would have hurt districts with high absentee rates. Detroit is one such district.

- **Social Security** — still in, but phased out over five years. The Senate bill would raise the total tab to \$450 million from the current \$443 million. Engler wanted to zero it out, let local districts pay their own and put the money into the school aid formula — helping poor districts,

hurting the well-off.

- **Tax-base sharing** — still in. Engler wanted to get rid of it in return for eliminating Social Security payments from the state.

- **Municipal overburden** — still in. Engler wanted to eliminate this \$20 million item, which aids heavily taxed areas such as Detroit, and put the money in the general aid fund.

- **Transportation for schools** of choice — \$13 million. Engler asked \$20 million. It's a new program.

- **Foreign language incentive** — \$15 per pupil. Current law also provides incentives for graduation, class size and quality.

- **Strike penalty** — a school district whose start is delayed by a strike would lose 1/180th of its aid for each day lost.

- **Architects' plans** — the state would establish a clearinghouse for school design plans. When a school is built, title to the plans and designs will be transferred to the state and available to other districts. Estimated savings: 10 to 15 percent in design fees.

How proposed plans affect local districts

Here are Senate Fiscal Agency estimates for school districts in the Observer & Eccentric area, taking both local property taxes and state aid (deductions) of per-pupil revenue under (a) current year, (b) Engler's proposal, (c) the DeGrow bill and (d) the percentage difference between the DeGrow bill and the current year:

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Clarenceville: \$6,103 — \$6,151 — \$6,268, up 2.7 percent.
Garden City: \$5,021 — \$5,052 — \$5,167, up 2.7 percent.
Livonia: \$6,001 — \$5,924 — \$6,019, up 0.3 percent.
Northville: \$6,609 — \$6,696 — \$6,810, up 3.1 percent.
Plymouth-Canton: \$4,946 — \$4,862 — \$5,005, up 1.2 percent.
Redford Union: \$4,720 — \$4,853

— \$4,853, up 2.8 percent.
South Redford: \$5,690 — \$5,541 — \$5,644, down 0.8 percent.
Wayne-Westland: \$5,835 — \$6,231 — \$5,784, down 0.9 percent.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Birmingham: \$9,216 — \$8,948 — \$9,148, down 0.7 percent.
Bloomfield Hills: \$9,694 — \$9,367 — \$9,734, up 0.4 percent.
Farmington: \$7,893 — \$7,607 — \$7,811, down 1 percent.
Novi: \$6,313 — \$6,102 — \$6,172, down 2.2 percent.
Southfield: \$9,589 — \$9,409 — \$9,272, down 3.3 percent.
South Lyon: \$4,482 — \$4,687 — \$4,812, up 7.4 percent.
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Michelle Cronan clears the ball from the Salem defensive zone Monday in the game against Canton. The state-ranked teams played to a scoreless tie.

JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

CEP teams battle to scoreless tie

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

soccer

Rocks are 4-1-2 and 3-0-2.

Each team thought it could win, and either one probably could have, which made for a double disappointment Monday when the Salem-Canton girls soccer game ended in a scoreless tie.

Of the two, Salem had more cause to regret the stalemated outcome, having outplayed the Chiefs in the second half and pressed the attack without result.

"I'm used to it; it happens a lot," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "I don't get upset about it. Sometimes you're lucky and can steal a win, too."

"I felt we played well enough to win, but you've got to put the ball in the net. I look at a tough game as if it could have been a squeaky loss, too. So it was OK in that regard. It didn't hurt our confidence."

Canton remained undefeated at 5-0-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The

THOUGH THERE was no winner, the game was not devoid of losses, however. Salem suffered a setback when junior defender Shelby Carey suffered torn knee ligaments and was lost for the season, according to Johnson.

"It will hurt us but we came back and played well without her," he said, recalling the play of substitutes Sue Parrish and Sara Stubblefield after Carey was injured with 17 minutes left in the first half. "We'll have to tighten our belt, and we have a good bench."

Following a first half that lacked offense, save for one shot on goal apiece, Johnson adjusted his lineup and found the spark Salem needed.

Kris Goff went from the midfield to center striker, Kelly Lukasko to midfield from right wing and Mandy Drummond from striker to right wing. That combination helped the Rocks keep the ball in the Canton zone for much of the second half.

"We had a lot of good runs, and they had to foul to stop us," Johnson said. "I thought we were the better soccer team. They were a little more aggressive and rough than we thought they would be."

Canton goalkeeper Jori Welchans went to the ground and covered the ball before Drummond could take a shot on three occasions in the second half and denied Goff twice. Welchans also grabbed an airborne ball from a corner kick in front of the Canton goal.

"Their goalie played well," Johnson said. "She took the ball off Mandy's foot a couple times. My hat is off to her."

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Salem, Canton post baseball victories

Chris Tomas won his third baseball game without a loss Monday as he pitched Plymouth Salem to a 4-2 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The senior right-hander scattered six hits and walked only two while striking out seven. Craig Brevik was the loser. Both pitchers went the seven-inning distance.

"He's been the guy so far," Salem coach John Gravin said of Tomas, "although we've had great pitching from our entire staff."

The Rocks, defending Class A champions, were 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association prior to playing North Farmington on Wednesday and 3-1-2 overall. The Spartans are 0-3 in the division.

Senior shortstop Ed Gundry, who had a 370-foot home run, and Chip Wadowski had two hits apiece for Salem. Wadowski's hit

were both doubles, and he knocked in two runs.

Gundry, who had one RBI and scored two runs, has hit three homers this season and has hit safely in 10 of 13 chances. He also is 3-of-3 stealing bases.

The Rocks trailed 2-1 after Stevenson scored twice in the top of the third inning, but they rallied with two in the bottom half to go ahead.

After Gundry walked and stole second, Dan Hutchinson was hit by a pitch and Al Hysko moved the runners up with a sacrifice. Wadowski unloaded a two-run double.

In tournament play Saturday in the Ypsilanti Invitational, the Rocks lost to Willow Run (8-6) and tied the host Braves (2-2) and Southgate Anderson (7-7).

Salem committed four errors in the first game, and the Flyers scored four unearned runs. The Rocks left the bases loaded three

times and 11 runners stranded.

Kurt Singleton was the losing pitcher. Wadowski had two hits and two RBI, Bryan Danek two hits and one RBI.

Ypsilanti pitcher Chris Dessellier, a 6-foot-6 right-hander who has signed with Eastern Michigan, limited the Rocks to two hits.

Gundry, another EMU recruit, homered for Salem, which scored another run on a passed ball. Jeff Thursby pitched four innings and Brandon Walton three as the duo combined for a Salem five-hitter.

The Rocks tied Southgate when Gundry hit a two-out triple to score Danek in the top of the seventh. Gundry and Danek had two hits apiece.

CANTON 6, CHURCHILL 0: Frank Learned pitched a five-hit shutout Monday to lead the Chiefs to the WLAA Western Division victory at Churchill. He struck out seven and walked two.

"He pitched an excellent ballgame," Canton coach Fred Crissey said. "He was in charge and when things got tough and he had to do things he got them done."

Mark Rutherford went six innings for the Chargers and gave up six runs. He struck out nine and walked one but allowed 10 hits. Jason Carter finished on the mound.

Mike Stafford and Learned had two hits apiece for the Chiefs, 2-1 in the division and 3-2 overall. Marc Pennabaker hit a two-run single for Canton, and Mark Shankowski, Ben Hendricks, Jon Paupore and Stafford had one RBI each.

"We've gotten good pitching and hit the ball hard in the last two games," Canton coach Fred Crissey said. "You never know if you've turned the corner, but the first couple times I think we were feeling our way."

"When Grosse Pointe nailed us (Saturday), that was a wake-up call and the last two have been a little better."

The Chiefs split a double-header with visiting Grosse Pointe North, a state semifinalist last year. Canton lost the first game 8-5 and won the second 7-1.

Jon Stimac, who suffered a broken hand last month, pitched in his first game and went four innings to earn the victory in the nightcap. He allowed just three hits, struck out three and walked one. Brad Paskievitch worked the last three.

Canton had 14 hits, including two apiece from Jason Kovach, Learned, Brian Tiel and Paskievitch. Kovach and Tiel had two RBI each, Learned and Paskievitch one apiece.

Richard Haskell pitched a complete game for North in the first, allowing six hits.

Chiefs are champs in softball tourney

Plymouth Canton averaged 5 1/2 hits per softball game Saturday but had no trouble winning the inaugural championship of its own Canton Invitational.

It's not that Canton is a weak hitting team, but the Chiefs didn't have to do much at the plate with Kelly Holmes pitching.

The junior sensation was the winner in three of the four tournament victories and recorded her second no-hitter of the season.

Holmes allowed just four hits and three walks in 21 innings and struck out 25. She is 6-0 with 65 strikeouts this year, and she has given up just five hits and six walks overall.

In the tournament opener, Holmes no-hit Livonia Ladywood and fanned 10 as the Chiefs won 2-0. Canton blanked Lake Orion in the next game when Holmes threw a one-hitter and allowed two walks.

Sara Rowe, Holly Miller and Nicole Sequin had Canton's three hits in the first game. Julie Nicastri and Stacy Movinski drove in the runs with a pair of groundouts.

The Chiefs got three hits again against Lake Orion, with Miller having two and Rowe an RBI single. Renee Dory and Sarah Schimmelpfenneg knocked in the other runs with a ground ball and a sacrifice, respectively.

JUNIOR PITCHER Colleen Baker replaced Holmes in the third game and did well, leading the Chiefs to an 18-4 victory over Pinckney. She gave up only four hits, fanned four and walked two.

"She struck out the first batter and then gave up two hits," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "After that she started setting them down. I was real pleased with her performance."

Canton supported Baker with 10 hits and an eight-run fifth inning in which Schimmelpfenneg and Rowe had two-run singles and Miller and Michelle Metzger drove in one run each.

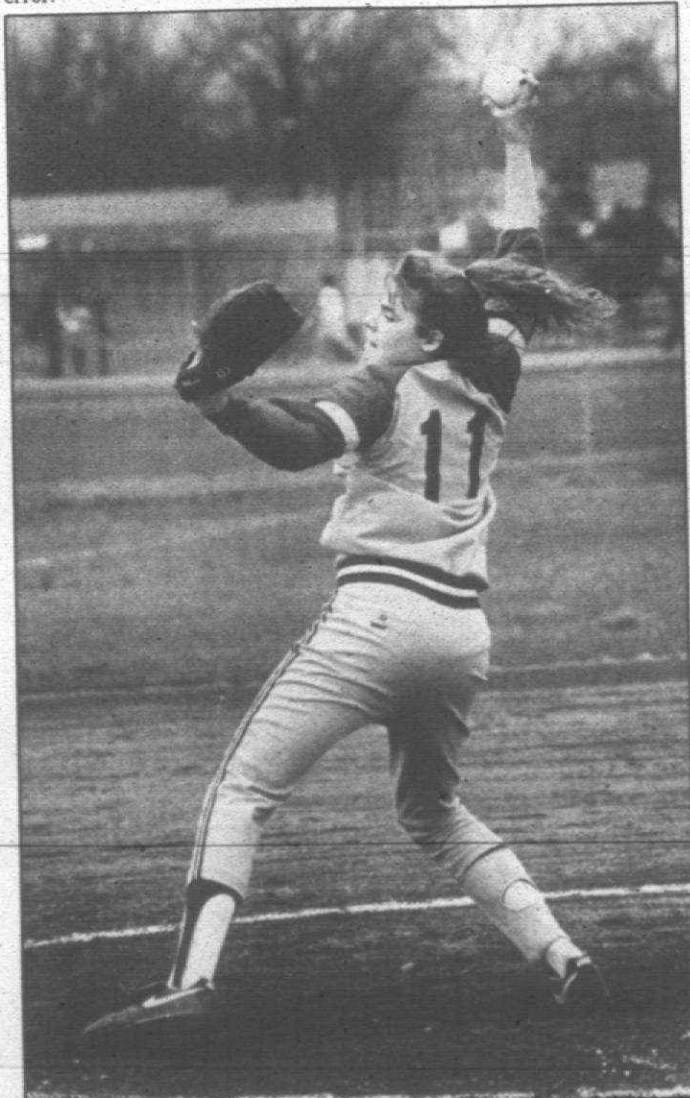
Miller was 3-for-4 with four RBI, and Karrie Drinkhahn also had two RBI with a base hit.

Holmes returned to pitch the championship game, a 9-3 win over Farmington Hills Mercy in which she allowed three hits, struck out

seven and walked none. The Chiefs led 9-0 after two innings, scoring seven runs in the second on four hits, two walks and an error.

Rowe, Dory and Miller had RBI singles in the second inning. Rowe and Sequin knocked in a run each in

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Kelly Holmes pitched another no-hitter and won three games in the Canton tournament.

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Potent bats guide Madonna victories

The pitching might not have been as dominating as coach Dave Racer hoped — particularly in Sunday's doubleheader split with Lake Superior State — but the hitting of Madonna University's softball team was awesome.

In winning three of four non-NIAA District 23 games, the Lady Crusaders battered opposing pitchers for 48 runs on 47 hits. They raised their overall record to 16-11; their district mark remains 3-1.

Against Lake Superior Sunday, Madonna lost the opener 14-5 but bounced back to win the second 12-8. Kristen Wasil was shelled in losing the first game, giving up all 14 runs on 14 hits and seven walks. Tracy Vachon got the win in the second, allowing eight runs on 10 hits and four walks.

"They looked good and we looked bad," was Racer's description of the first game loss, which included four Madonna errors. "It was not one of our better games."

Kay Lee Davis was the only Crusader to get two hits. A seven-run third inning propelled the Lakers into the lead and kept them there.

MADONNA'S OFFENSE began to click in the second game. The Crusaders struck for five runs in the first inning, two scoring on a Jill Burt double and two more on a Davis triple. Holly Jondro singled in Davis to make it 5-0.

Madonna made it 7-0 on Burt's RBI double and Jondro's run-scoring single in the second. Davis and Wasil each had run-producing singles in the fourth, and Burt knocked in one run on a triple in the fifth and scored another on a Kim Supron sacrifice fly, making it 11-3. Megan Arms, Madonna's sixth-inning single got the Crusaders' final run home.

Shamrocks rout Lahser

Redford Catholic Central remained unbeaten (5-0) after thumping Bloomfield Hills Lahser 14-1 in a five-inning baseball game Monday at Lahser.

Senior right-hander Dan Gusoff was the winning pitcher. He went the first three innings and did not give up a run, allowing three hits and a walk and striking out three. Jerry Nowowski relieved and hurled the final two innings, giving up a run on three hits, fanning two.

Paul Kuhn triggered the Shamrock attack with three hits, scoring three times and knocking in two runs. Scott Kapla added two hits and three RBIs, and Eric Justice contributed two hits and two runs scored.

CC's four first-inning runs came courtesy of three errors on the Knights (now 1-2). Their five-run fourth was ignited by back-to-back doubles by Kuhn and Kapla, followed by an RBI triple by Gusoff.

CC 7-2. BROTHER RICE 6-0. The Shamrocks came back from a 6-0 deficit in Saturday's opener to edge Birmingham Brother Rice 7-6 in nine innings, then used a two-hit pitching gem from Dave Susalla to sweep the Warriors in the nightcap at Capitol Park.

Senior righthander Scott Kapla had problems in the first game but he managed to record the win, despite allowing six runs on six hits and 10 walks. He struck out six.

The Shamrocks finally tied the game with two runs in the sixth. After a walk to Brett Walker, Paul Kuhn's grounder was booted, allowing Walker to score and moving Kuhn into scoring position. Eric Jus-

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• SPIELMAN AT P-C

Detroit Lions linebacker Chris Spielman will attend a non-contact football clinic at Plymouth Canton High School for boys ages 8 to 14 on Saturday, July 11. All area boys are welcome to register for the clinic, meet Spielman and receive a free T-shirt. Enrollment is limited. For an application or further information, call 420-0976 or 453-7866.

• SOCCER NOTICE

The Canton Soccer Club over-30 men's league is in need of players. Anyone interested in playing should call Bob Dow at 981-1584.

• FISHING DERBY

The Fifth Annual Kids Fishing Derby will be Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3. The fee is \$1 per child to be paid the day of the event. Canton boys and girls between the ages of 3 (by May 2) and 15 are eligible.

The derby will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Participants can only sign-up for a one-hour time period. Advance registration is required beginning Monday, April 13, and ending Thursday, April 30.

For information or to register call the Canton Parks and Recreation Department at 397-5110.

• TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis lessons are being offered through Canton Parks and Recreation Services for six weeks from April 27 to June 5. The fee is \$27 for Canton residents, \$32 for non-residents.

People of all ability levels can sign up. Age groups are youth (7-12), juniors (13-17) and adults (18 and older). Certified professional Kristen Harrison will be the instructor. Call 397-5110 for information.

• GOLF LEAGUES

Senior citizens can play in a golf league Tuesday mornings, beginning May 5 at Fellow Creek Golf Course and continuing through Sept. 1. The fee is \$12 plus weekly greens fees.

The league is open to any area golfer age 55 and older. An informational meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the first-floor meeting room of the Township Administration Building. For information call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at 397-5110.

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Judging from the bewildered scowl on her face, the woman wasn't a turkey hunter. She probably won't be too excited at sunrise Monday when the 1992 spring wild turkey season begins. Thousands of hunters are expected to take to the woods in pursuit of Michigan's wary Eastern wild turkey during the spring season, which ends May 24.

Having missed out on a permit last year, my anticipation of the 1992 turkey camp is running at an all-time high.

LIKE MOST birds, the wild turkey is a vocal creature. To the unknowing ear the boisterous yelps, cackles and gobbles may seem like random noises, but each is actually a calculated, natural announcement, response or invitation depending on the situation.

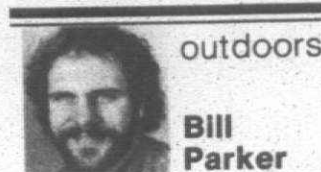
The blooming of spring marks the start of the mating season in the turkey woods. During the mating season, eager Toms, or mature male turkeys, are vulnerable to the insistent calling of a receptive hen. This vulnerability is what the successful turkey hunter will exploit.

Although no turkey call or tactic is guaranteed, the hunter that learns to use the proper call at the proper time will increase his chances for success.

The ability to master a call and imitate the sounds of a breeding hen is an important aspect of the hunt, as is scouting, setting up for a clear shot and complete camouflage. But equally as important as mastering the call is knowing which call to use and when to use it.

CERTAINLY THERE is no easy answer as to the question of exactly which call to use in which situation as each situation in the turkey woods is unique. But there are a few things a hunter can remember about calling to enhance the chances for success.

Locator calls, or predator calls, can be very effective in locating roosted birds either in the evening or



outdoors
Bill Parker

before first light. In the spring, Toms are eager for love and are constantly on the lookout for a receptive hen. They're antsy while on the roost and will often sound off at just about any loud, sharp sound. An owl hoot, the cawing of a crow or the screeching of a hawk will often send a Tom into a tumultuous uproar.

Once you've located a roosted gobble try to set up within 150 yards of him and begin with soft, quiet clucks to let him know a hen is near by. If he responds immediately, wait for him to fly down off the roost and lead him in with some occasional clucks and purrs.

WHEN YOU HAVEN'T located a roosted bird, but know there are turkeys in the area, it's a good idea to begin calling with soft, quiet clucks. Clucks or soft yelps may be all that is needed if the Tom is close by.

On the other hand, if he is close and you let loose with loud, sharp yelps or cackles it may frighten the bird into the next county without you ever knowing he was there.

If you start out soft and get no response, increase the volume of the call or try a different call. If you receive a response, continue using that call.

When a gobble sounds like he's getting closer, be patient. Sit tight for up to an hour or more and wait him out, even if he stops gobbling. Many times a Tom will come in silent for the final 50 to 80 yards so it may take him a while to come into view. Patience is the optimum tactic to employ in the turkey woods.

When a Tom gets hung up, or stops coming in, it sometimes helps to change locations. Throwing a call behind you may entice the gobble into thinking the hen is leaving and may renew his interest. If not, slowly and quietly back out of your posi-

tion and change locations, either to the right or left, then begin calling with another call. Again be patient and don't give up. Why leave one area in which you know there are birds to try somewhere else?

• BETSIE, PLATTE CLEANUP

The Benzie Area Steelheaders are looking for volunteers to help with the sixth annual dual river cleanup.

"Both the Betzie and the Platte are world famous steelhead and salmon rivers, and both rivers get their share of abuse. We need lots of volunteers to help clean stretches on both rivers," said George Richey, river cleanup chairman for the Benzie Area Steelheaders. "The more volunteers that show up, the more portions of the two rivers that can be cleaned."

Volunteers should bring waders, rakes and hoes. A sharp knife also comes in handy to cut monofilament line from tree limbs. Drift boats and canoes will be on both rivers to help carry bags of trash downstream to dumpsters.

"What a great way to give something back to the rivers that produce so many fish and thrills for local and visiting fishermen alike," Richey said. "A day spent helping the Benzie Area Steelheaders on their annual river cleanup is a day well spent. The cleanup makes a tremendous amount of difference in the quality of both rivers, both in the water and along the banks."

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Homestead dam site on the Betzie River at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16. For more information, contact Richey at (616) 882-4571.

(Anglers and turkey hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009 or call Bill Parker Monday evenings, 6-10 p.m., at 644-1101, ext. 241.)

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Polish opera MOT to stage 'King Roger'

The Polish opera "King Roger" will be presented at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit, 8 p.m. May 2, 6, and 9. For tickets, call 874-SING.

MOST OPERA lovers have not even heard of Michigan Opera Theatre's spring season opener "King Roger." But, it is being considered a major cultural event by metro Detroit's Polish American community.

When the curtain goes up on the production Saturday, May 2 at Masonic Temple in Detroit, it will be only the third time this Karol Szymanowski masterpiece, well known throughout Europe, will have been staged in the United States. It is being sung in Polish with English subtitles.

"IT IS a very avant-garde opera and takes a sophisticated soul to understand it," said Zofia Fafarski of Bloomfield Hills, founder of Bal Polonaise, the organization that has raised almost half of the \$125,000 needed to mount this new production.

Since MOT presented its last Polish opera 10 years ago, "The Haunted Castle," Fafarski has been dedicated to bringing more Polish operas to Detroit. More than anyone else, she is responsible for the successful production of this opera.

The opera is a 19th century opera composed by Szymanowski 72 years ago. Any avant-garde or sophisticated qualities refer to the opera's unfamiliarity not to a dissonant contemporary style. A new recording, the only one available, shows it to be a rather compelling dramatic piece.

When Dickens wrote "Tale of Two Cities," he didn't have Detroit and Ann Arbor in mind. It is impossible to say whether being exposed to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra would have inspired him to write an novel, but the story of this important cultural institution deserves to be told, even if the space available is considerably less.

Overshadowed by the greater lure of Michigan's two cities, the Plymouth Symphony has proved capable to hold its own for 46 seasons, and it is still going strong.

The latest event, Sunday, April 12, took place in a setting that was markedly different from the typical concert hall. People were seated around dining tables in the Golden Fox hall of the Fox Hills Country Club.

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David DiChiera, general director of Michigan Opera Theatre, and a resident of Bloomfield Hills, chose the opera and calls it magnificent.

"It has the impressionism of Claude Debussy with the orchestral power and tonalities of Richard Strauss. Musically it is very difficult," he said.

That "orchestral power" demands a large 65-piece orchestra to support the enormous 60 member adult and children's chorus in Act I, which DiChiera has put under the musical direction of Richard Weitach, Metropolitan Opera staff conductor.

THE OPERA is only an hour and 20 minutes long, but it is going to take major voices to sing it. Izabella Kosinska, principal soprano at the Grand Theatre of Warsaw, Poland portrays Queen Roxana. She sings the only known aria which begins on a high A flat.

An American tenor, Stephen O'Mara is the Shepherd, Ukrainian baritone, Andrii Skurhan appears in the title role. Ann Arbor Metropolitan Opera star George Shirley will sing Ediris.

"Skurhan sings in a Polish opera house, but I chose O'Mara because of his 'clarion' voice and his charismatic qualities on stage," said DiChiera, fending off criticism for not

choosing a more famous Polish opera singer.

As one may expect, Plymouth is a closely knit community, to a far greater degree than its larger urban neighboring cities. This was manifested when Russell Reed, the conductor and musical director of the Plymouth Symphony, yielded briefly his baton to Robert Jones who is the city's mayor.

Jones conducted with gusto Goldman's march "On the March," and was joined by the singing and cheering audience. This evoked some wishful thinking on my part — that artistic leadership of some sort would be made a prerequisite of all our elect-



ary chairman of the King Roger Fund. The fund seeks contributors from the Polish community in Detroit and throughout the U.S. for support of MOT's upcoming presentation of "King Roger."

An array of special activities are planned. An exhibit focusing on Karol Szymanowski, his life, and his opera "King Roger" will be on display at the Detroit Public Library mid-April through May. Izabella Kosinska will sing at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 19, during Easter Mass at St. Albertus Church, in Detroit.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a full-time teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

Enthusiastic Plymouth Symphony presents fine show

THE PROGRAM, featuring light selections from musical entertainment pieces, was preceded by a sumptuous meal, followed by pastries and coffee during the intermission.

As one may expect, Plymouth is a closely knit community, to a far greater degree than its larger urban neighboring cities. This was manifested when Russell Reed, the conductor and musical director of the Plymouth Symphony, yielded briefly his baton to Robert Jones who is the city's mayor.

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Chuck Muer is hoping to hook guests by treating them like "Big Fish" at his newest restaurant opening 4 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn.

The name, Big Fish, signifies the way we want our guests to feel at our restaurant — like "big fish," said John Cleveland, general manager for Big Fish. "But that's only part of what we offer. We created our menu and decor to suit all types of occasions — business lunches, after-work cocktails, dinner, entertaining, or just plain having fun."

The menu, developed by executive chef Charles D. "Chef Rocky" Raczewski of Livonia, features Barbecued Bluefish with Black and White Beans, Tuscan Shrimp Pasta, Fennel Haddock Delmonico with Duchess Potatoes, Whole Lake Trout, Salt-Baked, and an expansive Steamer/Pasta Bar.

The restaurant will offer an array of traditional and non-tradition wines, many under \$20 a bottle. There is also an extensive list of beers and cocktails as well as non-alcoholic beverages, including fresh juices, beers, wines, cappuccino, espresso and mixed drinks.

There are two open dining rooms, an outdoor terrace, and a steamer/cocktail bar. A piano bar and swing jazz trio will regularly set the mood at night.

"We have taken the attitude that we are not going to participate in the recession by pulling back and cutting staff, restaurant hours, etc.," said Muer. "Instead, we are aggressively taking action by doing more on every front. We have doubled the staff of the original Fairlane Charley's, remodeled and re-themed the restaurant, and revised our menu and recipes to include great new items."

Big Fish will be open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; and Sunday 1-9 p.m. Menu prices start at \$5 for lunch, and \$10 for dinner which includes a choice of soup or salad. The restaurant is at 700 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, 336-6350.

Executive chef, Mike Dopkowski of Troy comes to Big Fish from Charley's in Troy.

Jeffrey D. LaPointe of Rochester Hills, is division chef for the C.A. Muer Corporation. His duties include monitoring kitchen operations and menus at Big Fish in Dearborn; Pal's in West Bloomfield; Chuck Muer's Roadhouse in Toledo, Ohio; Merivether's in Southfield, and Johnny Magnum's in Farmington Hills.

Events to celebrate National Music Week

"Music, A Gift to Develop" is the theme of the 69th annual observance of National Music Week sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The Birmingham Musicale, and Farmington Musicale are planning a week of special events April 26 through May 2 at Tel-Twelve Mall on Telegraph at 12 Mile Road in Southfield. All performances are free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 26, 1:30 p.m., Sally Geden, Klein, vocalist, Harriet Geden, accompanist; 2:30 p.m., Irene Mattutani and Marion Slatcynski, piano duet; 3:30 p.m., Southfield High School "Limited Edition," Nina Flannigan, director.

Monday, April 27, 11 a.m. to noon, Derby Middle School, seventh and eighth grade band and chorus; 12:30 p.m., Lenora McCoskey, pianist; 1:30 p.m., The Singing Seniors; 2:30 p.m., Cleone Evans, pianist; 7:30 p.m., Barbershop chorus.

Tuesday, April 28, 11 a.m., Berkshire Middle School band; 12:30 p.m., The Junior League Chorus of Birmingham; 1:30 p.m., Southfield Chime Ringers; 7 p.m., North Farmington High School Jazz Band.

Wednesday, April 29, 10:30-11 a.m., West Maple Middle School band and strings; 1 p.m., The Farmington Musicale Women's Chorus.

4:30 p.m., Southfield High School Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m., Cantate.

Thursday, April 30, 10:30 a.m., Birmingham Musicale String Ensemble; 11:30 a.m., Birmingham Musicale Choral Ensemble; 1 p.m., Morrine Silverman and Jan Smith, piano duet; 2:30 p.m., Milford Musicale Chorus; 5 p.m., Van Hoesen eighth grade, show choir; 7 p.m., "Chordially Yours," Sweet Adeline's Quartet.

Friday, May 1, 11:30 a.m., Power Middle School Orchestra; 1 p.m., Joan Bunker, vocalist, Judy Istock, accompanist; 2:30 p.m., Southfield-Lathrup High School vocal music department; 4:30 p.m., Judith Basso and Arthur Greenwald, vocal duet; Eugenia Hunton, accompanist; 7 p.m., Beatrice Garshott, vocalist.

Sunday, May 2, 1 p.m., Metropolitan Youth Symphony String Orchestra; 1:30 p.m., Metropolitan Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra; 3 p.m., Franziska Schoenfeld and Ruth Weingarten, piano duet; 4 p.m., The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society; 5 p.m., Olson & Company, Flugel Horn and Voice; 6:30 p.m., The Madrigal Choral Chamber Choir of Southfield.

table talk

Easter brunch

On Easter Sunday 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Pals restaurant in West Bloomfield, 5656 W. Maple, is launching a combination "sit-down" menu brunch and cold buffet table. Guests can enjoy either or both while listening to the piano stylings of Vladimir Bourmistrov. Cost is \$5 when ordered with a menu entree or \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children when ordered by itself. Call 855-5584 for information, reservations.

Hats Off to Our Chefs

The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation presents Hats Off to Our Chefs, 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 20 at Industry Nightclub in Pontiac. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts and dancing. Honored chefs include: Chef Richard Benson, Schoolcraft College; Chef Matthew Prentice, Unique Restaurant Corporation; Deli Unique, Sebastian's Tavern on 13 & Morels; Chef Milos Chibulka, Golden Mushroom. Event begins 6 p.m. with a VIP reception \$75 per person which includes open bar, food and gift. General admission \$25 per person, in advance, \$30 at the door, starts 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 445-6666, 354-6565 or 334-1988.

Ultimate Sports Bar & Grill

Nino Cutraro, owner of the Metropolitan Musicale in Farmington Hills and Royal Oak, opened the Ultimate Sports Bar & Grill at 40 W. Pike Street in downtown Pontiac April 8. The 22,000-square-foot, two-level building features 40 large and small television monitors throughout the bar. Three satellite dishes bring in sports broadcasts from around the world, and game scores are electronically displayed on computerized message screens. One of the bar's attractions is a 20 by 30 foot wall erected for "mountain climbing" enthusiasts. Hours are 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 2 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Radisson Plaza at Town Center

Easter Brunch Buffet, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19 featuring smoked whitefish, apple crepes with brandy cinnamon sauce, waffles and gourmet omelettes made to order, baked chicken with hazelnut peach sauce. Cost \$17.95 adults, \$7.95 children under 10. Reservations suggested. Radisson Plaza Hotel at Town Center, Southfield, Call 827-1382.

Lucille's

Lucille's, 43711 Michigan, Canton is hosting a ride-a-thon to raise money for Detroit Children's Hospital. Participants are collecting pledges.

Golden Mushroom

Meet the 1992 Michigan Culinary Team at a special dinner at The Golden Mushroom, 18100 West 10 Mile, Southfield, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Cost \$75 per person. On Cloverleaf market presents a Lafite Rothschild Wine Dinner at the Golden Mushroom, 7 p.m. Monday, May 11. Cost \$95 per person. For information, reservations, call 559-4230.

The Lark

A shore dinner 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 27 and 28 at The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Menu features fresh stone crab claws, deep-fried soft shell crab, Maine lobsters, potatoes O'Brien, asparagus spears. Cost \$67.50 per person. The last date for cancellation without charge will be April 17. Call 661-8891 for reservations.

Cafe Cortina

Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, presents "Saluting the Foods and Music of Italy," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, six course dinner and Prosecco featuring music from "Festival di San Remo" by Pino Marrelli and Lisa Agazzi. Cost \$42 per person. Call 474-3033 for reservations.

Rock Montana's

Karaoke contest Wednesday, April 22, 29, Steve King & the Ditties, Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, Sunglasses after Dark, April 10, 11; 6-10 p.m. Sundays, teen karaoke, at Rock Montana's, 30375 Plymouth, Livonia. Call 458-8490.

Dinner theater

"Social Security" featuring Rae S. McIntosh of Birmingham, at the Alton Park, 20000 W. 13 Mile, 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 2 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Cost \$21.50 per person includes coffee, tea, dinner and show. Dinner 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through April 25, show 8:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m., show 8 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Call 386-6900 for reservations.



Dinner theater

Jim McCool (left), Jerry Hoy, Lauren Allen, and Trudi Burnish in a scene from Woody Allen's comedy "Don't Drink the Water" playing through May 2 at the Holiday Inn.

2537 Rochester Court, Troy. Dinner served 7:30 p.m., show begins 9 p.m. Tickets, \$22.50 per person. Call, 689-7500 or 772-2798 for reservations.

Roma's

Big band dance party featuring the Joe Vitale Orchestra, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 2 at Roma's of Bloomfield, 2101 South Telegraph, in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10 per person in advance, \$12.50 at the door. Call 332-9237 for information. Dinner and dancing package available for \$24.95 a person.

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Jazz at Max & Erma's Restaurant, 31205 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 9:30 p.m. to midnight Sundays.

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THEATER GUILD

The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "Voice of the Prairie" a nostalgic comedy by John Olive, 8 p.m. April 17, 18, 24, and 25, May 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 15138 Beech Daley, one block south of Five Mile in Redford. Tickets: \$7. For information, call 538-5678.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Spring concert, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road in Plymouth. Tickets go on sale March 17. Call 455-0880.

CHILDREN

Puppet show, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at Alfred Noble Library, 3290 Plymouth, Livonia. Call 421-6600 for information.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Livonia Civic Chorus presents its annual spring concert at Laurel Park Place Mall, east of the I-75 Expressway at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 in the North Court.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents its annual spring show, "Tune In To

the 40s - A Sentimental Journey" 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt. Livonia, the 40 member cast will sing and dance in this fully staged musical variety spectacular featuring such hits as "Begin the Beguine," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," and "As Time Goes By." Tickets now available at the Livonia Parks and Recreation office, \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors, or at the door beginning 7:30 p.m. show nights.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 and 10 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville, on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Opening night special, two tickets for \$7. For information, call 349-7110.

MUSICA VIVA

Series concludes with "Ara Berberian, Bass, at Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Friday, May 15. Call 833-3700 for tickets.

BALLET

Michigan Ballet Theatre presents the classic ballet Les Sylphides with a mixed program of premier works, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Harrison High School Auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call 486-1514 or 824-5590 for tickets.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will present its spring concert 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. For information, call 453-8887.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Farmington Players present a thriller by Tim Kelly, "Murder by Natural Causes" 8 p.m. April 24 to May 16 at the players barn, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call 593-2955 for tickets.

COFFEEHOUSE SERIES

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts opens its multicultural Coffeehouse series 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 with Joseph Lucido and the Earth Island Ensemble performing a mix of world music styles including Indian star rages, Spanish jazz fusion and African rhythmic sounds. Concert in main gallery, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. Series continues 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 with The Storytellers who will showcase a world of music - Caribbean tunes, Brazilian melo-

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CHAMBERWORKS

Chamber Works presents "Le Parnasse Francais" music for two violins, violinello and harpsichord celebrating two French masters of the 18th century, Francois Couperin and Jean-Marie Leclair, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Christ Church Cranbrook. Tickets \$9, students and seniors \$6. Call 643-7788.

BIRMINGHAM THEATRE

"Man of La Mancha" continues at the Birmingham Theatre through April 26. Call 644-3533 for tickets.

CONCERTS IN THE GARDEN

Southfield's Concerts in the Garden series features pianist Bernard Katz and violinist Linda Spedden-Smith in a program of "Pops to the Classics," 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Smith is a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, a regular

member of the American Artist Series at Kingswood School, and a frequent performer in other chamber groups. She is a Farmington Hills resident. This is the last concert in the series. Tickets for continental breakfast served at 10 a.m. and reserved seating are \$7.50. Tickets for concert and coffee only, \$4. For information, call 354-4717.

SOLOIST

Emmanuelle Boisvert, Concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Birmingham Temple, 26811 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission, \$10 adults, seniors, students, \$9. Call 647-4632.

SYMPHONY OF STYLE

Rochester Symphony Guild annual luncheon and fashion show 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Addison Oaks Country Club, 1480 W. Romeo Road in Oxford. Tickets \$22 per person. Call 652-7863 or 652-0871.

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AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Lunch on the Aisle, sponsored by the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild, presents highlights of "Ain't Misbehavin'" 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 1. Box lunch served at noon at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Groups of 10 or more may reserve tickets at \$18 per person. Single tickets, \$20. Call 370-3316. Reservation deadline is April 15.

KID'S CONCERTS

Dianne Baker sings songs relating to Michigan history including folk songs she composed especially for children, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Room 118 of the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Program for children ages four to 10. Tickets \$3 each, available at the door. Call 354-4717 for information.

Ice show to benefit Michigan Humane Society

Internationally known figure skater Gary Beacom and partner Gia Guddat will join the city of Southfield's 21st Ice Company 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 in an opening-night performance to benefit the Michigan Humane Society at the Southfield Civic Center Arena, 26000 Evergreen. Beacom, a World and U.S. Open Professional Champion and member of the Canadian World and Olympic team, will perform two skating numbers. Ticket prices for the Michigan

Humane Society benefit are \$15 for rinkside seating and \$10 for upper rinkside seating. A limited number of rinkside tables for four, which include wine and cheese during the performance and a reception afterward, are available for \$100. The benefit is in honor of longtime Southfield Civic Center Arena manager Judy Klein, who died last year. She was an avid supporter of the Michigan Humane Society. Ice Company will hold its regular performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1, 1:30

p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Tickets are \$6.50 for rinkside, and \$5.50 for general admission. The performances on Thursday, Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and both Sunday shows are discounted 50 percent for people 65 or older and people younger than 12. This year's production numbers for all shows will feature the themes

"Ice and Fire," "Picnic in a Magical Garden" (children's number), "Magyar" (Hungarian) Memories, "Champagne Music on Ice," "Salute to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police," and the finale, "We're 21." Tickets are on sale now at the Southfield Civic Ice Arena. To order tickets by phone, call 354-9357. For information, call 354-9357 or 354-9603.

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Coy competitors compete for Kroger customers

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spokesman. "I'm sure sales are down, but more and more people are shopping (at Kroger) as this goes on." RYAN MATTHEWS, editor of Grocery Marketing, isn't surprised at efforts of competitors to target Kroger regulars. He also has speculated that Kroger eventually would participate in promotions to hold its base. "If I was running Farmer Jack, I'd put cashiers on breakfast served at 10 a.m. and reserved seating would be as hot (low) as I could have it," Matthews said.

Major independents like Hollywood Market and Danny's also have an opportunity to lasso new business, he added. "They have to finally decide whether they really want to play ball with the big kids," Matthews said. "They will have to get their profit margins a little lower, provide good service."

Joseph O'Connor, president of Consumer Market Analysts in Birmingham, anticipates much internal debate

William Welch, an owner of the five Hollywood markets in Oakland County, said he doesn't see a big coupon war materializing. "Everyone's giving away everything they can," he said. "What's left to give away? It's very tough now."

While Welch doesn't intend to run promotions, he has emphasized to employees the importance of making a positive impression on new customers. "THEY ARE totally aware how much we need customers and how we have to give them the best service possible," he said. "If they try us and like us, maybe they'll stay with us."

Howard L. Green, a retail consultant based in Troy, also sees opportunities for independents. Well-stocked shelves, service at the front end and a promotion to bring new customers in the door are keys, he said. Joseph O'Connor, president of Consumer Market Analysts in Birmingham, anticipates much internal debate

among food retailers about escalating coupon offerings. The risk is short-term losses for uncertain long-term gains. "I think you'll see advertising aimed at Kroger customers," he said. "I suspect they're eyeing special sales without getting into deep discounting. If one does it, the others will respond."

Mathews sees more losers than winners emerging from this labor dispute.

"THE COMPANY can't win," he said. "If they get the union to agree (on Kroger's current terms) for the entire length of the contract, you're looking at a very, alienated workforce. Angry workers can cost a company a small fortune in a million different ways."

"Kroger is an immediate loser due to reduced sales. Union members are long-term losers. They never recoup lost wages," Mathews said.

Mathews also wondered whether the unions have staying power and leverage to prevail during a lengthy walkout even in a union town like Detroit.

Another wild card, according to Mathews and O'Connor, is that a significant number of shoppers are loyal only to price.

"The biggest recipient is going to be Meijer and secondarily Farmer Jack," Welch said. "They have the size to absorb customers without incriminating anybody." No bargaining sessions were scheduled between Kroger and the strikers as of Wednesday morning.

"We're having a very good impact on the community as far as shutting down Kroger's business," said Gerald Omstead, an officer for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 876. "Their business is down, based on reports of our people who (used to) work in the stores, 90-95 percent."

Deductions alone don't justify larger interest payments

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weakness that we would like to discuss. First of all, neither of the Danes have disability insurance coverage, which is a major oversight and should be corrected. Buying personal policies should be a high priority item.

A SECOND CONCERN is their life insurance coverage. There is a \$250,000 term life insurance policy on Tom and a \$300,000 term life insurance

policy on Grace. They understand that if either were to die prematurely the income produced through the investment of these life insurance proceeds would not allow them to maintain their current standard of living, especially with heavy education expenses upcoming. They should each purchase at least \$150,000 of additional term coverage to be maintained for at least the next 10 years.

Our final concern is the lack of any will or estate plan. As we have

discussed in the past, estate planning is important to protect against death, taxes and probate costs and to provide a smooth transition between family members. In the Danes' case, both of their children are under age 18, and if the Danes were to die, a guardian would have to be appointed. That could be a significant amount of money, and it is questionable whether an 18-year-old could handle such a sum.

The Danes would be well advised to meet with an attorney to discuss

the estate planning concerns raised. Many attorneys are willing to meet on a no-fee basis for the initial conference. The cost of estate planning will vary depending upon the needs and assets of the individual client, so the cost should be a significant part of the discussion with any attorney. The Danes have managed to satisfy many of their needs and by carefully choosing their goals and investment objectives will continue to be able to satisfy themselves well into retirement.

Dan Boyce, a certified financial planner at the Center for Financial Planning in Southfield, has been recognized by Money magazine as one of the top financial planners in the nation. Alan Ferrara is a partner in the Farmington Hills law firm of Cousins, Lasky, Feak, Ellis, Rosier & Lazar. Both have served in leadership roles in financial planning professional organizations.

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PAYROLL ASSOC

Wednesday April 22 — The Southeast Michigan chapter of the American Payroll Association will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. at the EDS Towers, 26533 Evergreen. Topic: The Michigan Garnishment System. Call 262-2950.

ECONOMIC SURVIVAL

Thursday, April 23 — Southworth & McFawn Advisory Corp. a registered Investment Advisor is presenting the popular seminar "How to Survive in Today's Economy at 6:30 p.m. at the Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Call 299-4080.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Wednesday, April 29 — "Privacy and Property: Are They Constitutionally Protected?" will be the issue of an analytical presentation on Wednesday, April 29, by noted law professor Richard A. Epstein at the Southfield Sheraton on J.L. Hudson Drive.

5-STAR CHAMBERS

Tuesday, May 5 — the chambers of commerce from Canton, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Wayne and Westland is offering a one day seminar on topics including credit card fraud, consumer protection and small claims court procedures at the

marketplace

Novamex Technologies Inc. has opened a new Livonia facility that consolidates three divisions — Qualitychem, ICP and Pillsbury Chemical & Oil — for total metal finishing chemicals management.

Vernors Inc., a soft drink subsidiary of A&W Brands Inc. has recently unveiled its new advertising campaign, "It's a Taste That's Different. But A Good Kind of Difference," created by W.B. Doer & Company.

SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Commemorating its involvement with the 1992 defense of the America's Cup yacht trophy, Cadillac Motor Car Division has introduced a limited edition "Stars and Stripes" Eldorado.

Michigan National Corporation, the Farmington Hills-based bank holding company, has announced it raised \$70,000 in its 1992 Caring Contribution for the Homeless' voluntary payroll deduction plan.

The Detroit Compact, an initiative of the Detroit Strategic Plan and a comprehensive partnership of business and community members designed to provide opportunities for qualified public school graduates and to stimulate school reform, has been given high marks in its second annual report from its external evaluator, Moore & Associates.

Eugene Applebaum, chairman and chief executive officer of the Troy-based Arbor Drugs Inc., has announced the re-opening of the former Lucky Drugs in Lincoln Park to

a full-line Arbor format.

Grace & WIM Studios in Farmington Hills is celebrating its seventh year with the debut of a two new multifunction editing suites — the first step in a planned expansion program.

"Director," a 45-second commercial for Chrysler Corporation's Jeep Division and created by Campbell Mithun Esty Advertising in Southfield, was picked as one of the Best TV commercials of 1991 by Advertising Age magazine.

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O&E Thursday, April 16, 1992

Don't move only for tax deduction

By Alan Ferrara
and Dan Boyce
special writers

Local financial planning experts reviewed the data of the family profiled here and made general recommendations based on the participant's resources and goals. The information is for educational purposes only; references are not intended as discrimination or endorsements by this newspaper or the advisers.

To receive a free financial planning brochure or to obtain a questionnaire to participate in this column, contact the Center of Financial Planning, Dept. 100, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 604, Southfield 48076 or call 948-7900. Names of participants are withheld upon request, and submitted financial data is confidential.

A philosopher once said that "happiness consists not so much in having many possessions but in having few wants."

The couple who wrote us this month are Tom and Grace Dane.

Tom, 44, works for a local manufacturing firm and earns \$38,000, but his salary may fluctuate because of his commissions. Grace, 39, drives a school bus, allowing her to keep the same schedule as their two sons, ages 9 and 14. She earns \$18,000 per year.

Their situation varies somewhat from other families we have profiled recently because they were able to pay off their home by using a modest inheritance. Without a mortgage and no other consumer debt, they are in an unusually strong cash flow position.

While they could easily afford a larger home, which many people in similar circumstances would have chosen to do, they believe that their current home is adequate for their needs. But the Danes are concerned that paying off their mortgage will cause a tax problem for them because there will be no mortgage interest deduction. Grace asked, "Should we look for a larger house to get a tax deduction?"

Our answer is no. If there are other reasons for moving to a more expensive house, and

these reasons are given a high priority, then we have no problem with that decision. But one should not buy a larger house simply to get a larger tax deduction.

A LARGER INTEREST payment can inhibit the ability to achieve other goals. Each \$1 tax deduction requires an actual cash outlay of \$1. The tax "benefit" (the tax savings resulting from that deduction) is at most 31 cents. So there is a net outlay of at least 69 cents for each of these tax deductible dollars. If they don't feel the need for a new house, they shouldn't buy one just to save taxes.

Tom and Grace have two major long-term goals: Sending their sons to college and preparing for their own retirement. They also need to buy a new car to replace an older model that has become unreliable. Fortunately, they have good emergency reserves and a savings nest egg sufficient to pay for the new car. They should continue to maintain enough in savings for emergencies and other short-term expenditures. But they do need to pay closer atten-

tion to planning for both educational expenses and their retirement needs.

The Danes have achieved the first critical step in building their assets by establishing regular savings. The second step, determining how to save most efficiently and where to place those assets, is an area that needs more attention.

Tom's question to us is: "Should we save more aggressively in our 401(k) and TSA (tax-sheltered annuity) plans at work?"

Our answer to both questions is a resounding yes. They would be wise to increase contributions to their tax deductible retirement plans.

With the recent increase in disposable income due to the mortgage repayment, this is an excellent time to make this change. Tom is currently saving only 3 percent of his income through payroll deduction into the 401(k) plan. We suggest that he increase this to 10 percent. It would also be a good idea for Grace to join the TSA plan offered through her school district. This is also a payroll deduction plan and results in tax-deductible investments.

These tax-deductible and tax-deferred savings will form the foundation of the nest egg they will be able to use for retirement. In addition, these contributions would more than offset the loss of the mortgage interest deductions about which they were so concerned.

ANOTHER OF THEIR concerns is the type of investments to be chosen for their accumulation goals. In the past, they have put the bulk of their assets in bank savings and short-term certificates of deposit. With interest rates at recent low levels, these assets are barely keeping ahead of inflation. They suspect they should be doing more with their money but are uncertain where to put it.

When dealing with asset selections, it is important to look first at your goals. The time horizon for each goal is a critical component in making investment choices. The greater the time period before the

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• Autos	9,000
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Food stores bring out red carpets

By Doug Funke
staff writer

A strike of clerks, meatcutters and deliverers at Kroger presents a golden opportunity for other supermarket chains and independents in metro Detroit to increase customer base, analysts said.

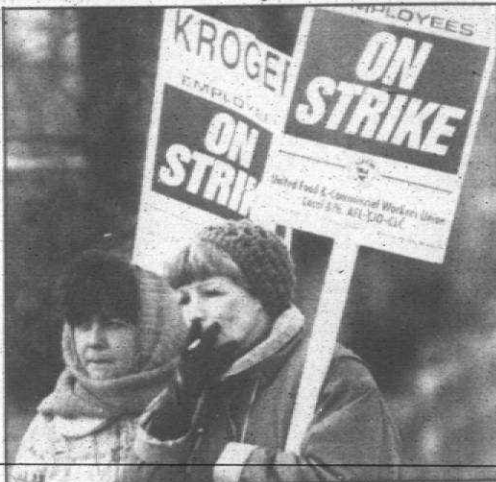
Some 7,000 employees at 64 stores in Michigan struck early Monday over wages and working conditions. Kroger has continued to operate with management personnel and replacement workers.

Major competitors, coy early on, have since announced plans to attract Kroger customers who decline to cross picket lines.

"Farmer Jack and A&P are going to do everything we can to serve the needs of customers. We're beefing up all of our store operations," said Michael Rourke, company spokesman. "We will do everything we can to benefit people who come to us."

That includes expanding store hours and accepting Kroger check cashing cards, he said. It doesn't include immediately discounting manufacturer's coupons beyond what already is accepted. Season specials will continue.

"We will watch what the competitive situation is in that competitive market area," said Brian Breslin,



JOHN DISCHER/staff photographer

Barbara Sienko of Livonia (right) and Carmen Freeman of Berkley picket outside the Kroger store at 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Both have more than 20 years of experience with Kroger.

spokesman for Meijer. "We will respond to do what is necessary to remain competitive."

"We are a price leader," he added. "We believe we offer the best prices, best quality, best selection."

Kroger Wednesday boosted its double coupon offering in an effort to retain customers.

"We're going to be launching super-hot values for the holiday weekend," said Michael Layne, a Kroger

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Business ombudsman reflects on initial year in that position

Less than a year after becoming Michigan's first Business Ombudsman, Judith Miller is making some changes.

The office was set up to help businesses slice through red tape and suggest improvements for both streamlining the bureaucracy and approving new legislation.

Miller, a former state representative from Birmingham, describes her job as "an advocate and bridge between business and state government."

Her first year on the job has been spent letting people know the office exists.

THEY'VE DEALT with specific problems and complaints. Miller cited two examples:

• Helping a small Birmingham firm get its MESC rates reduced, along with a refund of nearly \$2,000 for past payments.

• Stopping the state Department of Treasury from withholding the personal income tax refunds of a former partner in a Greentown business, since he was no longer a partner in the firm.

After the change, the man wrote a letter thanking the Ombudsman's office: "I've been trying for over a year to resolve this matter and you did it within two weeks."

The office has also set up personal computer access to a data base called NEWBIZ, which gives compu-



Judith Miller

terized licensing information and more for folks starting a new business.

Miller's office — which includes three professional staff, two support staff and one full-time intern — has set its sights this year on setting state policy on specific issues. That way, Miller said, they don't keep reinventing the wheel.

"A LOT OF THESE issues are issues that actually arose out of our casework, so we're not solving the same problems over and over," she said.

Among those problems, Miller said, is the Michigan State Industries, which provides jobs, and good

work habits, for inmates in state prisons. MSI sells products like sweatshirts and warmup jackets to schools and other government or non-profit agencies, which also makes money for the prison system.

But state athletic wear producers complained of unfair competition due to artificially low prices.

To come up with a compromise, Miller met with several manufacturers and the state Department of Corrections. Among the options are policy changes such as using an average of private industry prices for setting an MSI price. Another option is setting a new law to allow MSI to make and sell products that aren't already produced in Michigan.

"IN THESE HARD economic times we get more and more of those kind of calls in terms of unfair competition," Miller said.

The Ombudsman's office also worked up a series of recommendations based on business complaints about the Department of Natural Resources permitting process.

One suggestion is allowing applicants for DNR permits to pay an extra fee to have their application expedited, with the work being done by private firms.

Miller also plans to work on state purchasing guidelines, including setting up legislation to encourage the state to buy products from small businesses and minority businesses.

Here's how to access data base

What licenses do you need to start a restaurant? Or an automobile dealership?

What do you need to do to hire employees for a new business?

A new computerized data base called NEWBIZ offers licensing information on more than 400 types of businesses, as put together by the Michigan Business Ombudsman.

NEWBIZ can be called up at a number of small business development centers and libraries in the Observer & Eccentric area. Those include:

- Farmington Community Library — 553-0300.
- Livonia Civic Center Library — 421-7238.
- MSU Management Education

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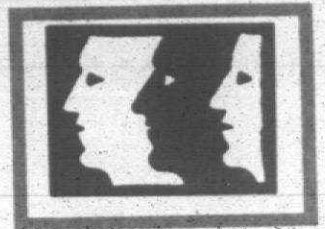
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Attorney Elizabeth Johnson discusses legal issues with Career Shadow students Krista

Bechtol (left) and Katie Richards, both juniors at Plymouth Salem High School.

Students as shadows learn about careers

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Katie Richards, a Plymouth Salem High School junior, is considering a career in law. She learned quite a bit about that profession recently as a participant in the Career Shadow program sponsored by the Business and Professional Women.

"I thought it was very good because a lot of kids don't really know a lot about what they're interested in," said Richards, a 16-year-old Canton resident. She spent the day with attorney Elizabeth Johnson, including some time at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. "I'd never been in the court before. I thought it was very interesting to see and watch," said Richards, who observed traffic court proceedings and met one of the judges.

THE CAREER SHADOW program was sponsored by the Plymouth Business and Professional Women with the assistance of the Canton BPW and the Plymouth Rotary Club. Students from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools spent the day with people in a variety of professions and businesses.

"We had people in all different occupations, medicine, law, government, business," said Johnson, a Plymouth resident and second vice president of the Plymouth BPW.

Interior design, education, law enforcement and other careers were also represented. State Representative Georgina Goss, R-Northville, participated, as did Dr. John Hoben, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, and other local officials.

"So we really were able to cover a lot of different potential careers for the students," said Johnson, this year's Career Shadow chairwoman.

The program has been offered for the past several

years. It's designed to help high school students learn about different fields "so that they get an opportunity before they leave school to find out which careers they may want to pursue."

The program is continuing to grow, and more than 100 students, most of them juniors and some seniors, participated this year.

JOHNSON HAD two Career Shadow students, Richards and Heather Taylor, a Salem senior. "And they were both wonderful students. We had a great time."

She's been practicing law for about 10 years and specializes in employment discrimination, estate planning and personal injury. There wasn't a comparable program available when Johnson was in high school, although she knows she would have benefited from such an opportunity.

"I think it's important that they see what the profession is." Doing so gives students a chance to judge for themselves if they're interested in a particular field, Johnson said.

The program was started primarily to help young women explore different career options, although male students from Centennial Educational Park also participated.

"I think it's important for all students, but especially for young women, to learn firsthand a variety of careers," Johnson said. Organizers don't, however, discriminate against young men and are happy to have them participate as well.

Salem junior Krista Bechtol, 17, enjoyed the time she spent as a Career Shadow student. She's planning to go into law and is also interested in journalism.

"I think it was really neat because I got to meet a lot of interesting people," said Bechtol, a Canton resident who spent the day at the Observer Newspapers. "It makes you think more about it. You actually get a feel for what you want to do."

Besty has 'snout' for books

By Diane Hanson
special writer

"Terrific," "Humble," "Some Pig," were the words Charlotte, the fictional arachnid with an exceptional vocabulary, wove into her web to describe her portly friend, Wilbur the pig, in E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web."

Those words accurately describe the little piggy who visited the Canton Public Library Tuesday, April 7, and delighted a host of elementary school-aged children and their parents.

Itsy Bitsy Betsy, a Vietnamese potbellied pig, was accompanied by her owner, Margaret Schmidt. Schmidt and her family live in Novi on their farm, Maplewoods Homestead.

Betsy, a housebroken, indoor pet who prefers sleeping on blankets or by the woodburning stove, is by no means an only animal. Her friends include a miniature horse and donkey, three miniature goats, a small sheep, a lamb and a turkey who reside outside.

INDOORS, BETSY shares space with two goslings, five chicks and five baby turkeys in the basement and a chinchilla in the dining room.

The children's book "Charlotte's Web" extols the virtues of friendship and kindness to animals, and elevates the status of the pig to new heights in the animal kingdom.

That was the message Schmidt delivered to her young audience in a most entertaining way. "Pigs are the cleanest animal on the farm," she



DIANE HANSON

Margaret Schmidt holds her pet pig, Itsy Bitsy Betsy.

said. "The pig itself does not smell. Pigs can't sweat, so they roll in the mud to cool off."

Her 45-minute presentation included songs, stories, nursery rhymes, rhythms, and even playing the spoons, interspersed with slide shows and facts about Betsy and pigs in general.

Schmidt told how Betsy was among the first litter of pigs born on

their farm six months ago. Betsy was the smallest of the six piglets and shared the status of runt with her fictional counterpart, Wilbur in "Charlotte's Web."

Because the other piglets picked on her, Betsy was brought indoors at about two weeks of age and raised as a house pig.

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Archbishop sees life 'as a gift from God'

By Julie Brown
staff writer

THE EASTER season isn't the most relaxed time of year for Archbishop Adam Maida, but he found time in his busy schedule to visit Plymouth.

Maida, leader of the Archdiocese of Detroit, spoke during a Wednesday, April 8, Lenten prayer service at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. It was the archbishop's first official visit to the Plymouth parish since he arrived in Detroit to begin his new duties in 1990.

"Each one of us has our role to play in bringing about the kingdom of God in its dynamic fullness," Maida told the 500 to 600 worshippers at the evening service. Suffering has its redemptive qualities and no matter when it comes "needs to be embraced as Jesus embraced the cross."

During the service, Maida restated his opposition to assisted suicide. "Life is a gift from God. As stewards of that gift, we let the graces of God flow through us for the well-being of our brothers and sisters."

THE ARCHBISHOP emphasized the need for Christians to reach out to help others in need. "Our prayer reminds us of the needs of others and puts us in touch with the suffering of all humanity."

Concern about the needs of others extends beyond charity, Maida said. That's necessary, but Christians should be motivated by recognition of the larger demands of justice.

"For the Christian, then, prayer is not an escape from reality or a way to manipulate God."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Archbishop Adam Maida discusses the theology which underlies Catholic teaching. The Rev. James Wysocki, pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel, was pleased Maida was able to visit the Plymouth parish.

Promoting human rights and employment opportunities should be a part of the faith life of Christians, Maida said. Believers have an obligation to bring values of justice and peace to the United States, where

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singles connection

VOYAGERS SINGLES

The Voyagers Singles will meet 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the social hall of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The get-together will feature an 18th anniversary dinner with entertainment. Ticket price is \$10, and tickets must be obtained in advance by Monday, April 20. For reservations or information, call 591-1350 or send a check to Voyagers Singles, 34670 Munger, Livonia 48154. The group is for singles age 45 and older.

NEWBURG SINGLES

Newburg Singles has rescheduled its monthly meeting to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 35500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The group will meet in the church choir room. For information, call 421-4769.

EXPRESSIONS, TOO

Expressions, Too, a branch of Ann Arbor's Expressions for people age 30 and older, meets 7:30 p.m. to midnight the first Friday of the month at the Unitarian Universal Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, a half mile north of Grand River. There are small group discussions on singlehood and/or relationships 9 p.m., with socializing and dancing before and after the hour-long program. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks are provided. Price is \$5. For information, call the hot line, 746-9234.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-county Singles will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Royce Hotel, 1-94 and Merriman, Romulus. Admission price is \$4 for men, \$2 for women. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Casual/dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be a cash bar. For information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

The Single Professionals play volleyball 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills. The group is for singles ages 25-40. For information, call 478-9181.

PWP

Parents Without Partners, Wayne-Westland Chapter 340, will meet Friday, May 8, at the Wayne AmVets Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Price is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members are welcome. Dancing will be 9 p.m. to midnight. For information, call 525-6937.

THE LIVONIA-REDFOOT CHAPTER

130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Ramada Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. For information, call Diane, 464-1969.

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission price is \$5. For information, call 562-3160.

SATURDAY WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles-Westside will have "Astrology Night" dances 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission price is \$4, \$2 for women. For information, call 277-4242.

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGLES

Sunday Night Singles will have a dance 7:30 p.m. to midnight Sundays at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. For information, call 277-4242.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGLES

Wednesday Night Singles will have a dance 7:30 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays at Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile. Admission is free. For information, call 277-4242.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, near Eight Mile, Farmington. Proper attire is required. Admission price is \$3. For information, call 842-0443.

VOYAGERS BOWLING

Voyagers Singles bowling league members bowl 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merri-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Merriman, Livonia. There are openings for regular team members and substitutes. Bowlers age 30 and older are preferred. For information, call 591-1350.

NEW SINGLES

New singles beginner square dance class takes place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Burger Center, Beechwood and Dillon, Garden City. Admission price is \$3. For information, call 485-0918 or 422-6079.

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGLES

A dance/party is held 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, at Venoy. Admission price is \$4 for men, \$2 for women. There will be a cash bar and DJ entertainment. Dances are for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. For information, call 427-0037.

MICHIGAN SINGLES

Michigan Singles Club will have a dance 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays at the Barnstormer, 9411 E. Nine Mile, one mile west of U.S. 28. Admission price is \$5 for men, \$4 for women. For information, call 277-8077.

Writer hasn't need to follow crowd

Dear Mrs. Green,

Handwriting analysis has always intrigued me and I am curious what my writing has to say about my personality. I am 19 years old and am right handed.

M.P.

Rochester Hills

This handwriting sample suggests a mature 19-year-old young man! I assure he wanted to be independent and autonomous early in life. He does not seem to have a strong need to follow the crowd.

Mentally efficient and progressive in his thinking, he can quickly visualize the broad picture of a task or situation. He does not get lost in the small details.

His maturity shows in the effective way he manages his time. He is a self-starter. He is clearly able to determine what is purposeful and essential, then moves to get to the bottom of things. Seemingly, he has the ability to make money with money.

Our writer is active and busy. A little restlessness creeps in when things are not challenging enough for him. He is also observant and little escapes his watchful eyes.

An easy flow of words or ideas is suggested here. Often, he is rather direct. If you can't handle a candid reply, don't ask him for an opinion. Regarding his own personal life,

graphology
Lorene Green

Handwriting analysis has always intrigued me and I am curious what my writing has to say about my personality.

however, he is somewhat reticent.

First impressions are important. He thinks big and is eager to make his mark on life! At this particular time something about the future or the people in it may be causing him concern. Tension cannot be missed in this handwriting.

When involved in the things he enjoys most, he can become enthusiastic. The turbulent teen years sometimes cause his emotions to run the

gamut. Optimism gives way to discouragement. When the down feelings take over a little hidden temper may surface.

Our writer feels his experiences deeply. It would be difficult for him to conceal his emotions in a given situation because his body language gives him away.

In social interaction, he is not inclined to make the first gesture toward friendship. He may be either

a tad shy and/or distrustful until he gets to know the other person(s). I don't think he is going to involve himself with either people or activities which are not of a meaningful nature.

Note: Several letters have inquired about graphology classes. I suggest you call your local adult education department or community college.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature at all helpful. And objective feedback is always welcome.

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Potbellied Betsy roots for library

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Stephen Campbell, 5, a kindergarten at Hulsing Elementary School in Canton, was temporarily transformed into a pig by wearing Schmidt's special pig hat.

SCHMIDT, FORMERLY a teacher in St. Clair Shores and the Lakewood district before moving to Novi, started doing the animal programs and a jug band program about six years ago. She performs for schools, nursery schools, libraries, senior citizen groups and, recently, bookstores.

"Most of my programs, with just a few changes, can go for any age," she said.

She's found that her programs have become especially popular for preschoolers concerned with the liability of field trips. "I take the farm to them."

She also does a "Spring in the Country" program with a lamb, and

a program with a turkey theme in the fall.

One highlight of the Canton Public Library program was when Betsy Betsy was allowed out of her cage to find the Bugle snacks scattered in the child-ringed circle.

Although, as Schmidt pointed out, pigs are extremely intelligent, Betsy had no trouble rooting out each one of those crunchy morsels.

Pam Hensley of Canton was one of many parents who also enjoyed the program. She brought her children, Tyler, 7, and Lauren, 4.

"We just went through a section at school on pigs, and we like pigs," she said. "Of course, I was raised on a farm."

Children's librarian Michele Monroe said that Schmidt will be coming back as part of the children's summer reading program at the library in Canton. Schmidt will entertain the youngsters with her jug band of homemade and unusual instruments.

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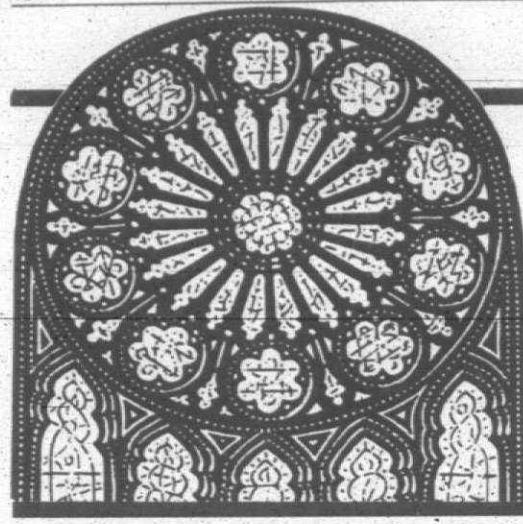
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It goes without saying that secretaries are the unsung heroes of a business office. Maybe that's why Professional Secretaries Week was originated by Professional Secretaries International 1992.

This year, the week of April 19-25 has been set aside to recognize secretaries. But the Town and Country Chapter of PSI and Schoolcraft College are urging employers to do more for their secretaries than a lunch and flowers. They suggest signing them up for Secretary's Day, a day of personal enrichment and professional development sponsored by the twosome.

This is the third year Schoolcraft has offered a Secretary's Day program, but the first year that secretaries have helped determine its content.



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Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship: 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Hour: 7:30 P.M.

April 19th
11:00 A.M. "The Christian's Manifesto"
6:00 P.M. "The Sins of the Benjamins"
An Inspiring Easter Musical Presentation
"A Church That's Concerned About People"

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Redford Baptist Church
25295 Grand River Avenue at 7 Mile Road
Redford, Michigan
533-2300

Sunday Worship 9:30 A.M. Church School 10:45 A.M.
Midweek Family Program, Wednesday 5:45
April 19th
An Idle Tale
Pastor Nelson preaching
Pastors: William E. Nelson, Mark E. Segerson
Minister: John D. Segerson
Director of Music: Donna Gibson

First Baptist Church
4500 NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170
455-2300

April 19th
7:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service
8:15 A.M. Easter Breakfast
9:40 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Easter Morning Worship
No Evening Service

Pastor Paul T. White
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SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUN. 10:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP: SUN. 11:00 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP: SUN. 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: WED. 7:00 P.M.

KENNETH D. GRIFF
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28440 LYNDON, LIVONIA, MI

Livonia Baptist Church
32940 Schoolcraft - Livonia
SBC

Bible Study for all ages 9:45 A.M. Sundays
Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Pastor Gilbert Sanders Ph.D.

NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH
2385 Midland - Livonia - 425-1393

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service 7:00 P.M.
Nursery Provided

Rev. Richard L. Karr, Pastor

EPISCOPAL

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

Mon. Fr. 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

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

The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector

Every knee shall bow and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Psalms 9:1-21

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
574 S. Sheldon Road
Plymouth 48139-0190

The Rev. Robert S. Shank, Jr.
Rector

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
11660 Pennington Ave.
Plymouth - 453-0326

Rev. James Wysocki, Pastor

Masses: 7:45, 9:00 A.M. Sat. 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
981-6600

Rev. Richard A. Peretto, Pastor

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Pioneer Middle School
Ann Arbor Rd. between Center Rd. and McClellan Rd.

St. Thomas a'Becket
961-1333 - Canton

555 South Lillie Road
Rev. Ernest P. Paster
Mass Schedule:
M, T, Th, F, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 12 Noon

CHRISTADELPHIANS

CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.

April 24, 1992 at 8 p.m. - "Jesus & Arabs:
Will They Ever Live in Peace?"
35516 Parkdale, Livonia - 425-7610

Worship Together

Church School
Nursery Care

Wednesday:
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Barrier Free Facility for the Handicapped

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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

Rev. Luther A. Werth, Pastor
Sunday Worship 8:30, 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 A.M.
Week Day School, Pre-School, Kindergarten

Sharing the Love of Christ

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
High & Elm Streets, Northville
L. Luback, Pastor
T. Korne, Associate Pastor
Church 349-3140 - School 349-3148
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Saturday Vespers 6:00 P.M.

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9600 Levee - So. Redford - 937-2424
Rev. Glenn Kopper, Rev. Lawrence Wito
WORSHIP WITH US
Sundays 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Monday Evening 7:00 P.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
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Saturday Vespers 6:00 P.M.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School
5885 Veroy
In N. of I-75, Westland
Divine Worship 8 & 10:45 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Ralph Fischer, Pastor
Gary D. Headspeth, Associate Pastor

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship Service
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Saturday Service 5:30 p.m.
Jerry Yarnall, Sr. Pastor
David Woodley, Pastor
Drew Morton, Pastor
Daniel Smith, Youth Minister
7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Twp. - 459-3333
(Just South of Warren Rd.)

Timothy Lutheran Church
8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia - 427-2300

Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Mary T. Olivanti, Pastor
261-0766

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

First Apostolic Lutheran Church
26325 Halstead Road at 11 Mile
Farmington Hills, Michigan
Services Every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.
Also, 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00 P.M.
Sunday School: 9:15 A.M.
Bible Class - Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
Song Services - Last Sunday
of Month 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN
44800 Warren - Canton - 455-5910
Father George Charney, Pastor

MASSSES
Saturday 4:30 & 5:30 P.M.
Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH (in Redford)
Society of St. Pius X - Traditional Latin Mass
23110 Joy Road
5 Bks. E. of Telegraph - 534-2121

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

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11660 Pennington Ave.
Plymouth - 453-0326

Rev. James Wysocki, Pastor

Masses: 7:45, 9:00 A.M. Sat. 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

CHERRY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Randy Whitcomb

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
Just South of Cherry Hill in Canton

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
Livonia's Oldest Church
422-0149

9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Service
and Sunday School
April 19th
The Lord's Prayer:
"Where is Jesus?"
Dr. David E. Church preaching
Music by Four Chords
Dr. David E. Church,
Rev. David Evans Ray

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Redford Twp.)
10000 BEECH DAILY ROAD
Between Plymouth and West Chicago
Redford, MI 48229 937-3170

Worship Services
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 A.M.

April 19th
Sunrise Service 7:00 A.M.
Continental Breakfast 7:30 A.M.
Nursery Available
Pastors M. Clement Parr and
Burdett W. Coe
Robin Knowles Wallace, Organist

Clarenceville United Methodist
50300 Middlebelt Rd. - Livonia
474-3449

Worship Services
8:45 & 11:15 A.M. 7:00 PM
Church School - 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Enrichment
Dinner at 6:00, Classes at 7:00
Nursery Provided

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4801 W. Ann Arbor Road - (210) 463-0326
Sun. Bible Study & Worship - 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Ladies' Ministries - Tues. - 9:30 A.M.
FAMILY NIGHT - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
Music Ministry
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN - 455-9186

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PENTECOSTAL

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
2 Blocks N. of Main - 2 Blocks E. of Mt.
SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Ladies' Ministry: Tues. 9:30 A.M.
Family Night: Wed. 7:00 P.M.
Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323

United Church of Christ
34424 Oakland Ave. - Farmington 48335
(313) 474-6880

Church School for all ages - 9:30 AM
Discipleship and Worship
Education 10:45 AM

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

Ward Presbyterian Church
Farmington Road and Six Mile
422-1150
SUNDAY SERVICE BROADCAST
11:00 a.m. WUFL-AM 1030

THURSDAY, April 16 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, Holy Communion
FRIDAY, April 17 - GOOD FRIDAY, "Pass Around the Cross"
Services 12:00 Noon through 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, April 19, 1992 - EASTER SUNDAY
6:30, 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.
Worship and Sunday School
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Rev. William Wabser
8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
"WHY LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"
Dr. Bartlett Hess
12:05 p.m.
"HE IS NOT HERE..."
Rev. John B. Ciminna
Taylor University Chorale
Continual Shuttle Bus service each Sunday from
Stevenson High School from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday
NO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Nursery Provided at All Services

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
25350 West Six Mile
Redford - 534-7730
Paul S. Bousquet, Pastor
Worship
11:00 A.M.
Sunday - 10:00 A.M.
Congregation of Faith, Fellowship and Friends
Nursery Provided - Wheelchair Accessible

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

Worship Services
8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
9:30 A.M.

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

YOU ARE INVITED GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
1941 Middlebelt - 421-7620
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Worship & Nursery
Adult Class 9:15 A.M.
Classes for 2 Years - 12th Grade at 11:00 A.M.
Elevator Available
Garth D. Baker, Pastor

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia - 454-8844
Sunday School 9:30 A.M. All Ages
Worship 11:00 A.M.
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Plymouth
Livonia - 427-2300

Worship, Church School & Nursery
8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Philip Rodgers, Minister
Leland L. Seese, Jr.
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"We have been contemporary since 1835"

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
5535 Sheldon Rd., Canton
Just North of Canton
459-0013

Dr. Kenneth D. Lister, Pastor
Mundy Thursday Service 7:30 P.M.
Good Friday Tenebrae 7:30 P.M.
Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Christian Church)
35475 Five Mile Rd. 464-6722
MARK McGUIRE, Minister
Steve Allen, Youth Minister
Celebrating 50 Years of Service
BIBLE SCHOOL (All ages) 9:30 A.M.
8:15 A.M. - Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship & Youth Meeting 6:30 P.M.

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

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

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Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Celebration of Faith - 8:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M. West Adult, Youth & Children
11:00 A.M. Worship Service "Live" on WLWJ 1500 AM
Franklin Road Christian School K-Grade 9
Nursery provided at all services
CALVIN C. RATZ, PASTOR

Tri-City Assembly
2100 Hannan Road - Canton
326-0330

Morning Worship
8:30 - 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
Praise Celebration
6:00 p.m.

Family Night - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Archbishop's visit spurs renewed call for justice

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one in five children lives in poverty, and to the rest of the world.

"As we make choices politically, what motivates us?" Promoting justice and peace, rather than narrow self-interests, should be the key, he said.

Those who are consumed by the desire to possess are closed to the way of God, he said. Lent is intended to serve as a time of purification during which Christians are reminded of Christ's suffering and of the suffering of other people.

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY isn't merely an attempt to resolve the problems of daily life. Maida focused on the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, reminding worshippers of Christ's agony in the garden and later on the cross.

"It's not just the death of Jesus which automatically brought redemption," Instead, that came through obedience to God to the point of death.

Christ's suffering "teaches us that our God is a servant God." Fasting and alms-giving during Lent "find a renewed zeal for sharing our resources, our talents, our gifts with others."

Maida took time following the prayer service to visit with parishioners and guests during a reception. The Rev. James Wysocki, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, was pleased to have Maida visit.

"We were very honored to have him come and teach us in the way he did. I thought he spoke to the people directly," Wysocki said.

The visit gave Maida an opportunity to meet many people and share his thoughts with them.

"I thought it was a very appropriate talk to the people on the subject of justice," Wysocki said.

Maida focused on a number of current issues, including assisted suicide, political choices during this election year and others.

"We have a responsibility to effect change in our communities," Wysocki said.

That extends beyond reaching out one time and goes beyond charity to justice.

Wysocki agreed with Maida that assisted suicide doesn't provide an acceptable solution to life's problems.

The priest agreed that obedience to God's will and laws can be a difficult concept in a country where so many people tend to be outspoken.

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religion calendar

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

● **"SPRINSPIRATION"**
"An Uncommon Commitment" will be the theme of "Springspiration '92," sponsored by the Mutual Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. A presentation of Scripture and celebration in song will highlight the four-day spiritual revival. Dr. Keith Keeran, president of the Kentucky Christian College, will speak. Music will be provided by soloist and pianist Terri Bewley of Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Springspiration" will kick off Easter Sunday, April 19, at the 8:15 service. It will continue with Keeran and Bewley presenting programs 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 20-22. The programs are free. Special activities will be provided for children in nursery school through sixth grade. For information, call 464-6722.

● **EASTER SERVICES**
Easter services at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church, will include communion 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 16, is a time of remembrance will be observed for those who have died since the last Maundy Thursday. A community service will be 12:30-1:30 p.m. The Rev. Philip Rodgers Mages' sermon will be "Were You There?"

Three services will be celebrated Easter Sunday, April 19. Communion will be served 7:30 a.m. with a meditation, "Are You Prepared to Live?" by the Rev. Leland Seese. Music will be by the Agape Singers. Festival services will take place 9 and 11 a.m. with Mages preaching on "Easter . . . And the Dark at the Top of the Stairs." The Chancel Choir will sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." The Carols choir will sing at the 9 a.m. service and the Jubilate Bells will ring at 11 a.m.

● **CARD PARTY**
The St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have a card party 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the parish hall, 23901 Elmira, Redford. There will be door prizes, a dessert table and coffee. Donation is \$5. For tickets or reservations, call 533-9197 or 533-5699.

● **GOOD FRIDAY**
Livonia Baptist Church will have a Good Friday service noon Friday, April 17. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

community calendar

Education

FREE CLASSES: IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education. Call 451-6555.

PRESCHOOL:

- Hugs & Kisses Child Care & Learning Center, 249 S. Main, downtown Plymouth, preschool through kindergarten, 459-5830.
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- Come Little Children Center, 45050 Warren Road, in Canton, ages 6 weeks to 2 years, 455-4607.
- The Discovery Learning Center, 45678 Helm, in a Metro West Industrial Park, in Plymouth, 6 weeks through kindergarten, 455-5490.
- Pathways to Learning Children's Center, 42290 Five Mile, 420-3553.
- Canton Parks and Recreation Preschool program, the Canton "Crickets," 397-5110.

- Creative Playhouse, Canton, 981-2382.
- Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Co-op Preschool, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, 981-0286 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).
- Young Moments Preschool (non-daycare), First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 453-3020.
- New Morning School, Plymouth, 420-3331.
- Creative Day Nursery School, Canton, 2½-5 years of age, 981-3990.
- Plymouth Canton Head Start, Central Middle School, 451-6656.
- Plymouth Canton Montessori School, 459-1550.
- Christ the Good Shepherd, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, 981-0286.
- Tiny Tots, Salvation Army Building, Plymouth, 3- and 4-year-olds, 453-5464.
- Willow Creek Co-op, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 3- and 4-year-olds, 459-9540.
- PLUS Preschool, Central Middle School, free program for 4-year-olds, register now for 1992-1993 school year, 451-6656.
- St. Michael Christian School, Canton, registration for 3-year-old

preschool through second grade is March 2-13, 459-9720.

- St. Peter Lutheran Day School, preschool (age 4 years) through eighth grade, 1309 Penniman, register now, 453-0460.
- Plymouth Christian Preschool, 43065 Joy, 459-3506.
- Plymouth Children's Co-op Nursery, Canton, 981-5521.
- Preschool Kreatives, Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.
- Infant and Preschool Special Education program, Tanger Elementary School, 451-6560.

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READING ASSISTANCE: Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assessment. Call Community Literacy Council, 451-6555.

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

VOLUNTEERS: Needed to pack or deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Plymouth/Canton community, 453-2525.

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

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE: Speakers for groups interested in learning about home care as an alternative to nursing homes or hospitals. Call the community relations director, 981-8820.

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For details and review of musical performances, please turn to the Entertainment section.

Up, up with music
Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking music lovers who would like to help organize their summer "Music in the Park" concert series. "Music in the Park" is a series of 10 lunchtime concerts beginning the third week of June in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. If you could spare a few hours or can suggest talent for the series (classical, jazz, folk, pops, children's), call the PCAC office at 455-5260.

Snapshooting on-site
Livonia photographer Carlos Diaz will receive \$8,000 in grants to fund a 14-week photography workshop beginning in June for young adults in southwest Detroit's Mexican Town. Diaz, an associate professor of photography at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, will receive \$4,000 from Arts Midwest and \$4,000 from Casa de Unidad. From the start, Diaz has worked together with Casa de Unidad to formulate the project and find students who would be committed to it. "We're supplying them with cameras and film to document their way of life in a low-income urban setting that is primarily Hispanic," Diaz said. He hopes the project will help increase their sense of self-worth and make them feel positive about where they live. Ilford is donating a supply of printing paper. Diaz will next look to Fuji and Kodak for supplies. If you're interested in helping out or would like to know more about the project, call Diaz at the CCS Photography Department: 872-3118.

Friends of Nankin Mills will host their fourth annual spring art show and country fair noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the historic Westland mill, Ann Arbor Trail and Farmington Road. Proceeds will go toward the \$1.5 million restoration and expansion of the Wayne County-owned, Civil War-era mill. For booth information, call Friends Denise Mehlich at 261-3633 or Joe Benyo at 467-3183.

Talkin' history
Plymouth Historical Society will host the spring meeting of area historical societies Tuesday, May 12 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Museum tours will start at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Kathy Petlewski of Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library will speak on organizing genealogical materials in archives and libraries of local historical societies.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Lorraine Fleming of Redford began painting in 1986. She likes working in acrylic. She also does china painting.

Seniors display their paintings in library show

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

From ages 60 to 82, the talented and imaginative artists in Carl Angevine's Wayne County Community College art classes at the Redford Township Community Center take their painting seriously.

The colorful proof is the 58 artworks, including people and animal portraits, florals, still life and southwest landscapes, on display through April 19 in the Redford Township Public Library, 15150 Norborne.

"I was really anxious for them to show their work," Angevine said. "It's a good exhibition. I wanted to show the community the work these seniors are doing."

The spring art show, judged by Livonia artist Barbara Demgen, spotlights oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel.

First place went to Barbara Majewski for "Kitchen Tile," second place to Elizabeth Weir for "Fern" and third place to Shirley Armitage for "Santa Barbara."

Honorable mentions were awarded Michael Roman for "Church," Ann Holiday for "Dunes," and Therese Duffy for "Waterlilies."

"We are looking forward to the exhibit," said Mary McKinley, Redford painter. "I think every artist looks forward to showing their work."

ON THE Friday previous to the show's opening, McKinley, who began painting 12 years ago, worked in oil to create an impressionistic painting of a charcoal cat on a windowsill. An explosion of red geraniums to the cat's right provides contrast and color.

"Painting, it's something creative I enjoy. You start from a blank canvas and end up with a colorful scene," McKinley said.

Roman has been taking classes with Angevine since 1985. The spring show spotlights his "Michigan Lady Slippers," an acrylic painting in the tradition of realism.

"I enjoy people coming and appreciating my work," Roman said. "It's something I've done since sixth grade."

Roman works in watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink and pencil to depict birds, butterflies, florals and landscapes. Two of his artworks were spotlighted last fall in the Michigan State Fair Exhibition. Out of 908 entries, only 202 were juried into the show.

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— Mary McKinley

JACKIE PRICE worked 40 years as a fashion illustrator for the Detroit Times, rendering many flashy outfits in pen and ink to accompany fashion writer Joan Dean's column. Until three years ago, she did freelance newspaper ad illustrations for Sibley Shoes.

Price, a graduate of Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, will exhibit two paintings in the show, "Baby Bears" and "Her Baby," a portrait of her granddaughter's amazon parrot. "Jackie has a professional style. She paints very well," Angevine said.

Lucille Kascheksky's southwest landscapes are done in a pastel palette based on sand colors. "Lucille's pieces are strongly designed," Angevine said.

Because she felt she couldn't draw a straight line with a ruler, Kascheksky said, she began taking art classes with Angevine six years ago.

"It's been fun. I've never been there," Kascheksky said, referring to the sandy southwestern scene. "I took three or four pictures and put them together. This is my version of a dream desert."

DREAM DESERT It is with soothing sand colors, calming cactuses and a hot white sun that scorches the earth's palette, lightening and bleaching the color of everything in sight.

"You've got to keep active," Kascheksky said. "You've got to keep your mind going instead of staring at that big box all day long."

Therese Duffy will show two acrylic paintings "Berry Cluster" and "Waterlilies."

"I started 3½ years ago. Carl gives no long lectures on theory. He leads you instead," Duffy said. "I inherited a tremor in my hands. Carl figured out how to steady my hand so I can paint."

Duffy is one of the driving forces behind producing the senior's art exhibition at the library.

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GLASS



Legendary glass artist Dale Chihuly created this blown and fused glass artwork with platinum leaf titled "Green and Gold Venetian."

Worldly

Invitational sets shining example

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

GLASS ARTISTS from Australia, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Japan and the United States will dazzle visitors to Habatat Galleries' 20th annual International Glass Invitational through May 5 in Farmington Hills.

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"She Walks Like a Rumour," 57 inches high by Leslie Hawk, is lead, steel, concrete and Pate de Verre.

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Historic village intersection re-created at Greenmead

THE GOOD folks at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village are "geering up" to dedicate another of their terrific historical preservation efforts.

Re-opening of the Geer bungalow at a ribbon-cutting on Sunday, May 31, will officially complete re-creation of the Newburgh Road/Ann Arbor Trail intersection, circa 1910-25, at Greenmead.

The crossroads village of Newburgh once was a prosperous farming community with its own post office and daily mail service.

The re-created village intersection at Greenmead also features a general store, an interurban waiting room, a church and parsonage, and a one-room school.

"Things are laid out exactly as they were in the original village,"

says Sue Daniel, Livonia Historical Commission chairwoman and guru among local historians.

"We took the house because it had been part of that intersection for a long time," she added. "Besides, it gave us a chance to restore a house from a different era, after the turn of the century."

The Kingsley, Shaw, Cranson-Hinbern, Alexander Blue and Simmons/Hill houses at Greenmead all pre-date the Civil War.

THE GEER bungalow sits next to the Geer General Store. Alan and Hattie Geer sold dry goods, hardware, groceries and elixirs during their ownership from 1912 to 1916.

The Geers and their two sons, Irving and Stanley, rented the four-room, 1½-story bungalow from 1913



Bob Sklar

to 1916, when they moved from Livonia. "It's a very average house, really a very ordinary home," Daniel said.

The city plans to invite Geer descendants to the restored bungalow's dedication. The city acquired the white-clapboard house from developers in 1979 and paid more than \$15,000 to move it to Greenmead.

Restoration didn't come until 13 years and \$85,000 later. Says Daniel: "We had other priorities at

Greenmead during the '80s."

In 1990, the house was put on a foundation, heat and electricity were added and new basement stairs were installed.

"There had been access to the basement but it didn't meet code," Daniel said. "So we extended a wall and took out a chimney to get in the new stairway."

A NEW roof, new insulation, fresh plaster and refinished woodwork came last year. The floor also was refinished. "We still have quite a bit to do inside — for example, upholstery fabric and wallpaper," Daniel said.

Almost half of the house's restoration cost will come from a \$40,000 estate donation to the Livonia Historical Commission Trust Fund in 1989.

The house will contain period furnishings. Included are items from her grandparents' homes, making the project "kind of fun for me," Daniel said.

Furnishings were collected from 10 donors over the years. Most furnishings represent 1910 to 1925, but the stove and refrigerator date back to 1930.

BY COINCIDENCE, the re-created village intersection at the east end of Greenmead represents an era roughly 25 years before Livonia became a city in 1950.

The west end of the 23-building historical village showcases structures from the 1840s and 1850s, roughly 25 years after the first settlers came to Livonia, then part of Bucklin Township.

"We didn't realize this time connection until we started our restoration projects," Daniel said.

One of the Livonia Historical Society's charter members in 1956, Hattie Geer no doubt would beam with pride at the freshly restored look to her family's former home.

Livonia Historical Society president Marian Lynch says the transplanted intersection tells a key part of local history.

"Livonia used to have lots of little crossroads — Newburgh, Elm, Livonia Center, Clarenceville, Stark. Since we don't have a downtown, they really were little downtowns for the city."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.

Artist challenges hypocrisy in religion

By Linda Ann Chomlin
special writer

Undoubtedly the first of its kind for art exhibits in Overland, a Redford Township artist's avant-garde, 25-piece show in Livonia confronts organized religion, taking it to task, rebelling against what she calls hypocrisy.

Angela Matthews' conceptual art exhibit, "Images and Icons," consists of pastel drawings, watercolors, photography, mixed-media assemblages and an installation.

A reception to meet the artist and discuss her work will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in the gallery at Frameworx, 34983 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

"Either people will walk in and walk right out or they stay awhile, but I haven't gotten any comments yet," said Matthews, who graduated in December with high honors from Siena Heights College in Adrian. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree.

A PRODUCT of the Catholic educational system, studying first at St. Valentine in Redford, then at Ladywood High School in Livonia, Matthews said she started questioning her religious education after a semester of study abroad.

"It happened when I was studying in Italy. When I walked into St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, I realized the hypocrisy," she said.

"Christianity is based upon such a poor humble person as Christ. To see the gold, the encrusted jewels and the ornate trappings — that was the turning point for me."

Her art makes clear the statement condemning the "marriage of wealth and religion, of unnecessary plastic and manufactured and mass-produced icons."

Her anger rings loud and clear through a series of mixed-media assemblages.

She tells how she defaced a blue and white porcelain Madonna after taking it up one day. "Mary is the

'Christianity is based upon such a poor, humble person as Christ. To see the gold, the encrusted jewels and the ornate trappings (in St. Peter's Basilica) — that was the turning point for me.'

— Angela Matthews

mother of the church. I've been used to seeing Mary as pure, without any flaws or ornamentation."

WITH the statue in hand, Matthews said she started to think "how could I make 'em (the viewer) angry, how could I make 'em laugh, how could I spark some kind of reaction to make 'em think."

"In this society, we're fed so much information that we don't think for ourselves," she said. "When I run out of inspiration, it will stop," Matthews said. "I would rather do what I'm into, to have a bread and butter job, or starving, then to commercialize my work."

"I see it as a one-on-one personal relationship," she said.

In comparison, her pastel portraits of "The Christ," "The Virgin," "Mary Magdalene" and other religious figures speak in silent continuity, except for "The Musician," a larger-than-life portrait of Prince.

"He's my idol," Matthews said. "I have a couple of obscure albums by

him where he's really into the spiritual. He just seemed to fit in naturally with the other figures."

MATTHEWS VIEWS her series of floral watercolors in the show as flowing spiritual pieces. One of the watercolors is "Magdalene's Perfect Love."

"I had been reading about the symbolism of flowers, tulips being the symbol of perfect love," Matthews said.

"I think that encompasses Mary Magdalene's love. The purple is real spiritual and the red is a symbol of desire. I admire Mary Magdalene. She was an unpretentious, repentant sinner, a former prostitute who loved Christ."

"Martyr's Soles," a mixed-media assemblage, consists of a frilly, white pair of women's pumps with nails coming up through the insoles, which are painted blood red.

A pair of Magdalene's sturdy black shoes are sprinkled with blue glitter. Matthews has plans to work on a pair of roller skates for Jesus.

"When I run out of inspiration, it will stop," Matthews said. "I would rather do what I'm into, to have a bread and butter job, or starving, then to commercialize my work."

That would be selling out."

CONCEPTUAL ART, art with social or political concerns, is nothing new. Jasper Johns introduced questions for viewers to consider with assembled mixed media as early as the 1950s. Andy Warhol addressed mass production in the 1960s and 1970s.

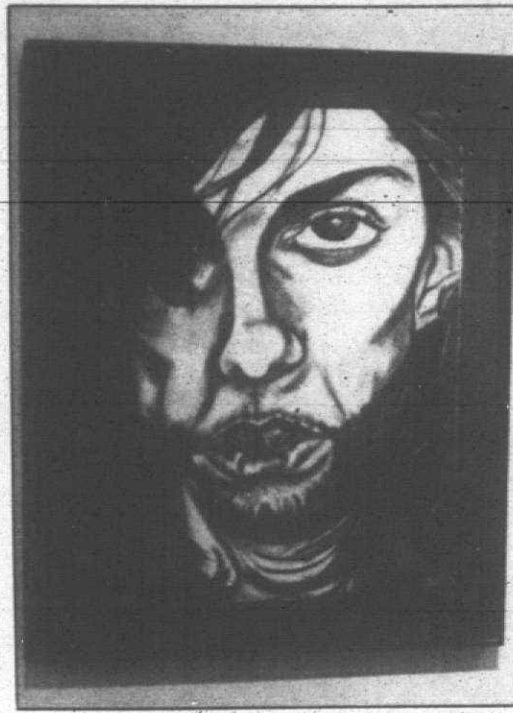
"I can completely understand where she's coming from, why she feels the way she does," said Diane Pierce, Frameworx manager.

Pierce realizes the show is controversial, but hosted it to help Matthews get her art career off the ground.

"This is something we're going to be starting — to have a featured artist from time to time. Young artists just starting out have a hard time gaining recognition from the public," Pierce said.

"I think it will be fun. You really have to admire Angela's spunk."

"Images and Icons" runs to April 30. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



"The Musician," a pastel drawing of Prince by Redford artist Angela Matthews, is part of a series of portraits using religious figures as subject matter in the avant-garde "Images and Icons" exhibit.

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Library spotlights paintings by seniors

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"I wanted to show their work because it's encouraging to all of them. They enjoy painting. All day Friday, students are here painting, some from 10 in the morning to four in the afternoon," Duffy said.

"I thought it would be good to show their work. Let's be aware of what they're doing."

LORRAINE FLEMING began to paint in 1986. Acrylics and china paint are her loves. "It's the greatest therapy. You get lost in the painting. Not only is it creative, but it's therapy," Fleming said.

After raising 11 children, Majewski decided to do something for herself. Although she has painted for 17 years, she began taking classes with Angevine a short time ago.

"I needed to be in a place where I have to paint and where Carl will tell us why don't you move that over a little to the right," Majewski said. Majewski enjoys doing portraits: "The thing I enjoy about oils is you're not committed. You can go back and change a color. Just doing a portrait is hard. If I can't push the oils to get a color, I'd just as soon use oils but you need patience to let it dry."

Armitage renders all different subjects in all different media. She has attended Angevine's classes for six years with her hearing ear dog, Lady.

"Shirley works from her own photographs. She does portraits in pastels. She has a unique style of her own," Angevine said. "I never impose my style of painting on my stu-

dents. Their work is done in their own style."

ANGEVINE'S STYLE evolved

over 40 years of painting. He honed his art talent at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, under the tutelage of Sarkisian, Palazzola, Ko-

slow and Midener.

Over the years, he has received many awards, most recently in the 1992 Michigan Annual XX at the Art

Center in Mount Clemens. Nationally recognized artist Carl Wald Jurored the show, in which Angevine received the Director's Award.

Last fall, he took first place in the professional painter's class at the Michigan State Fair Exhibition and second place in 1991 Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibition at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

Angevine has taught a variety of

media in 16 years. He thinks it's important to continue art studies and still takes classes himself. "You never stop learning how to paint and draw. You keep learning and learning."

Thanks to Ruth Winters and the Friends of the Library, librarian Fred Padfuss and show chairwoman Theresa Duffy, the seniors' artwork will be given the recognition it deserves.

"Chubby is going to introduce these huge floating pieces. They are monstrous and very heavy."

"This year, the artist's work is more adventuresome. You find more artists painting with glass like Cliff Ralney and Ginny Ruffner."

The International documents the rapidly changing contemporary studio glass movement. In one year, glass artwork can go through a metamorphosis as artists experiment with new ideas, techniques and scientific technologies.

"I WAS amazed at how far glass has come since I first visited Habatat in Dearborn in the '70s. The technique, process, color are light years away. Glass as an art medium, has gone from the dark ages to a future in it. When you study art history, you realize the impact technology has on art," said artist Barbara Demgen of Livonia.

Demgen, an artist for 30 years, is an instructor in the Creative and Performing Arts program for gifted visual arts students in Livonia Public Schools.

"A painter strives to get all that luminosity, to capture that light. The light bounces around the pieces, especially Jon Kuhn's. I appreciated his forms, his ability to manipulate and control all that light. When he's creating a piece, he has to think about how the light will reflect."

Four artists from the 1973 inaugural show — Herb Babcock, Mark Peiser, Dick Huss and Richard Ritter — return in 1992. Babcock, chairman of the Glass and Crafts Departments at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, introduces two new pieces from his "Pillared Series."

BABCOCK, WHO explored the

vessel format in the 1970s to 1983, in the 1980s delved into a steel fabrication format. He said his new work is more three-dimensional unlike pieces in the past, which were more from a flat and formal.

"I love glass and what it offers, the transmitted light and translucency," Babcock said. "Combine that with the steel and the shadows, I enjoy the diversity of issues I can address by combining glass and steel and stone."

Babcock confirms the importance of Habatat's International exhibition to contemporary glass.

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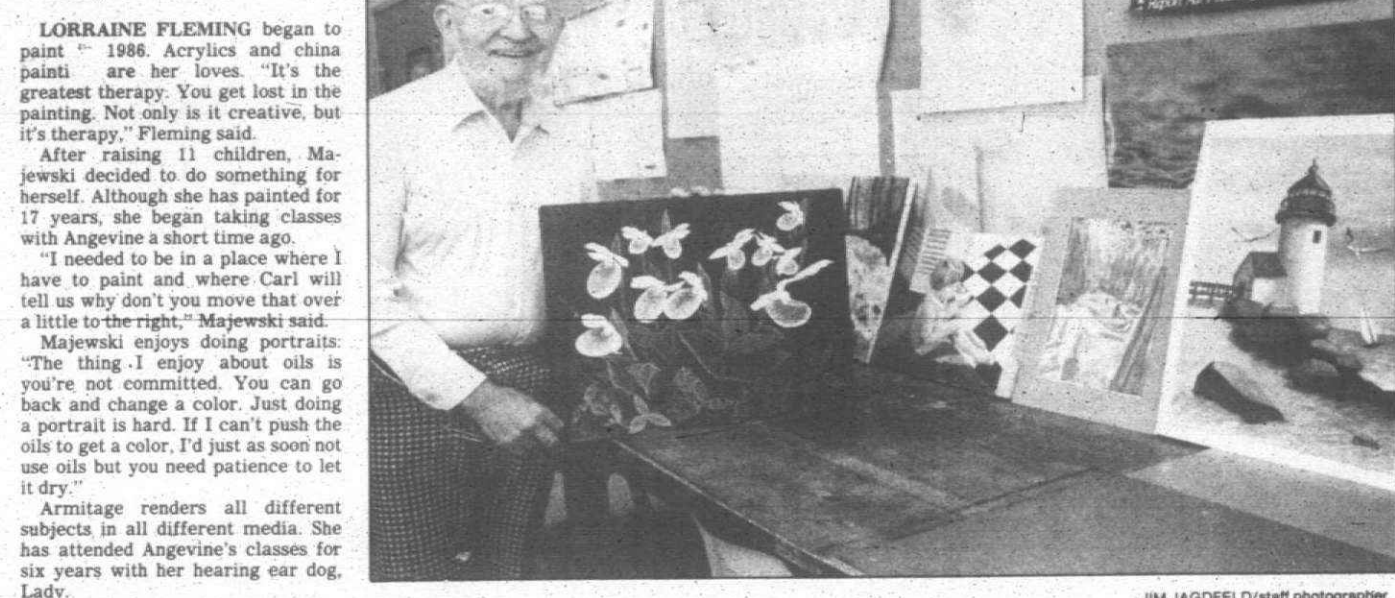
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Michael Roman of Redford displays his acrylic, "Michigan Lady Slippers," part of the seniors' fine art display in the township library. He won an honorable mention for another acrylic, "Church."

Story of nursing home killings a shocker

"Forever and Five Days," by Lowell Cuffiel (467 pp., Zebra, \$20).

By the late 1980s, Grand Rapids had been named an "All-American City" by the National Municipal League numerous times.

With its highly diversified economy, the former furniture capital had become the "fifth most-moved-to" area in the U.S. Unemployment was insignificant. Homicide was rare.

Not surprisingly, the people of the conservative community were profoundly shocked in 1988 to discover that two serial killers resided among them.

The murderers would be discovered in a rather unlikely place: a nursing home called Alpine Manor, located in a Grand Rapids suburb. At the time, Alpine Manor was considered one of the best nursing homes in Michigan.

In "Forever and Five Days," former Detroit News reporter Lowell Cuffiel provides a stunning account of the crimes that took place there in 1987, when nurses' aides Cathy Wood, 28, and Gwen Graham, 26, murdered at least five female patients then under their care.

Later, Wood and Graham, who were lovers, would reveal to friends that they had committed the murders because "it was fun." (Eventually, however, their motives would turn out to be somewhat more complex.)

CAUFFIEL SPENT a year writing and researching the book, studying police and court transcripts, medical records, work files and other documents. He interviewed at length more than 30 "key players," along with forensic psychologist Dr. Michael Abramsky, the "fancied" self-butcher, but wrote sentimental love poems, sat tall in

the saddle of her Honda 450, but illustrated her letters with fragile images of hearts — was fearless in the face of real danger, but was terrified of harmless things like toilets and bathtub drains.

Both experienced unenviable childhoods, marked by abuse. As adults, both drank heavily and both were often physically violent among themselves and toward others. One particularly violent scene, during which the two of them gang up on Wood's estranged husband with a baseball bat, takes on the aura of a grim cartoon eventually — and, in fact, much of their life seems tinged

with the same aura.

Wood, after turning state's evidence in the case, is now serving 20 to 40 years on second-degree murder and conspiracy charges. Graham, convicted of first-degree murder, was sentenced to multiple life terms.

Although the building is still there, Alpine Manor doesn't exist anymore. About a year after the trial, the home was sold to a hospital group and is now known as St. Mary's Living Center.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia tracks the books and literary industry.

book break

Victoria Diaz

wardly-written story, replete with chilling detail of how daily crimes committed with relative ease, and how the perpetrators of the crime were eventually found out and dealt with by flawed legal systems.

From the start, though, what makes this book really work are Cuffiel's vivid portraits of the two main characters in the grisly drama.

Wood, an explosive and contradictory genius-in-the-rough was a penit for difficult crossword puzzles and Long Island Ice Tea, apparently used her brilliance almost constantly to manipulate those around her. (In fact, Cuffiel suggests that some of the legal authorities handling the case may have themselves ultimately been manipulated by her.)

DESPISE HER explosiveness and unpredictability, she seemed to possess an almost magical charisma.

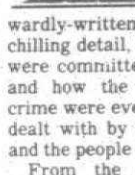
"When you were around her it was like she was the most popular kid in school, and you were the unpopular kid, who didn't have any friends," recalled one acquaintance. "You wanted very much for her to like you. You wanted to be able to do things with her — to be her friend."

Graham appeared to bristle with contradictions as did Wood, though she comes across here as not really capable of the devious mind games on which Wood appeared to thrive.

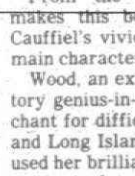
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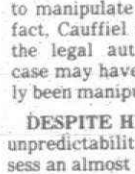
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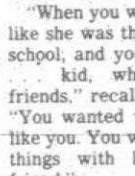
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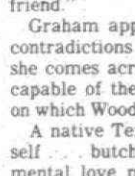
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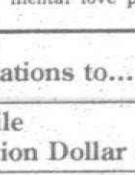
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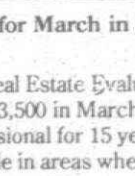
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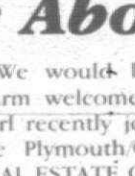
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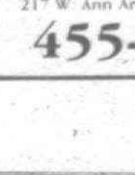
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Cranbrook P.M., in cooperation with Golden Walsh Nursery of Pontiac, sponsors an April garden lecture, "The Dismutative Garden: Planting Your Own Vignette," 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 23.

Jamie Szejninski and Mary Jo Grobs will provide the know-how to change those small "problem" areas outdoors into special places.

Those nooks and crannies will spring to life with the right plantings.

Embellish a courtyard, porch or deck with container gardens for year-round enjoyment, or focus on foliage and flowers in a boulder wall for a wonderful rock garden. Learn about these plants and how to grow them.

Comfortable shoes should be worn as the program includes a tour of Golden Walsh Nursery. The fee is \$12.50.

The visit to Golden Walsh will be repeated Saturday, May 2.

Call Cranbrook P.M. at 445-3635 for more information and for the complete spring and summer program listing.

Where there's a need, there's a way.

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Distinctive two bedroom, two and a half bath condo in Livonia, spacious master suite, gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, living room with cathedral ceiling and dramatic fireplace, attached garage. ML#M08185 \$164,900 455-6000

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312 Livonia
THREE BEDROOM ranch, 2 car garage. Family room with fireplace. 5th Mile/Livonia area. \$129,000. 452-0635

THE WORK'S ALL DONE \$78,500 on this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick cape cod, recent improvements include: shingles, siding, furnace and storm windows. Large living room with bay window, kitchen with nook, fireplace in family room, and garage. 452-1980

BEST BUY \$87,900 North Livonia fresh new offering. Brick 3 bedroom ranch on a large 110 x 165 foot country lot. Newer oak kitchen, basement, and 2 car attached garage. 424-5700

JUST LISTED \$91,500 Roseale Gardens brick bungalow, 3 bedroom ranch with a new kitchen, finished basement, aluminum trim, and 2 car garage. 421-5660

WORTH THE MONEY \$91,900 Great looking brick ranch with more features than you would expect. Over 1,500 square feet, family room with fireplace, 1 1/2 baths, and some new carpeting, and fresh paint make this home well worth it! 452-1660

KIMBERLY OAKS \$118,500 Spacious open floor plan in this brick ranch, 3 large bedrooms, vaulted great room with fireplace, finished basement, 2 half baths, and 2 car attached garage. 421-5660

MODERN FAMILY \$154,900 This versatile 2,200 square foot 4 bedroom brick quad in Northwest Livonia fits today's families' lifestyles. 2 1/2 baths, basement, fireplace, and 2 car attached garage. 421-5660

FAMILY FAVORITE \$158,900 Located in one of Northwest Livonia's finest subdivisions, 2,254 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. First floor library, dining room, and 1st floor laundry. 474-5700

LOOK NO FURTHER \$164,900 This home on over an acre has all the space and all the features that you could possibly want or need. With over 2,000 square feet and spacious rooms, this home is perfect for someone who loves wide open spaces. 452-1660

WINDRIDGE VILLAGE \$189,900 Spacious 1987 built great room in Northwest Livonia. Master bath, brick fireplace, walkout basement, central air, and sprinklers. 474-5700

JUST REDUCED \$218,900 Best buy in Deer Creek! This spectacular ranch has it all including an open sunny floor plan, enhanced by custom window treatments and a host of other custom features. Absolutely a bargain! 452-1660

CONTEMPORARY RANCH \$219,900 Spacious 1987 built great room in Northwest Livonia's Deer Creek Subdivision. Formal dining room, fashion master bath, island kitchen, central air, and sprinklers. 421-5660

TUDOR COLONIAL \$229,900 Bicentennial Estate of Northwest Livonia. Impressive 2,417 square foot 4 bedroom with den, 2 1/2 baths, custom deck, sprinklers, and central air. 474-5700

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NEW AFFORDABLE IN LIVONIA
3 bedroom ranch built in 1991. Nestled in a country-like setting—beautiful with private bath. Great room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Huge kitchen with oak cabinets, central air, full basement. Large contract terms available. Reduced to \$138,900.

COMING SOON IN LIVONIA
1650 sq. ft. ranch with a unique contemporary flair. Magnificent open floor plan with vaulted ceilings and tastefully designed lighting. Fireplace open to family room and garage. Full basement. \$155,000.

A REAL SLEEPER
And a great investment. 1600 sq. ft. maintenance free ranch, new furnace, roof, central air and much more. Nestled on a large black walnut treed lot. \$84,900.

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WOW
Sharp 3 bedroom tri-level with 1 1/2 baths, family room, many updated features. Central air. Lots of storage and 2 car garage. \$116,900.

CENTURY 21 ROW
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ATTENTION! BRING OFFERS
Contemporary colonial, 2 years old, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great room, Marlett cabinets, fireplace, first floor laundry & more. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace. Near schools. \$95,500.

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Canton ranch. Mint condition, formal dining, full basement. Asking \$104,900. Call.

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A BEAUTY
Very attractive 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, in desirable area. Spacious great room with fireplace, large kitchen, 2 car attached garage, central air, full basement. Large contract terms available. Just listed at \$124,900.

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Brentwood Estates - 3 bedroom ranch, cathedral ceiling, deck, 2 car attached garage. \$98,000
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CONTEMPORARY quad in wooded country sub, professionally upgraded for the 90's. Designer kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, move in condition. 1 acre in Warren & Napier area. \$225,000. 453-8568

CUTE QUAD LEVEL
1800 sq. ft. of luxury living. Formal dining, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, HUGE family room, basement and 3 car attached garage. 4th bedroom could be library. Only \$116,900.

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North Canton 2,492 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick colonial. Sunroom with skylight, laundry, and finished basement. 474-5700

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live here. Newly updated carpeting and decor, plus new windows & new kitchen. Basement is tied and paved. Brick front on detached garage. Won't last at this price. \$92,900

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Quality custom homes - large country estate lots - 100x150 ft. N.E. corner of Warren & Black. Ashley Construction 427-3295

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N. CANTON RANCH
43834 Brandyness, E. off Sheldon, N. of Warren in Windsor Park. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, family room with arch fireplace, finished basement with sauna & 4th bedroom/office. Many extras. By appointment. \$113,900. 455-6077

ON THE PARK...
What a lovely view as you look out on the park from this 2 tiered deck of 4 bedroom quad-level home. New vinyl windows, furnace, central air and water heater for just \$115,900.

A LOVELY DUCK POND
Enjoy the serene babbling brook and peaceful duck pond on the private 5 acres of this one-of-a-kind home. A multi-use "out building" makes it perfect for horse lovers. \$189,900. Ask for.

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JUST WHAT THE DR. ORDERED
Convenient 1875 sq. ft. brick ranch, large ceramic foyer, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, huge cathedral ceiling/family room, country size kitchen, attached garage, superb finished basement, 1 1/2 car garage for only \$132,500.

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NOT A DRIVE BY!
Must See! Approx. 130 sq. ft. inside and two lots outside. Extras include 18 x 22 rec room, pool, 8-ball platform in backyard. Much More! \$114,890.

GREAT OPEN FLOOR PLAN
2 full baths, 3 bedrooms, 2600 sq. ft. Priced below bank appraisal. Asking \$115,000.

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VALUE PLUS
One of Plymouth/Canton's best buys! Enjoy this 4 bedroom home featuring 2 full baths, a family room with fireplace, formal dining room, central air & large 2 car garage. All this for only \$132,500.

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AFFORDABLE PLYMOUTH Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, too many extras to list. Must see. \$107,000. 455-4709

BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM colonial backs to very private area, very nice yard. Family room with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, full basement with laundry room. Lots of updates. \$144,900. Call

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Near downtown Plymouth. Live on the first floor as owners with a living room, nice large dining room, kitchen with table space, two bedrooms and bath. Use the income from the 2nd floor apartment to help offset your monthly payments. Fresh new interior decor, hardwood floors and new roof in 1988. Asking \$129,900.

PLYMOUTH RANCH. Clean and comfortable 3 bedroom brick ranch with newer vinyl windows, attached 2 car garage, central air, finished basement. All for only \$112,900. Call today. 455-4640.

HEAR THE TREES TALK
as you enjoy your peaceful yard and new 2 car garage. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished rec room, and large 1st floor laundry. Newly carpeted. Side entrance. New central air. Asking \$239,500.

Polished and Clean. Fussy buyers are welcome to this Plymouth bungalow which is walking distance to downtown Plymouth. This home features 3 bedrooms, kitchen w/large pantry, formal dining room, natural woodwork, garage, enclosed porch. Florida room, deck. All this for \$107,000.

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3 bedroom brick bungalow on treed street close to downtown, with finished basement and fenced in yard. \$112,900.

COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE
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TWO FOR ONE
Two single family homes on one lot. Live in front 2 bedroom home and rent single bedroom home for \$335 month. Large lot. Walk to town and schools. \$89,900.

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING!
Plymouth's exclusive executive retreat! Elegant custom home on premium lot backing to park with hills and pond. Dramatic fireplace with cathedral ceiling, sunroom, gourmet kitchen with granite island, master bedroom with Jacuzzi, styled tub, light and airy. \$339,900.

WHY RENT?
This sharp 3 bedroom ranch is located in a quiet Plymouth neighborhood. Decorated from the pages of House Beautiful, large country kitchen, with new oak cabinets. \$69,900.

ENJOY THE COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE
In this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial. Family room, newer windows, furnace, central air and more. All on a deep treed lot. \$111,900.

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DREAMING OF PLYMOUTH
Enjoy a fantastic updated floor plan and decor in this remarkable priced home. Almost 1,200 sq. ft. of living. Remarkably priced home. Almost 1,200 sq. ft. of living. Large laundry room, 3 huge bedrooms and kitchen, fenced yard. Freshly painted & decorated. You will want to hurry and secure your future in Plymouth. Asking \$87,500. (52778).

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MINT CONDITION Contemporary
Which offers so many extras - Gourmet kitchen, huge master suite, 3 car garage. Call for details. \$194,900.

CHARMING old home in the City of Plymouth. Hardwood floors, central air, 2 car garage, full basement, big yard. Walk to downtown. A lot of homes for the money. \$102,900.

TRAILWOOD - Premium wooded lot gorgeous 4 bedroom colonial w/den. Many updates. 1st floor laundry. Pristine condition. \$194,500.

PERFECT! Spacious 4 bedroom colonial in Plymouth Twp. with den, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces & family room. Sellers highly motivated and will look at all reasonable offers. A must see at \$174,900.

LOTS OF CURB APPEAL boasts this Plymouth Twp. brick charmer. 2 bedroom plus den. 1st floor w/hardwood floors, 1 car garage. Large country lot 50 x 187. \$85,900.

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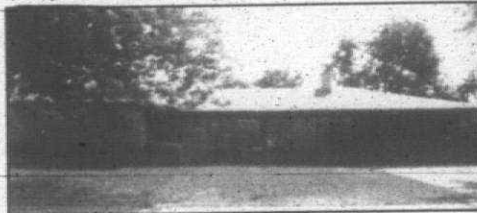
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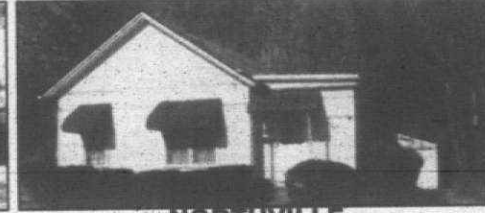
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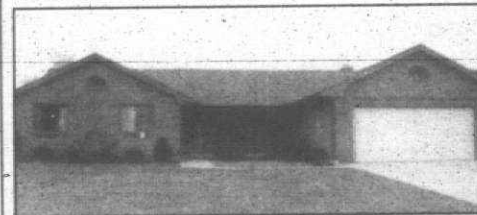
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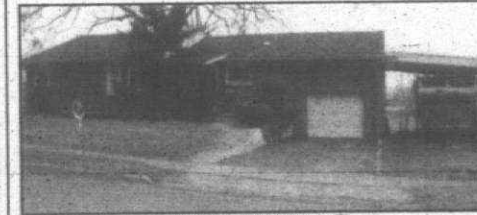
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Smart homes

New concepts make houses safer, more energy efficient

By Allison Ashton
special writer

HOMES ARE more than an attractive way to shelter us from the outside world. Smart homes are safe, toxin-free and energy efficient. Small improvements around the house can make your home all three.

A Smart House is featured at this spring's Homearama Spring 1992 at the Meadows at Oakland Farms Subdivision, Gunn Road west of Rochester Road in Oakland Township, May 7-25. The house was built by Wake-Pratt Construction Co.

Many safety projects are easy for the do-it-yourselfer; contractors can help with bigger projects.

Fire safety should top every homeowner's checklist. Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers (especially in the kitchen), and inspect them regularly.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there should be at least one smoke detector on every floor. Detectors should not be installed within six inches of where walls and ceilings meet or near heating and cooling ducts.

Electrical currents also pose a hazard, particularly in the kitchen and bathroom, where appliances can get wet. Ground fault interrupters installed in plugs will cut off the electricity if the appliance gets wet.

Avoid potential accidents by removing throw rugs and small pieces of furniture that are easy to trip over. Stairways should be well-lit; put anti-skid strips in bathtubs and showers.

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS are an invisible but very real hazard to your home. Dizziness, as well as persistent sinus and respiratory ailments, are a clue that your home may be emitting a toxic element.

Causes include poor ventilation, excess moisture, poor water, formaldehyde, lead paint, asbestos, pesticides, radon and toxic waste. Newly discovered threats include electromagnetic fields emitted from household appliances.

Most environmental threats can be dealt with, however, especially if you contact someone qualified to treat environmental hazards.

Asbestos, for instance, is not harmful if it's undamaged. If, however, you think there's a problem, don't try to remove it by vacuuming, breaking, sawing or drilling materials containing asbestos.

Adequate ventilation is important for keeping the air fresh in the house and dissipating excess moisture, which can damage the house itself, as well as your family's health. An exhaust-fan system and a humidistat usually solve the problem.

Formaldehyde is a problem that usually affects houses built since the '60s. It's usually found in particle board subflooring and insulation. There are sealants available to reduce formaldehyde emissions.

LEAD PAINT is usually found in houses built before the '40s. Cracked or peeling paint should be covered by wallpaper or drywall or completely stripped by a professional.

Cancer-causing radon is enough of a problem, says Money magazine, to

warrant testing any house you are considering buying. Treating a radon problem can be as simple as caulking cracks in the basement or as complex as installing a subslab ventilation system.

Money recommends having any house fully inspected by a qualified appraiser for toxic threats before purchasing.

Does your utility bill make you scream each month? It could be time to give the house a tune-up. Not only does an energy-efficient house save money for its owner, but it's also in tune with environment.

Start by conserving water. Install low-flow shower heads and low-flush toilets (an investment of less than \$200 that can save as much as \$75 a year on water and sewer bills, according to Consumer Reports). Repair any leaking faucets.

A blanket around your hot-water heater conserves energy. Also experiment with lowering the water heater setting; a drop of 20 degrees means an 18 percent saving of energy.

Bolster insufficient insulation. Examine windows, a major source of heat loss. Double-glazed windows are particularly effective. Adding storm windows offers further protection; shutters also help retain heat.

THE WINDOW treatments that enhance your decor also are energy efficient. Shades and drapes should be fitted to reduce air flow.

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This is the master bath in the Smart House at Homearama 1992. Wake-Pratt Construction Co. built the energy efficient home.

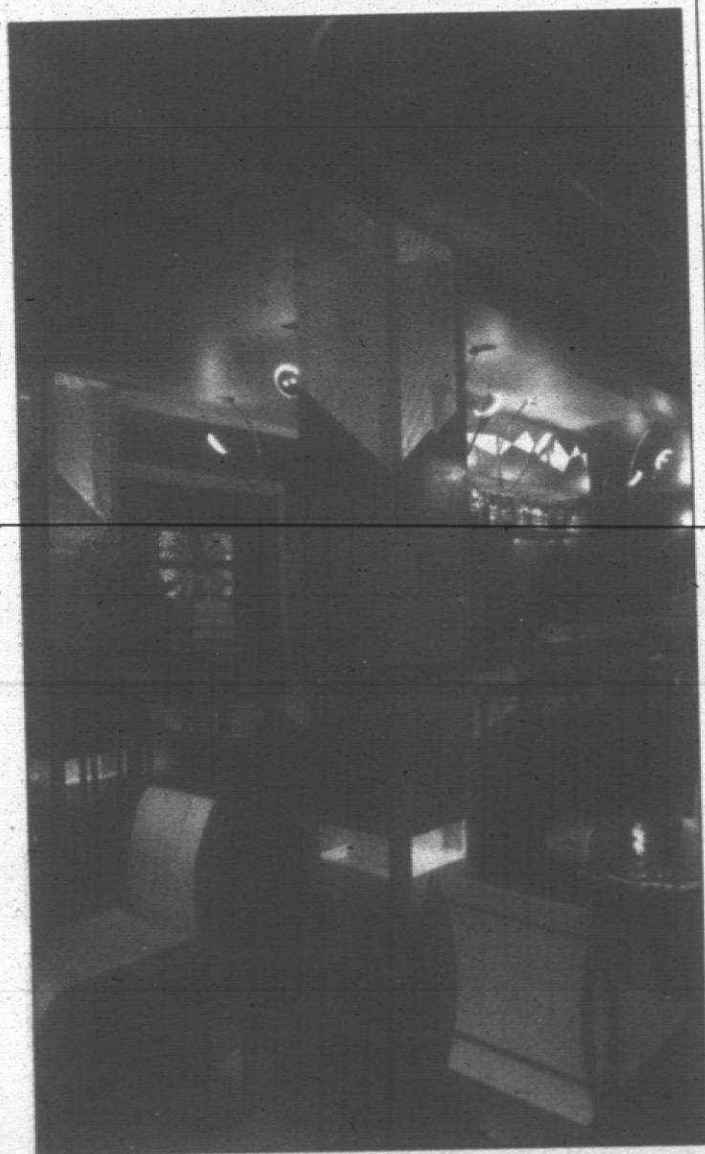


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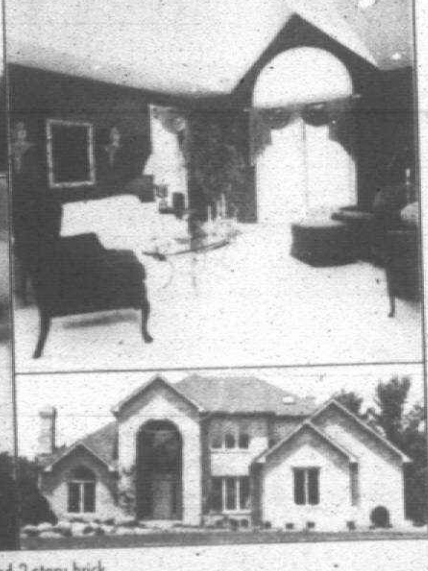
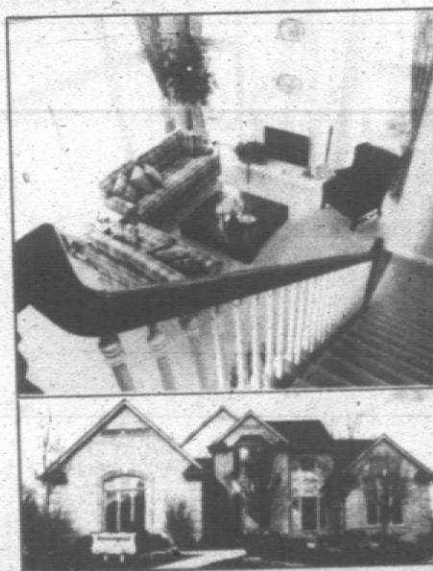
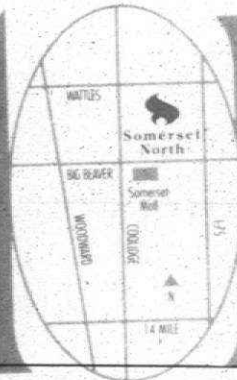
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The key is learning how to differentiate your "product" in the buyers' minds, just as if you were Gillette bringing out a new razor.

Winning sales strategies, described in the magazine's "Money Guide: Your Home" are summarized below.

• YOUR AGENT

Hire the best real estate agent you can find. A sharp pro will advertise your home expertly, show it skillfully and mediate deftly with your buyer. Don't try to save money by selling your house yourself, a difficult option, even in the best of markets.

How do you find a good agent? Get recommendations from neighbors who recently sold homes like yours. Visit real estate offices and ask who their top sellers are (also look for plaques on the walls). Before you decide, invite several candidates to your home and discuss potential prices and marketing plans.

Another advantage of working with an agent is access to the multiple listing service, a publication or computer network that informs other agents about your house.

Don't try to save money by attempting to negotiate a lower commission with your agent. Consider offering a bonus if the home gets snapped up quickly at close to the

asking price. A broker will be motivated to work harder for a client who pays more.

• YOUR PRICE

Bite the bullet. One of the most common, and damaging, mistakes sellers make in weak markets today is clinging to yesterday's prices. Forget the "killing" the Joneses made on the house next door a year ago. It may be as irrelevant to your home's asking price as what the Dutch paid for Manhattan.

By asking too much initially, you waste the critical first 30 to 45 days of the listing period. Your freshly spiffed-up house will look its best during those early weeks, and it will be shown more. You can't afford to lose those potential buyers.

You and your agent should agree on an asking price based on recent sales of comparable homes. Decide on a rock-bottom selling price, then set your initial asking price no more than 3 percent to 5 percent higher, ideally, just under the next multiple of 10 (i.e. \$149,000 rather than \$150,000) for psychological and listing reasons.

• YOUR HOUSE

In a tough market, there may be 10 or more homes competing for each buyer. So make sure your house shows well.

Now is not the time to take on major remodeling or landscaping projects. But minor repairs and cosmetic makeovers do help quicker sales, if not higher prices.

First impressions are crucial. Improve your home's curb appeal by

trimming shrubs, purging weeds and planting flowers.

Nothing spruces up a home's exterior like bright, cheery blooms. After setting geraniums on the porch, a homeowner sold a house that had languished on the market for months (in fact, the buyers requested that the potted plants remain.)

Inside, see to it rooms are sunny, uncluttered and clean. Consider putting some of your excess stuff, from clothes to furnishings, in storage.

Consider painting the house, or at least the mailbox, front door and windowsills. Have the windows washed, fix any leaky faucets, repair stuck doors and windows and replace any damaged or discolored caulking in the bathrooms.

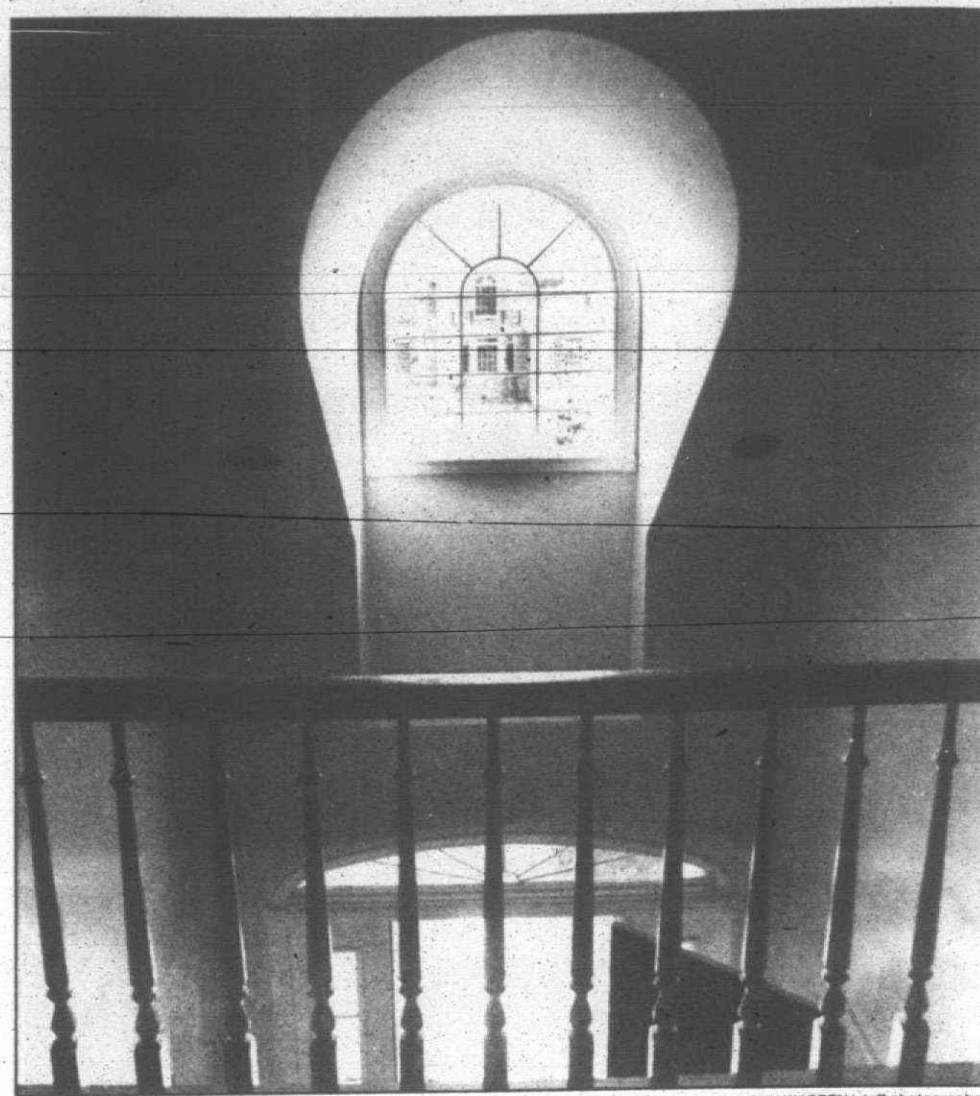
While the house is being shown, keep a low profile (or be absent). Restrict pets and small children, clean the kitchen sink, make the beds, throw open the curtains and blinds and pick up and stash any clutter.

In general, make it as easy as possible for potential buyers to imagine themselves living in your house.

Do away with offbeat or highly personal decorating touches; take a plain-vanilla, conservative approach instead. For example, if you're painting and replacing carpeting, choose off-white and beige.

• YOUR STRATEGY

OK, what do you do if your home hasn't sold within 30 days? Don't fire your broker. Ask what objections prospects are voicing and take action to remedy them.



The Devonshire will be one of the Homerama homes. The dramatic entrance way is one of the features in this home constructed by Bill Kamego.

Carve out your own niche at home

By Kelly Pyrek
special writer

PATTI DAVIS owns a cleaning service with dozens of employees. It's also a business that generates enough

paperwork to repair her entire house. And Davis writes and paints. How can she do all that and still tend to a husband, a cat and a parrot? Davis has moved her base of operations to her home, where she can run her business, enjoy her hobbies and still keep her life and family in order.

Although she lives in a compact two-bedroom apartment, Davis has turned the spare bedroom into a combination office and artist's studio, proving that you don't have to own a mansion to pursue your interests.

Creating your own spaces tucked away from the traffic of the house takes a little ingenuity (Davis cuts mat board for her paintings using a freezer, they're storing as a working countertop), but the results are satisfying.

The secrets to carving out new niches for yourself are learning to view old spaces in a new light and eliminate clutter that crowds out a

prime space with niche potential. The best way to start is to dump items that have outlived their usefulness but that you can't bear to part with, to reclaim spaces such as basements and storage areas.

WHEN INSULATED properly, basements make excellent dark-rooms for photography buffs. Block out light sources with double-lined curtains and posterboard. Look for wall and floor coverings that are suitable for below-grade spaces and varying temperatures.

Attics can be transformed from catch-alls to clever caches for your hobby-related materials. You can wall in a breezeway between the house and garage, or turn a portion of the garage into a workshop. Add indoor/outdoor carpeting, a workbench made from a board over sawhorses and line the existing walls with pegboard on which to hang tools.

Old milk carton cases can be spray-painted and stacked to form neat shelves and cubbyholes that will reduce clutter and make for easy cleanup.

A good source for clever ways of revamping nooks and crannies in your house is "The Complete Basic

Book of Home Decorating" (Doubleday). The following are some ideas you can follow to create your own niches in no time:

• Music rooms. Wall-to-wall carpeting and lined draperies are not only a luxury, but also a wise acoustic move for music-lovers who want to keep their music to themselves. Check the climate-control system for this niche to protect valuable instruments, tapes and stereo equipment.

• Game rooms. Since you'll be moving the furniture around, look to washable vinyl floor coverings or tiles that form a fun checkerboard pattern. Instead of wallpaper, try stenciling or stick-on letters and graphics you can buy at an art supply store. Go to unfinished wood furniture stores to find simple pieces that you can paint in bright primary or neon colors to add to the spirit of the room.

• Hobby rooms. Look for places in your house with good light and ventilation, such as areas adjacent to the kitchen. An enclosed porch could be converted into an artist's studio so that paint fumes aren't a bother, and the outdoors can provide inspiration for budding artists. An unused wet bar could be an ideal place to set

up your pottery work station with access to a sink.

If the niche is located in a corner of the living room or family room, hide projects in the works behind tall folding screens that complement the rest of the room's decor.

Bookshelves can instantly wall off a hobby niche, as well as provide needed storage space. Import stores, such as Cost Plus and Pier One, offer baskets of all sizes and shapes that will hold hobby supplies, but you also can use fishing tackle boxes or rolling microwave carts to make a mobile hobby niche.

• Gyms. According to Home magazine, home gyms are eclipsing private tennis courts or lap pools as a status symbol and the fitness regimen of choice. With the wide variety of machines and equipment available, it isn't hard to find a machine that is trim and light to fit even the tightest spots in your house, which may include balconies for workouts alfresco, alcoves located off master bedrooms or even garages.

• Media centers. Sociologists say our hectic work lives in the '90s are causing us to cocoon in our homes, so many people are turning their living room into a home entertainment center. Video sales and rentals are

shaping lifestyles and even product design. Black is hot, with clean lines reflecting the minimalist tastes of Eurostyle.

Sleek audiovisual components that disappear into cabinetry are selling well, as are armchairs that feature a sliding, pull-out shelf for big-screen televisions and VCR units.

"Custom-designed audiovisual systems are more of an integral part of the house rather than an afterthought," says designer Yves Richarz.

• Home offices. According to Home magazine, at least 20 percent of Americans work from their homes, so a quiet place with a minimum of distractions is one of the most important niches your house can offer. This niche should be comfortable, but also say "all business" to ward off interruptions.

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It won't be too long before your family lives in a house like the Jetsons. Or possibly, more elegantly, like something out of "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Unity Systems already has its Home Manager, which monitors the interior climate, lighting and telecommunications in the house. On a practical level, the system keeps track of who enters the house, closes access to certain rooms and keeps track of when the lawn needs watering. On a fun level, it can turn on the oven and VCR and warm up the Jacuzzi before you return home from work.

Another system, which could be in the majority of homes by the end of the decade, is fiber optic video and information services. Minute glass fiber optic wires have been used for telephone communications for years. The next step is to transmit video information over the wires, meaning two-way video conversations would be possible. Ultimately, banking, shopping and voting transactions will be handled by fiber optics, from your home.

Here and now, however, and on a more affordable level, you will find smart, energy-efficient appliances.

Refrigerators are equipped with water dispensers in the door and small compartments for frequently needed items, which cuts down the energy drain of constantly opening the door. Dishwashers are getting quieter and offer shorter, more energy-efficient cycles.

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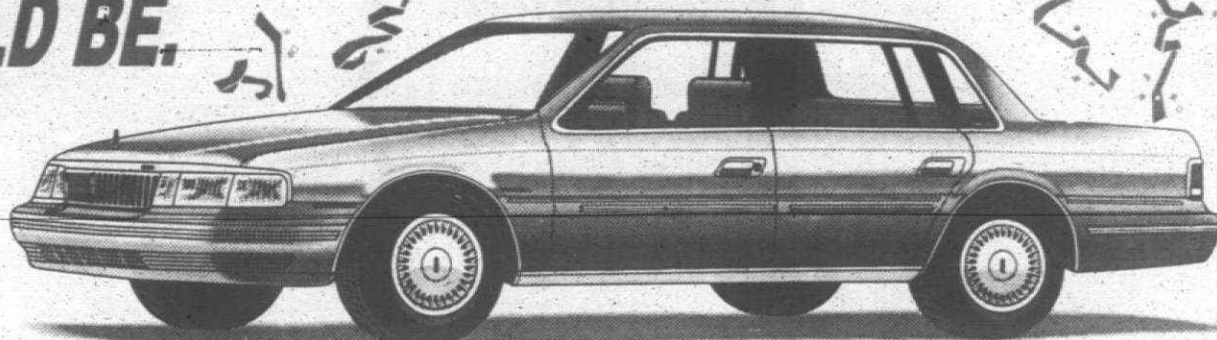
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