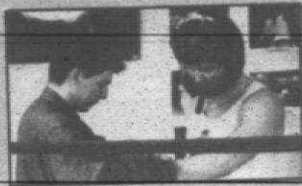


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Schools mull thoughts on new millage

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The financial jam the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools finds itself in has district officials thinking about asking voters to approve new millage in the June 8 election.

The board of education has until May 11 to put such a proposal on the ballot. The issue is expected to be decided at the board's May 4 workshop.

If the district sought 1 mill for one year — a scenario outlined by some — it would cost the owner of a \$120,000 home an added \$60 in property taxes. One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of the SEV, or state equalized valuation, which is half of the market value.

The district currently levies 36.15 total mills.

Plymouth-Canton schools face a deficit of between \$4.3 million and \$7 million, due to legislative action including the property tax freeze, tax-base sharing with other districts, and a cap on Social Security payments to schools by the state.

The financial picture is further muddled by uncertainty surrounding "Robin Hood" proposals, which would entirely phase out state funding of retirement and Social Security. The revenue from better-off districts would be given to poorer districts.

"THE LIKELIHOOD WE will go for it (a millage) is probably 90 percent," said school board member Barbara Graham.

"We don't really have a whole lot of choice in order to not lay off teachers."

The board of education pink-slipped 156 teachers last week.

Trustee Les Walker said the board hasn't reached a decision regarding new millage. "Both 1 and 2 mills have been mentioned," he said. "In general, it's been thought of in terms of a definite limit of a year."

Board president David Artley said he's sure the board will consider new millage "as a potential option."

"We have early retirement in place, and we are talking to the unions and looking at other options. But there's only so much you can cut out."

"It's reasonable to assume the board will consider going for a millage," he said. "It depends on what we perceive as what will actually come out of Lansing. It changes daily."

One of the most recent Senate proposals would phase out in a single year all state

funding of Social Security and retirement. "That would be a mess; real chaos," said Artley. "If it's phased in over five years, we are not going to look at doing anything more than we have to. We know taxpayers are already overburdened. People are losing their homes."

RAY HOEDEL, associate superintendent for business, said no decisions have been made. "The board of education at this time is waiting for a recommendation from administration."

"The big question is, how are you going to balance the budget? My goal for this week is trying to come up with several alternatives. We know that millage or not, cuts have to be made — substantial cuts, across the board."

The district could seek millage (1 mill

would generate \$1.9 million) or a Headlee override, Hoedel said.

Plymouth-Canton and other districts are suffering at the hands of state lawmakers, Hoedel said. "They don't know the severity of what they are doing. Education is going down across the state, fast."

"We want stability in our programs," said Hoedel. "They are just causing all kinds of instability, and sometimes it's very difficult to solve. They are telling us to go out and get our money locally. That is hard to do."

How confident are school officials that even a 1-mill, one-year proposal could pass?

Trustee Carl Battishill said, "the possibility of passing a millage is bleak at best. If we are forced to seek additional millage, it will

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Public hearing place to vent cable beefs

By Ralph R. Echtenaw
staff writer

If you're tired of complaining about cable service to folks who can offer only sympathy in return, try yelling at someone who might do something about it.

The township board has scheduled a special meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, specifically to hear your cable beef.

The public hearing is part of Canton's plan to negotiate a new contract with Omnicom, Supervisor Tom Yack said. Although the current 10-year contract doesn't expire until 1995, the federal cable communications act of 1984 calls for negotiations to begin three years before the expiration date.

Omnicom General Manager Lisa Boland expects to attend the public hearing, as does the township's con-

tract negotiator, Larry Monroe of Municom, a negotiating firm out of New Jersey and Washington D.C.

But don't expect the township to hire another cable outfit. "It's virtually impossible to move to a different cable company," Yack said.

FEDERAL LAW SAYS that a municipality must routinely log complaints and notify the cable company of each of them. The municipality must also do "compliance checks" regarding the technical and service aspects of the cable company's operation. Canton didn't start doing this stuff until about a year ago, Yack said, too late to justify firing Omnicom.

"I don't think you'll see this community in that boat again," Yack said.

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Protest planned

Groups say women inmates abused

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The Scott women's prison at Five Mile and Beck roads at the Plymouth Township border is the scene of a planned Mother's Day rally sponsored by a coalition of women's groups.

Susan Fair, executive director of the group Freedom Link, headquartered in Ann Arbor, said prison conditions are of concern.

"Male guards treat women however they choose. They are mandated

by policy to view them taking showers," Fair said.

The rally is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. across the street from the prison.

Activists are asking the state department of corrections to hire more female guards. Male guards, she said, view women prisoner's living areas, "and they're mandated by policy to feel the women all over during shakedowns. (The women) are abused on a regular basis."

FURTHER, FAIR charged that women prisoners aren't given equal

access to education or vocational training. "They don't have the same ability as men to make money in the system," she said, adding that Scott prison is typical of other state women's prisons.

Fair said the state spends \$34,800 per inmate annually to house women prisoners — the state puts the figure at \$23,400 — the majority of whom are non-violent offenders.

"That's a lot to be spent on someone caught shoplifting a \$20 blouse

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No-name park now dubbed 'Heritage'

By Ralph R. Echtenaw
staff writer

"The park behind township hall," as so many refer to it, a.k.a. the Canton Recreation Complex, has a new name.

This 105-acre, newly expanded recreation mecca will hereafter be officially known as Heritage Park.

Mike Gouin, Canton's superintendent of parks and recreation, said few residents knew what the park's old name was and generally dubbed it "the park behind township hall. Or if they did call it anything, it was CRC."

Gouin considered about 1,000 new names for the park. "You name it, we went through it," he said. Eventually, Gouin narrowed the list to five names.

The other four finalists were Liberty Park, Canton Center Park, Wilson Park (in honor of Ira Wilson, a major landowner and owner of Wilson Dairies), Civic Center Park and Stafford Park (after the township's first supervisor).

BUT GOUIN SETTLED on Heritage Park and submitted that suggestion on April 14 to the township board, which promptly approved the new name unanimously.

Township officials plan to dedi-

cate the park on June 26 during the Liberty Fest.

The nearly complete, \$1-million expansion adds 30 acres of usable recreation area to Heritage Park, bringing the number of developed acres to 85. Twenty acres remain to be developed. Taxpayers across the state paid for \$650,000 of the expansion by way of a grant funneled through the state Department of Natural Resources, while Canton property owners picked up the rest.

The expansion includes a five-acre pond with a fishing pier for kids, an amphitheater, two miles of asphalt paths, a picnic shelter, playground, parking lot and additional rest-rooms.

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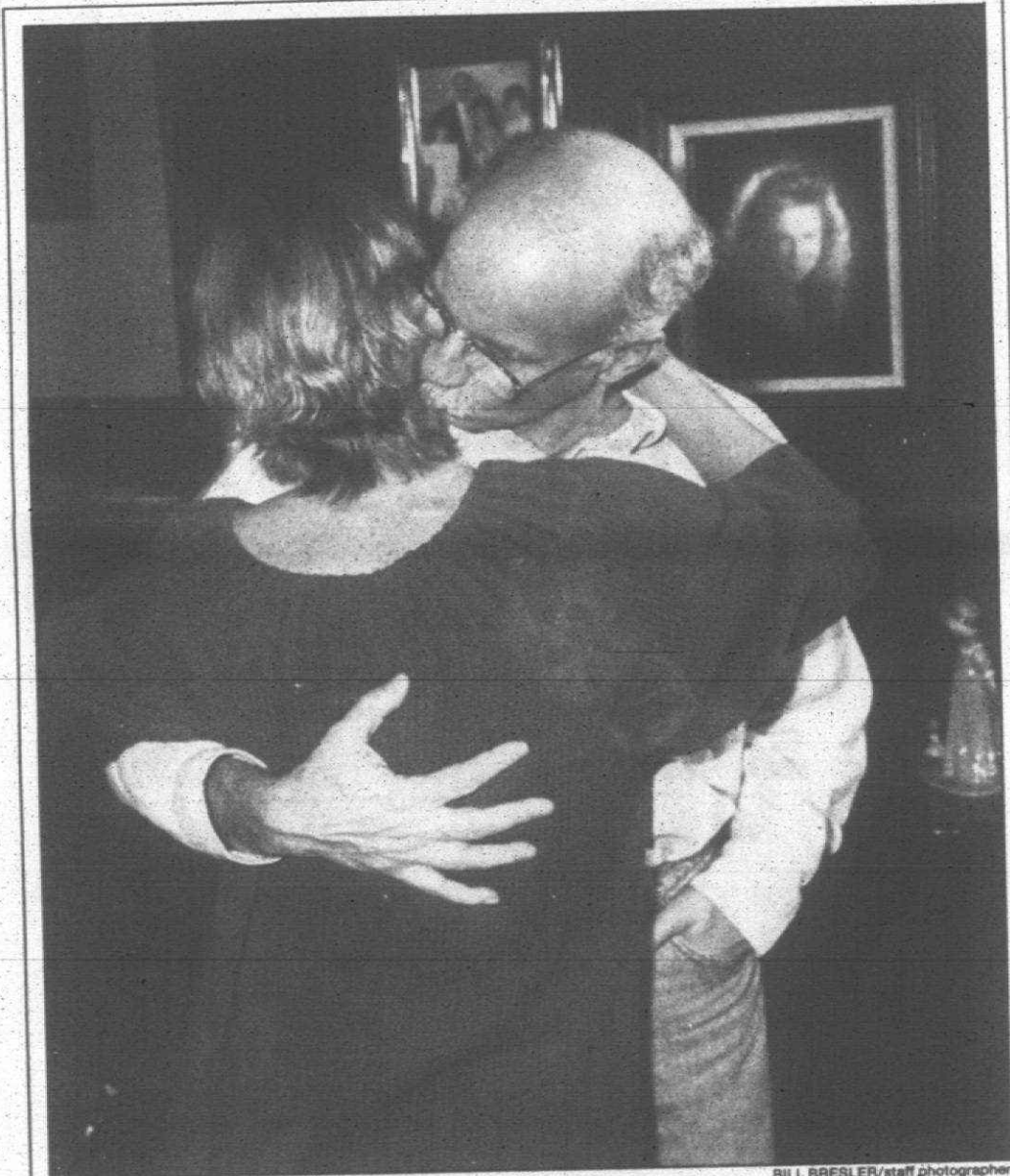
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Robert Spencer hugs wife Cathy in their Plymouth Township home Monday, minutes after learning daughter Heather, pictured at right, was safe in Europe.

Parents' fears quelled, missing daughter found

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

A Plymouth Township college sophomore traveling in Europe hadn't been heard from for 3½ days, and her worried parents called U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell's office for help.

"We sent faxes to police agencies from Vienna to Innsbruck," said Pursell aide Cynthia Hudgins.

But at about 9:30 a.m. Monday, "They found her. We just got the word. Thank God," said mom Cathy Spencer.

"She's safe, she's fine. She didn't know there would be problems," Spencer said.

Heather Spencer, 20, a Plymouth high school grad, had been in Europe since March attending a Kalamazoo College program with 47 other students in Madrid, Spain.

"SHE'S JUST KIND of an independent thinker," said dad Robert Spencer about his daughter, a sophomore majoring in psychology.

During Easter break last week, she was traveling with some friends by train from Vienna to Innsbruck, Austria.

Along the route, in Salzburg, Austria, she was separated from some friends as some train cars were routed to Munich rather than Switzerland. Her friends had

her luggage, all Heather had were the clothes she was wearing.

After 15 hours, her friends reported Heather's disappearance to her parents, Robert and Cathy Spencer, on Good Friday.

A Detroit television station aired a story on Heather's disappearance over the weekend, and the story was also shown in Kalamazoo on Sunday, Cathy Spencer said.

In Kalamazoo, a man named Mr. Seigel, whose son Michael also attends the Kalamazoo College overseas study program, recalled a recent phone conversation with his son.

"His son told him they had hooked up with a young female who had been separated from her party," Cathy Spencer said.

JUST MOMENTS after getting the news on Monday that the young female was indeed their daughter, mom and dad hugged, and Cathy Spencer called friends and relatives.

Asked what he'll do next time he sees his daughter, Robert Spencer said, "We're going to hug her and kiss her and then kick her butt."

"I thought if she comes through this, my biggest thrill will be to bawl her out," said Cathy Spencer. "This is the happiest moment since the birth."

Community Corner

This week's question:

What would you do if you heard a tornado-warning siren?

We asked this question at the Canton Post Office.



'Find a ditch.' — Jim Betzholtz Canton



'Get the kids and go to the basement.' — Kathy Spieker Canton



'Panic. Then I'd probably go down to the basement, but I don't have a basement. I live in an apartment.' — Mary Lorenz Canton



'Go to the basement.' — Sharman Lehmann Canton



'I'd go to my lower level and stay until it was all clear.' — Louise James Plymouth



'Look out the window, then go downstairs until I heard different.' — Geoff Garcia Plymouth

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answering the charges, corrections department spokeswoman Gail Light said that in prisons where guards are of the opposite sex...

As to women prisoners' ability to make money, Light said programs are still being moved from the Huron Valley women's prison to Scott...

When that happens, "We're going to have to double-cell in some cases," Light said, another issue that concerns activists.

The state also houses women prisoners at the Crane women's facility in Coldwater.

Other sponsors of the rally are Safe House, the National Organization for Women, and the Ypsilanti-Willow Run chapter of the NAACP.

Public hearing set for cable beefs

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However, the supervisor added that the township's relationship with Omnicom is good. Yack's secretary reports getting only two cable complaints in a typical month.

The relationship with the cable operator has been very popular, Yack said. "No one's looking for a fight."

A big part of the negotiations, Yack and Boland agreed, will be the density required in a neighborhood to justify cable installation.

The supervisor believes that, over the next few years, we'll see who gets the difference between today's cable rate (\$21.50 a month) and the "psychological barrier" of \$25 a month.

Omnicom, which also serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville, has 11,963 subscribers in Canton Township. An additional 7,587 Canton homeowners are "cableable," as Boland puts it, but have chosen not to subscribe.

The township, Boland said, would like Omnicom to look up some of these spread-out houses and subsidize the cable installation with money coming in from other areas.

Yack noted that \$25 a month is about as high as cable companies in general can charge for basic service before subscribers start canceling like gangbusters.

Cable companies know that after \$25 they're going to lose subscribers en masse," Yack said.

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Geake challenges incumbent for U.S. House

Bob Geake in 1992 will do something he hasn't done in nine election campaigns over 23 years — run against an incumbent.

Geake will seek the Republican nomination in the new 13th Congressional District against Democrat William D. Ford, a veteran of 13 terms in Washington.

"I'll do a lot of door-knocking. It will be a grass-roots campaign," Geake, 55, a state senator, said in Lansing Tuesday.

COVERING THE northwestern Wayne County communities of Northville (his home town), Plymouth, Canton, part of Livonia and other points south, plus eastern Washtenaw County, the 13th is

generally rated as 55 percent Democratic.

"It's clearly a challenge to any Republican. But I view it as Carl Pursell's seat," said Geake, referring to the Plymouth Republican who is dropping out after eight terms in Congress.

"I have no idea," said Geake concerning his campaign budget for a run against Ford, who is heavily backed by the UAW and public employees unions.

Geake was elected in 1969 to the Schoolcraft College board after it was reappointed under court order. In 1972 the child psychologist conducted a shoe leather campaign to win a seat in the state

House of Representatives from a Northville-Livonia district.

WHEN PURSELL was elected to Congress in 1976, Geake won a special election to fill Pursell's state Senate seat and was re-elected to full terms in 1978, 1982, 1986 and 1990.

He will not have to give up his legislative seat to run against Ford.

In Lansing, Geake chairs the appropriations subcommittee on mental health and social services.

He is also vice chair of the full Appropriations Committee and assistant majority floor leader — the head traffic cop on legislative voting when majority leader Phil Arthurhultz isn't around.

"My experience with labor, family law and criminal issues as well as welfare reform and mental health programming give me the needed background to serve the people of the new district," he said. Geake had floated the idea of cutting general assistance to adults in summers years before Gov. John Engler got the program abolished entirely.

"The economy is clearly the most serious problem facing the nation today," said Geake. "It's not my style to attack an opponent."

Among a handful of legislators with doctorates in the Legislature, Geake served on state and national mental health commissions before seeking elective office.



Sen. Robert Geake running for Congress

It's clearly a challenge to any Republican. But I view it as Carl Pursell's seat.' — State Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville Township

Golf outing set for May

Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. of Livonia will hold its annual golf outing at The Links at Pinewood in Walled Lake Township, May 21.

The cost is \$125 per golfer. That includes a continental breakfast, four-person scramble format, green fees and cart, buffet luncheon, open bar and prizes.

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Alicia L. Embury, daughter of David and Margaret Embury of Canton, interviewed for one of several top scholarships...

Jeff Pinto, son of Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Heather Pinto of Plymouth, was recently elected vice president of the Hillsdale College Student Federation...

Brian Riggs of Canton was named to the dean's list at Johnson & Wales University...

to the dean's list at Johnson & Wales University. To be named, students must earn a cumulative point average of 3.40 or above...

Two Plymouth residents, both sophomores at Plymouth Canton High School, are among 75 Kalamazoo College students participating in the college's foreign study program...

Two Plymouth residents majoring in mechanical engineering were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University...

obituaries

R. NEAL BOWEN

Services were recently held for R. Neal Bowen, 89, of Whidbey Island, Wash., previously of Plymouth. Burial was in Sunnyside Cemetery, Coupeville, Wash.

Mr. Bowen was born Oct. 13, 1902 in Melbourne, Ark. He died Sunday, March 19, in Coupeville, on Whidbey Island, Wash. He spent his childhood in various northeastern Arkansas communities...

Mr. Bowen lived in Plymouth from 1944 to 1990 before moving to the West Coast. An avid supporter of the Scouting Movement, he served Troop F-1 as advisor and troop committee chairman during the 1940s and 1950s...

His 62-year career was in floor covering marketing. In 1973 he founded his own consulting firm, Bowen Carpet Inspection Service...

Memorial contributions may be given to charity of choice.

EARL J. ANDERSON

Services for Earl J. Anderson, 67, of Plymouth were Thursday, April 16, at Schrader Funeral Home...

Mr. Anderson was born Sept. 14, 1924 in Chicago, Ill. He died Monday, April 13, in Garden City. He came to the Plymouth community in 1948...

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Frances Z. Anderson of Plymouth, two sons, Jeffrey Anderson of Howell and Chris Anderson of Livonia...

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

ford for many years. She was a member of Kings Daughters of Redford...

Mrs. Meyer is survived by one son, John R. Meyer of Commerce Township, two daughters, Beverly J. Mich of Bloomfield Hills and Barbara Suran of Clarkston...

The Rev. A. Frank Polite, of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville, officiated the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lourdes Convalescent Home, 2300 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48327.

CHRISTINE P. NELSON

Services for Christine P. Nelson, 76, of Plymouth were Tuesday, April 21, at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City.

Mrs. Nelson was born June 8, 1915 in Bell County, Ky. She died Sunday, April 19, in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1968...

Memorial contributions may be given to the form of mass offerings or to a charity of choice.

GARY M. RAMSAY

Services for Gary M. Ramsay, 31, of Plymouth Township were Monday, April 20, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

Mr. Ramsay was born Aug. 1, 1960 in Garden City. He died April 17 in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community 22 years ago from Garden City...

Mr. Ramsay is survived by his father, Robert Ramsay of Plymouth; grandparents, Nancy and Joe Musial of Lincoln Park; three brothers, Mitchell Ramsay of Plymouth Township, Bobby Ramsay of Livonia and Billy Ramsay of Detroit...

JENNIE LAPA

Services for Jennie Lapa, 80, of Canton were Monday, April 20, at Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lapa was born Nov. 28, 1911 in Jewett City, Conn. She died April 17 in Southfield. She came to the Canton community two years ago from Warren and Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be given to the form of mass offerings or to a charity of choice.

Senators fight to block cuts in schools' state aid

Suburban state senators will do battle soon to protect their school districts from an even deeper assault on their state aid.

"A school aid bill reported out of a Senate subcommittee Tuesday would make larger cuts than those proposed by Gov. John Engler."

The Senate Appropriations Committee was scheduled to take up the bill Wednesday, and the full Senate could get the bills today.

DeGrow's bill would increase the deductions to \$204 million next year, \$203 million in fiscal 1995 and \$240 million in fiscal 1996.

IN TUESDAY'S subcommittee meeting, Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, was on the short end of 2-1 vote to report the Senate substitute to the Appropriations Committee.

"If the governor ever designed a plan to destroy his voter base, this is it. He's hurting mostly Republicans," Faxon said.

Faxon didn't try to fix the bill in the three-subcommittee meetings where he has been outvoted consistently by Republicans Dan DeGrow of Port Huron and John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

"THIS IS WORSE for those school districts than the governor's proposal. Our senators can't live with it. The four senators from Oakland County and (Republican Bob) Geake from Wayne County will have amendments on the floor."

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Trooper says stiffer penalties curb drug trade

By LeAnne Rogers
staff writer

When the Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team was formed in 1986, Lt. John Shewell had a basic mission statement for officers assigned to the regional unit.

"If people were involved in the narcotics trade, my job was to infiltrate them and make a case that would lead to a successful arrest and prosecution," said Garden City police commander Michael Bertha, an original member of the unit. "If people break the law, you arrest them."

After 28 years with the Michigan State Police, much of that time assigned to narcotics units, Shewell retired last month to take a security-related position with General Dynamics where he's looking for new experience in the private sector.

"I had an exciting career and there have been a lot of things I've been involved with," said Shewell, a Lansing native who joined the state police in 1964.

After spending two years assigned to road patrol at the Bay City post, Shewell worked a variety of assignments around the metro area, moving in and out of undercover narcotics assignments during the late 60s.

"It was a generation of acid tripping. Everyone was trying stuff," he said. "The drugs of choice at that time were heroin, LSD and marijuana. Hallucinogens and hashish were heavy back then."

When the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team was formed in 1971, Shewell was assigned as a crew leader, an assignment he also had later with the Downriver Narcotics Unit.

"The drug dealers appear to be wiser or really, more sophisticated today," he said. "Drugs have always

been a big money business. That's what makes it impossible to stop. You can make a fortune doing that. If you get caught, your chances of doing life in prison are great."

One benefit Shewell sees from stiffer penalties tied to quantities of drugs is that dealers are hesitant to sell larger amounts of controlled substances.

"I've heard others say that drug dealers are more violent now but a lot of people have been hurt because of this," he said. "A lot of officers have been hurt and maimed. I've had officers shot, thrown out a second story window and hit by cars."

Back in 1969, he said he was making undercover heroin buys at Harrison and Carlisle in Inkster.

"The vogue was to have a hired bodyguard at the drug houses with a shotgun," Shewell said. "When you went in, he would rack the shotgun to get your attention."

During an era of civil unrest and anti-war protests, Shewell's undercover work sometimes placed him on the receiving end of tear gas fired by police.

"The riots in Detroit spread to

Ecorse and River Rouge. Some of the time I was working narcotics there," he said. "If you are buying dope or something and everyone is throwing rocks at the cops, you get the gas with them."

When the Western Wayne County Narcotics Enforcement Team was formed in 1986, Shewell received a promotion to lieutenant and was placed in charge of the unit.

"His experience and his vast wealth of information and contacts in that specific subject of investigation allowed him to be an extremely valuable and effective leader," said Bertha, who spent about three years with the unit.

Interviewed and credited by Shewell for the unit, Bertha credited Shewell's experience working in narcotics for the rapid success of Western Wayne narcotics unit.

"Traditionally when concept units start up there is a lag time in getting investigative information," Bertha said. "He was instrumental in putting the concept together and getting the manpower."

Over the years Shewell worked on other cases including some high pro-

file multiple murder cases including Ann Arbor area co-ed killer John Norman Collins and Billy Hardesty, who killed his parents and several other people on a rampage in Van Buren Township.

"We had a hard time finding the (Hardesty's) father. We searched the house and we thought he was gone," said Shewell. "The neighbor said the father's truck was there so he had to be in the house."

Police were using a helicopter in their search for the man until one officer decided to check the freezer again. "We had looked in the freezer and saw baskets of food," Shewell said. "When someone finally looked again, the officer thought he saw some feathers, like from some game. He moved stuff aside and there he was."

Shewell said the hardest cases he had to deal with throughout his career involved child abuse.

"Seeing children tortured, hurt and beaten. That sticks out in my mind," said Shewell, who is married and the father of two children. Shewell and his wife, Toni, live in South Lyon.

"There was a murder case in Ypsilanti where two 10-year-olds had their throats cut by an intruder. That



Shewell said justice was done, however. "The guy was caught and sentenced to life in prison."

'Drugs have always been a big money business. That's what makes it impossible to stop. You can make a fortune doing that. If you get caught, your chances of doing life in prison are great.'

— John Shewell
former state trooper

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Awards day

Thirty-three Canton Township police officers are expected to be honored in an award ceremony on Wednesday, May 13, at Cherry Hill School. The program is designed to recognize the achievements, meritorious service and heroic actions of citizens and police officers who have contributed significantly to law enforcement. However, attendance is by invitation only, and the public safety department won't release the names of the honorees, or what they did to merit awards, until the night of the ceremony.

Ride-A-Thon

Lucille's, a country and western bar on Michigan Avenue, is sponsoring its annual Children's Hospital Ride-A-Thon at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Sandy Creek Ranch in Carleton. The 24-mile horseback riding event annually raises money for the hospital. Fred Mazur is the trail boss for the event, which offers prizes. For more information, call Lucille's at 397-1988.

Officer honored

How does Todd Mutchler spell relief? He just arrests D-R-U-N-K-S. Mutchler, a patrol officer for the Canton Department of Public Safety, was honored last month by the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for making 65 drunken-driving and impaired-driving arrests last year. All told, the department's 46 patrol officers made 374 drunken- and impaired-driving arrests in 1991. Mutchler, 28, has been on the force since April 1988 and is also a member of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team.

Arts reservations

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is taking reservations for its annual Spring Lunch, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club on Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per person. Entertainment will be provided by Scott Smith of the Penniman Showcase Gallery and selected Damaris and Allison Scholarship Winners. Please call the PCAC office 455-5260 or Virginia Breneman 453-1106 to reserve your tickets.

Trailer park owner counts blessings

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Joe Ruggirello, owner of Plymouth Hills Mobile Court, is supposed to be basking under the Florida sun this week. Instead, he's assessing tornado damage as work crews remove debris from his 426-unit trailer park off Ridge near North Territorial in Plymouth Township.

Five days after a weak tornado injured three people, totaled eight mobile homes, severely damaged 14 others and ripped skirting, siding and shingles from another 85, signs of the devastation were still evident.

One home on Grant Drive was reduced to rubble. The home next door was damaged, but still standing. The third stood at an angle. The fourth appeared to be OK. The next home was upside down. So was the next. Visible through the window was a baby crib mattress. Sitting on an outside windowsill was a soggy, bedraggled-looking teddy bear.

FOR-SALE SIGNS hung in many windows. Debris clung to tree branches, and fencing and metal sheds were crunched. Steps sat yards away from the homes they belonged to.

Elsewhere in the park, residents went about their daily routine.

As bad as it was, Ruggirello was counting his blessings on an overcast, drizzly Tuesday morning.

The last local tornado took two lives when it hit a trailer park in Novi five years ago.

"We're lucky we avoided the first disaster," he said. "That was controlled by the man upstairs. We didn't lose any lives."

"The second disaster was avoided by township police and fire. We had gas just spewing out of lines on Grant everywhere. We had gawkers and jackasses with cigarettes walking around and everything else. Had they not taken charge in the manner in which they did, there would have been a real disaster."

In all, 80 residents were evacuated, said Plymouth



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A mobile home came to rest on a van at the trailer park.

Township emergency manager Charles VanVleck. They were put up at Plymouth Hills' expense at the Mayflower Hotel and the Red Roof Inn.

With the exception of seven families whose homes were badly damaged, all had been allowed to return home by Tuesday.

"THEY CAN'T GO back in until their homes have been

reset and had a building inspection," said Ruggirello. "They can stay at hotels until they've settled with their insurance companies."

All but one family was insured, he said. Plymouth Police Chief Carl Berry estimated damage at a little less than \$1 million. An official total wasn't

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Officials: Twister came without warning

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

In the confusion following the tornado that hit Plymouth Hills Mobile Court about 4 p.m. Thursday, many residents wondered why the siren didn't sound until 4:30.

Tornado spotters and officials from Plymouth Township and the National

Weather Service say one reason is because the twister came with no warning. In fact, the only storm warning in effect was a severe thunderstorm watch issued at 1:57 p.m. by the weather service.

Plymouth spotter and ham radio operator Dick Hill was monitoring activities on his radio Thursday afternoon. Under normal circumstances, he would have heard a township spotter notifying the National

Weather Service at Metro Airport of conditions right for a tornado.

"Thursday, there wasn't anything going on," he said. "We didn't get any reports west of us or anything. They didn't even have any warning. No one, as far as I know, had any knowledge of anything until it hit."

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Police Chief

Carl Berry confirmed that. "In all of the confusion of the time, right after our touch down, about 20 minutes later, the weather service put out a tornado warning for Oakland County. We thought that being so close, we should kick off the siren."

The weather service received no

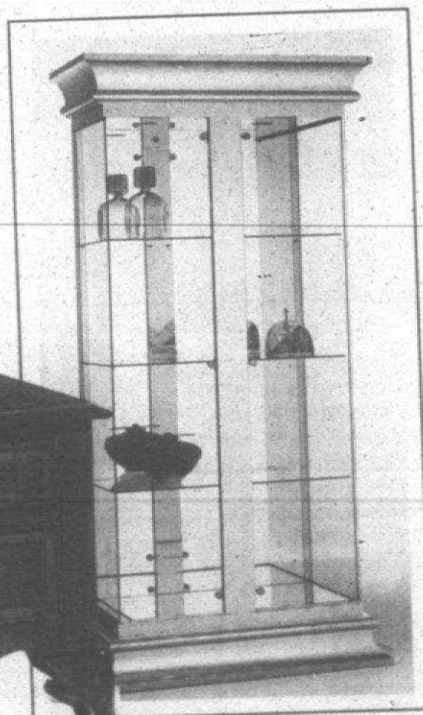
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Park owner takes stock

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available at press time.

Help came from everywhere in the tornado's aftermath, Ruggirello said.

Hotels offered reduced rates for victims. The Red Cross and the Salvation Army set up a command center at the park, locating shelter for the homeless and giving them vouchers for baby formula and food. Area businesses donating goods and services included Meijer, the Clothes Closet, BFI, and City Disposal. The Michigan Manufactured Housing and Campground Association donated \$2,000.

The injured included residents

Tornado gave no warning

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indication from its radar system either, said Ed Burney, National Weather Service meteorologist.

Plymouth Township is included in a radar black-out area, a problem created by the ground clutter of buildings and trees. The tornado was classified as an F1, or Force 1, meaning the smallest type of tornado do with winds of 73-120 mph. Tornadoes of that size are difficult to detect by radar.

The process is also complicated by the fact that tornadoes form and change direction so rapidly, Burney said.

Mobile home park owner Joe Ruggirello said there wasn't an official evacuation plan in place at the park. Now that a fire station has been built at North Territorial and Beck, he's advising residents to seek shelter there.

Charles VanVleck, Plymouth Township emergency manager, said the building can't really be classified as a tornado shelter.

HE ADVISED residents to make arrangements ahead of time to go elsewhere, preferably to the home of good friends who have a basement, or to another substantial building.

"When that siren goes off, they've lost all chances to go anywhere else.

Canton man sentenced for tax fraud

Subhash Marwaha, 48, of Canton Township was sentenced this month to one year in prison and three years probation and ordered to pay a \$40,000 fine in U.S. District Court for violating federal tax laws.

Marwaha pleaded guilty on Feb. 24 to one count of making false statements and one count of preparing false tax returns, according to assistant U.S. attorney Bill Soisson.

Marwaha was a tax return preparer who prepared and filed false tax returns for clients claiming excess deductions, Soisson said, adding that when the Internal Revenue Service audited some of the clients, Marwaha submitted false documents to support the deductions.

Marwaha lived in a subdivision on the west side of Lilley Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. He conducted his tax preparing business, SCM Investments, out of his house, Soisson said.

Marwaha's other business interests included rental units, accounting work and financial advising, Soisson said. The IRS found about 20 falsified tax returns prepared by Marwaha in a 2 1/4 year period.

Marwaha has lived in this country for about 20 years, Soisson said.

Franklin High band performs at Capitol

The Franklin High School marching band recently performed on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building.

A good impression was made on the people who viewed the 50-minute performance of the marching band complemented by the color guard, said band director Joan Seay. The school serves the northeast section of Westland.

Persons who happened to take the moonlight Dinner Dance Cruise on the Potomac made a point to comment to several Franklin band members and chaperoning booster parents on how professionally the band performed at the Capitol, said Seay.

Several said they especially enjoyed watching the column of band members march to drum cadence on and off the site with such disciplined, military class and style.

Student radio station to air ball games

Ernie won't be in the broadcasting booth, but it'll be baseball never the less.

WSDP, 88.1, the student radio station at Plymouth Salem and Canton High Schools will broadcast the games of the state Champion Plymouth Salem Rocks and the Plymouth Canton Chiefs baseball games.

Here's the schedule:
Wednesday, April 29, Canton vs. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Monday, May 4, Salem vs. John Glenn (tape delayed from Friday), 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 5, Canton vs. Churchill (tape delayed from Monday), 10:30 a.m.
Monday, May 11, playoff at Salem, 4 p.m.

The following schedule applies only if Canton or Salem advances:
Thursday, May 21, pre-districts
Saturday, May 30, districts
Saturday, June 6, regionals.
Friday, June 12, state semis
Saturday, June 13, state finals.

Broadcasting the games for WSDP are Plymouth Canton students Paul Thomas and Scot Stinson as well as Salem student Joe Uhl.

Boys baseball coverage is sponsored by The Old Ball Park of Canton and The Plymouth Tux Shop in Old Village Plymouth.

WSDP is owned and operated by The Plymouth Canton Schools.

Police probe rash of weekend robberies

By Darrell Clem staff writer

A Westland man, abducted in his car early Saturday by a man he believed was carrying a gun, escaped unharmed and without being robbed when he pushed his assailant out of the car during a scuffle, police reports said.

In other weekend crimes, a masked gunman robbed the Amoco gas station at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail of at least \$70, and another gunman escaped with \$140 during a robbery at the Total gas station at Cherry Hill and Venoy roads, Westland police reported.

In the abduction, a 35-year-old Westland man told police he was leaving the 7-Eleven store on Merriman and Palmer when a male, holding his right hand in a jacket pocket as if armed, got into his late-model Chevrolet and ordered him to drive. The intruder had been using a telephone outside the 7-11.

The victim told police he was forced to drive along several roads until he was ordered to stop the car on Wayland Court, where he said he was told to hand over his wallet. He refused, prompting a scuffle between him and the man, described as black, about 30 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches, 150 pounds and wearing a hooded jacket.

The victim told police he managed to open the passenger door as the two fought, and that they fell from the car onto the ground. The victim then broke free, jumped inside his car and sped away, escaping unharmed, he reported.

The gunman, described as a 6-foot white male, escaped with at least \$70 in cash, police reports said. Westland police are continuing their investigation.

In a robbery at the Total station at Cherry Hill and Venoy, a 21-year-old female attendant told police that a male walked inside about 7 a.m. Saturday and demanded money at gunpoint.

In THE Amoco robbery, a masked gunman walked inside the Middlebelt-Ann Arbor Trail station about 9:45 p.m. Sunday and ordered a cashier into a bathroom. The cashier, a 24-year-old Taylor man, remained in hiding about two minutes and then came outside, as the gunman fled the store.

The man, described as male, 6 feet, 3 inches, in his 20s and weighing 250 to 260 pounds, escaped with \$140, police reports said. Police were continuing their investigation this week.

Marrou: He's running, too

By Wayne Peel staff writer

Andre Marrou sympathizes with those disgusted by this year's major party presidential candidates.

Some 20 years ago, he felt the same way. That's why he joined the Libertarian Party.

Now his party's presidential nominee, Marrou calls himself the anti-dote.

"It's easy to see why people are fed up," he said. "Republican or Democrat, the candidates are still talking about the same old things — more government and more taxes."

In town for a recent state party convention, Marrou is criss-crossing the country in his bid to call attention to Libertarian candidates and issues.

Thus far, it hasn't been easy. Ironies aren't easily lost on the former Alaska state legislator, either.

"LOOK AT David Duke. Here's a guy who was elected to the same job I held," Marrou said. "Here's a guy who is a former Nazi, a former Ku Klux Klansman, and he gets page after page of coverage. Now, look at me. I'm a nice guy and I can hardly get any."

Marrou, 53, is given to dry — and sometimes not-so-dry — humor. As a state legislator, he reportedly displayed two pins, an American flag and the Hell's Angels logo, on his lapel — making a point about individual freedom to regulation-happy colleagues.

These days he sports a conservatively cut dark blue suit, without any pins. But Marrou is keeping his wit and wits about him during the campaign.

His assessment of the major party hopefuls:

- On George Bush — "We call him King George. The man is an aristocrat. I mean, here's a guy that was confounded by a bar code."
- On Jerry Brown — "He's no alternative. When he was governor (of California) he increased taxes and state spending. What kind of alternative is that?" Brown's controversial 13 percent flat tax is "more of the same" to Marrou, who would abolish the federal income tax altogether.
- On Bill Clinton — "He's smart. After all the man's a Rhodes Scholar. But he's probably too slick for his own good."
- On Patrick Buchanan — "He's xenophobic, homophobic and anti-Semitic. He's not welcome by us."
- Also unwelcome is rumored third-party challenger H. Ross Perot. "Too far right," says Marrou, who nonetheless fears Perot's entry would cost him votes.

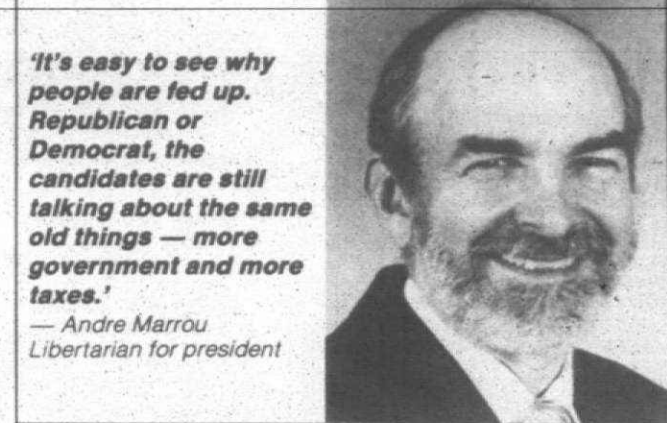
Marrou's Alaska license plate and no-tax, low-government platform might give rise to images of a "Northern Exposure" backwoodsman, but his background gives lie to any such notions.

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate and commercial real estate broker, Marrou earned respect as one of his state's most eloquent legislators during his 1985-87 stint in the Alaska House.

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School officials blister Lansing's attack on state aid

By Tim Richard
staff writer

School officials from Livonia, Rochester and Grosse Pointe blistered Sen. Dan DeGrow's plan to cut almost all their state aid next fall.

"Your proposal would bring us to our knees," Livonia Superintendent Joseph Marinelli told DeGrow at a Senate hearing last week in Lansing.

Marinelli saw "a well-orchestrated effort by state government" to "attack the out-of-formula school districts' local tax dollars in every way possible" in the name of equity with in-formula districts.

ROCHESTER board of education member Darlene Janulis added, "We all seem to be in the same boat — a leaky one at that."
She added, "We can't do with

simplistic solutions like schools of choice" — a pet project of DeGrow's.

"Our taxpayers are drawing a line in the sand," said a Grosse Pointe school trustee, noting the district has mandated state and federal costs for asbestos removal, handicapped facilities and school quality at the same time its categorical aid is being whacked.

DeGROW, R-Port Huron, was unmoved, sitting stoically through the barrage as chair of the subcommittee on K-12 school aid.

"Before I'll comment," he said after the hearing, "I'd ask how big were their teacher raises, and how much do they spend per-pupil? If it's more than \$5,000..."

He trailed off, indicating he has zero to negative sympathy for any

school district with resources of more than \$5,000 per pupil.

Livonia has \$6,000, Rochester more than \$5,800 and Grosse Pointe \$8,000, according to Senate Fiscal Agency calculations — challenged by Marinelli.

DeGrow's two fellow subcommittee members — John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, and Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills — didn't attend the hearing.

Having given up hope for raising state taxes for schools, DeGrow frankly wants to narrow the gap between districts through business tax base sharing and cutting categorical aid to better-off districts — programs he calls "equity correction."

Only three of the 31 school districts in DeGrow's Thumb area Senate district are out-of-formula, and

nearly half spend less than \$4,000 per pupil.

THE SCHOOL AID bill for fiscal 1992-3 is scheduled for Senate action next week.

DeGrow's version (SB 226) would:
• Deduct \$107 million from the categorical aid going to out-of-formula schools, up from the current \$60 million.

• Take away Social Security payments over a period of four years, to a total of \$340 million.

• Pay only categorical aid for special education, bilingual instruction and new mandated programs.

• Retain tax base sharing, under which out-of-formula districts lose half the growth in their commercial and industrial tax bases. Most districts in the Observer & Eccentric area are out-of-formula.

MARINELLI said Livonia, with a current annual budget of \$104 million, would lose \$46 million in state categorical aid over four years.

"This proposal would necessitate deep and perhaps irreversible cuts in programs and curriculum. In addition to the forced cuts of \$3.7 million this school year, we are going to have to cut at least \$7 million in 1992-93. Now your Senate proposal may require an additional \$1.5 million cut as well," he said.

Disparities between school districts are unacceptable, said Marinelli, "but your solutions are also unacceptable."

In reply to DeGrow's question about teacher pay, Marinelli said Livonia settled for 6.4 percent a year for two years but coupled it with early retirement for 65 senior teachers. "We actually reduced our total

payroll line item," he said.

He said Livonia must pay competitive wages with neighboring districts. And if it took a strike, "the arbitrator will give it (pay raises) anyway, there will be (community) ill will, and teacher morale will fall."

MARINELLI said several Senate staff calculations of Livonia's resources were wrong:

"They estimated our tax base will grow 2.5 percent. Our estimate is less than 1 percent.

"They don't reflect our increased enrollment. We project a 1992-3 enrollment of 17,155, an increase of 3.3 percent.

"Our per-pupil amount will be reduced next year," he said.

MADD tree planting to mark crime victims' week

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is planning a memorial tree planting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Southfield Historical Village, 26082 Berg Road.

The tree, a sugar maple donated

by Rollin Landscaping in Farmington Hills, is in memory of drunk driving crash victims.

The planting will take place during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Two victims of drunk drivers,

Kathy Valone of MADD Oakland County and Chuck Cole, a Northville police officer, will speak as part of the program.

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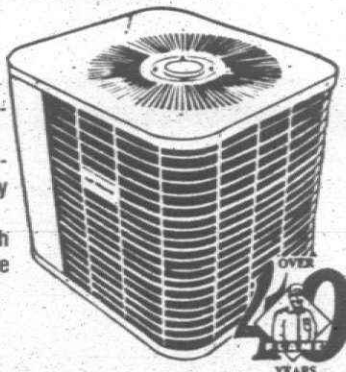
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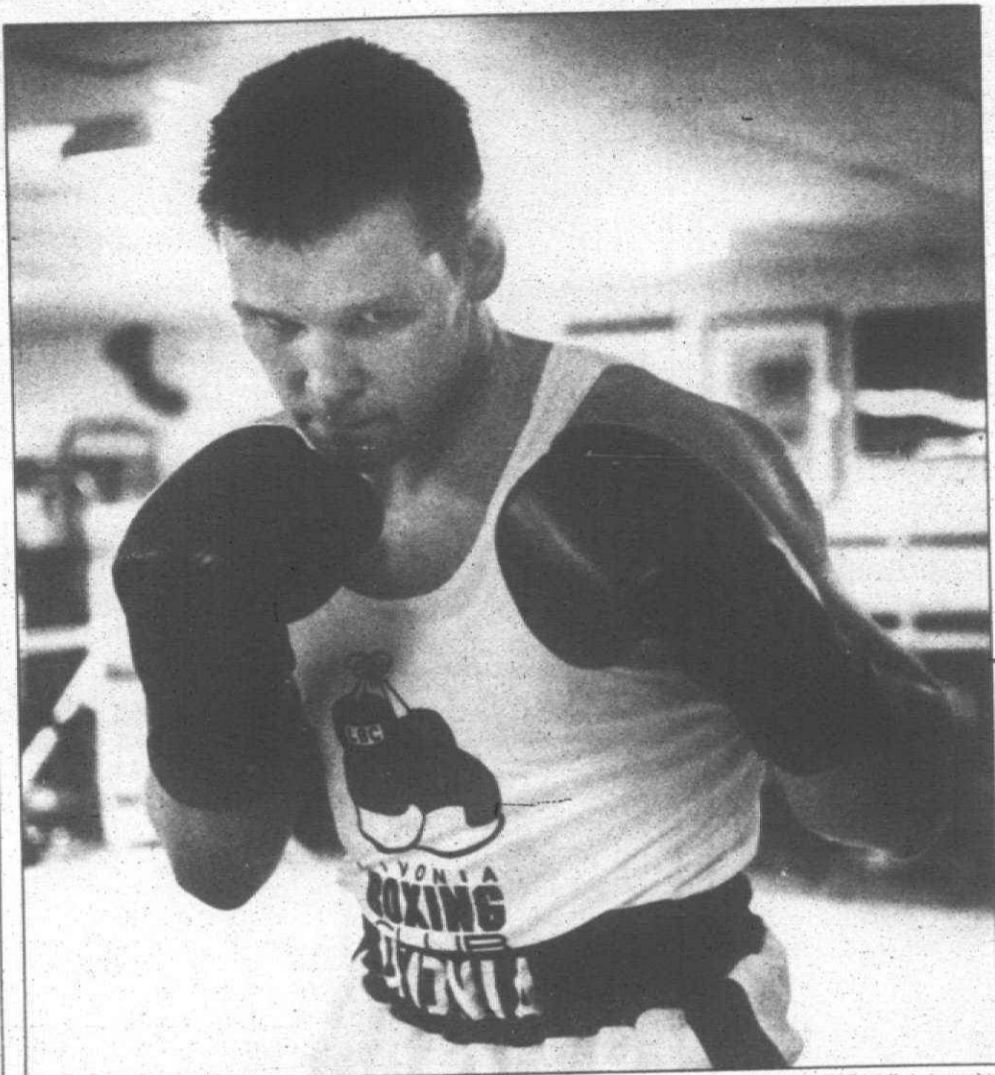
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Amateur boxing

Andy McDermott, a resident of Plymouth and native of Ireland, will represent the Livonia Boxing Club in the Metro Detroit Golden

Glove Championships Saturday night at Cobo Center. See story on Page 2B.

Canton runner-up in Dearborn event

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Canton gave one of its finest performances in boys track and field Saturday to earn second place in the annual Dearborn Elks Relays.

The Chiefs might even have surprised themselves by scoring in 12 of the 14 events and finishing just seven points behind champion Redford Catholic Central at Dearborn High School, 52-45.

Other teams scoring in double figures were the host Pioneers (29), Westland John Glenn (26), Temperance Bedford and Highland Park (18), the University of Detroit-Jesuit (17), Novi (15), Plymouth Salem (14) and Detroit Osborn (10). Wyandotte, Hazel Park and Livonia Franklin scored five points or less.

"It seems every kid ran some of his best times, and it just became a fever," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "Someone would see a teammate scoring points and when his relay was up said 'I'm going to score, too.'"

"We scored in every event we entered, and it's the first time since I've been associated with Plymouth Canton track that we've done that. We never had a more balanced relay. Everybody I put in ended up scoring."

WHAT IS EVEN more surprising is the Chiefs, who did not enter the pole vault or high jump, were not at full strength because some athletes were away on spring vacation.

"It gave us a chance to run some other people and experiment, and some of those experiments turned out pretty well," Richardson said. "Knowing we were not going to be at full strength gave us a chance to try

track

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some kids we might not otherwise have used.

"We didn't go in thinking we were going to score 45 points and go home with a second-place trophy. We were real pleased to be within striking distance of first place, and we were just a little short."

Canton had only one first-place finish, and that was in the distance medley in which the first relay member runs 800 meters, the second 400, third 1,200 and fourth 1,600. Brett Kearney, Craig Miller, Chris Burns and Jeff Keith combined for an 11:11.3 time.

The Chiefs had five second-place relays, with Marques Nelson, Miller and Neil Haremski being part of two each.

Eric Tomei, Nelson, John Martin and Haremski ran the 110-meter shuttle hurdles in 1:09.9 and the intermediate shuttle hurdles in 1:25.4. In the latter event, each hurdler ran 150 meters on a straightaway with the hurdles spaced the same distance as they normally are.

Kearney, Mike Erickson, Dave Washenko and Miller finished second in the 1,600 relay at 3:33.2, and Canton was runner-up in the 400 relay as Paul Chudyk, Andy Ingersoll, Rob Moffat and Miller had a 45.6 time.

NELSON WAS involved in three relays, including the third-place

3,200 unit. Washenko, Matt Demy, Kevin Gudeth and Nelson put together an 8:26.9 time. The Chiefs also were third in the 800 relay (1:36.7) with Damon Collier, Chudyk, Moffat and Mike Gurchak.

The shot put team of Tom Raven, Jon Gallinger, Justin Semion and Collier placed fourth with a total distance of 144-1/4 feet and qualified for the thrower's 400-meter relay in which Canton was second in 50 seconds.

Raven, Gallinger and Semion also were fourth in the discus relay (299-1), and the long jump team of Collier, Neil Hunter and Leon Black placed fourth at 55-11-1/4.

The Chiefs were fifth in the 6,400 relay as Dave Yack, Dave Stroschein, Todd Smith and Shawn McNamara combined efforts for a 20:16 clocking.

Salem had three third-place relays and was fourth in another. Rockland Johnson, Jeff and Steve Schumacher and Dan Kaczmarek combined for a 146-7 total in the shot put and ran the shot putter's 400 relay in 51.1.

Steve Boudreau, Jayson McDonald, Mike Wooters and Derek Cudini were third in the 6,400 relay (19:26.7), and Marcus Zevalkink, Jay Casey, Andy Coburn and Justin Fisher were fourth in the 400 relay (46.6).

Canton and Salem compete in the Tiger Relays at Belleville High School on Saturday. The field events begin at 10 a.m., the 6,400 relay and semifinals in the 100 dash and 110 hurdles at 11 a.m. and the remainder of the events at noon.

The Chiefs also have a make-up dual meet Tuesday against Glenn at Centennial Educational Park.

Egloff roast will benefit former prep teammate

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Maybe it's appropriate that the owner of a popular Denver Sports Bar and Grill is finally going to be roasted.

Former Plymouth Salem High athlete Ron Egloff, an All-State tight end who later played at the University of Wisconsin and in the National Football League for nearly 10 years, returns home Saturday, May 2, to be charbroiled before friends, fans and former teammates.

"I need to go to a bookstore and figure out something witty to say," said Egloff, who is a partner in a chain of popular Denver restaurants called Jackson's Holes Sports Bar and Grill. "I haven't been home much, but now I have an excuse to go back. I'm sure there will be a lot of people who I haven't seen in a long time."

The event is all for a good cause, serving as a fund-raiser for Egloff's ex-Salem teammate Scott Bacon, who is recovering from liver transplant surgery. (He now resides in New Orleans.)

"I'm sorry that Scott can't make it in because he's the one I'd really like to see, but I've talked to him a couple of times since November and he seems to be doing well," Egloff added.



Ron Egloff returns for roast

THE EVENT (see details below), put on by Rock Athletic Club, will be from 6-10 p.m. at Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 Mill Street.

Special guests include include Salem football coach Tom Moshimer; ex-Plymouth High, ex-University of Michigan and former NFL player Bob Thornbladh; Rob Lytle (Egloff's former teammate with the Denver Broncos); ex-Rock teammate and Milan High football coach Steve Robb; and Salem wrestling coach Ron Krueger.

After retiring from pro football, Egloff remained in Denver to raise a family, which includes wife Julee and three sons — Dayton, 9, Adam, 7, and Elliott, 4.

"I'm very active in the community and our restaurants have become high profile as far as hosting charity events," Egloff said. "This week I'm participating in a celebrity luncheon for the Arthritis Foundation. It keeps me busy, not to mention my three boys, who are all involved in sports."

Egloff has restricted his sports activities these days to golf.

"My knees are shot from football, so I don't play tennis, racquetball or basketball anymore," he said. "I'm only an 18-handicapper, but I have a lot of fun playing at charity golf tournaments."

Egloff, who signed as a free agent with Denver, played eight seasons with the Broncos. He also had a brief stint with the San Diego Chargers.

The cost of the Ron Egloff Roast is \$40 per person (includes buffet dinner and drinks). Ticket requests should be sent to: Rock Athletic Club, c/o Sue Lobsiger, 4404 Racewood, Commerce Township, 48482. For more information, call Vivian Williams Houchins at 474-1479 (days) or Jim Szilagyi at 644-1838 (evenings).

Wildcats best team in state

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The Western Wayne Wildcats are on the prowl again.

The 18-and-under AAU girls basketball team, coached by Gary Schwan and Fred Thomann, captured the state championship April 10-12 at Plymouth Salem High School with a 73-69 triumph over the Top Guns, a team from the western side of the state. (Northville also hosted first-round games.)

Sparked by tournament MVP Dawn Warner of Livonia Franklin, the Wildcats will be headed for the National AAU tourney, beginning June 26 in Clovis, N.M.

The same nucleus of players competed in last year's 16-and-under

basketball

AAU nationals, finishing 3-3 in Johnson City, Tenn.

"There are a lot of good players, but the neat thing is how they share the ball and play together," Schwan said. "There's no doubt we have a lot of talent, but they sacrificed their individual talents to succeed."

Led by the Western Kentucky-bound Warner, a 5-foot-7 point-guard, the Wildcats reached the finals by disposing of Kalamazoo in the semifinals (107-56); the Brick City Bombers in the quarterfinals

(102-67); and Lansing in the sweet 16 (101-54).

SALEM'S Darcie Miller, a 6-1 center headed for Valparaiso University (Ind.), made the All-AAU tourney team along with Wildcat teammates Tanisha Stevens of Mount Clemens (signed with Michigan), Lisa Negri of Flint Powers (Ohio State) and Sarah Willyerd of Powers (Old Dominion). Also selected to the All-AAU squad was Benton Harbor's Laticia Morris (Eastern Michigan) of the Top Guns.

Rounding out the Wildcats' squad is Plymouth Canton's Julie Nicastro (Saginaw Valley), Farmington Hills Mercy's Laure DeMattia, Powers'

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- TENNIS LESSONS: Tennis lessons are being offered through Canton Parks and Recreation Services... GOLF LEAGUES: Women who would like to play nine holes of early-morning golf... SPIELMAN AT P-C: Detroit Lions linebacker Chris Spielman will attend a non-contact football clinic... FISHING DERBY: The Fifth Annual Kids Fishing Derby will be Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3...

Madonna tops Spring Arbor in District 23 softball games

The trip Madonna University's softball team took to Spring Arbor Tuesday proved fruitful indeed... The Crusaders host Baptist in a 4 p.m. doubleheader at Ford Field today... MADONNA POUNDED out 16 hits in the opening victory over the Cougars...

Those two games played Friday in Indianapolis ended in defeat - 5-1 to National Lewis University and 8-0 to St. Xavier... Spring Arbor fell to 4-6 with the double-act...

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...

community calendar

- FRIDAY: SENIORS SOCIAL: Seniors ice cream social, 2-3:30 p.m., April 24... SUNDAY: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS: Support group meets 2-4 p.m. April 26... MONDAY: BLOOD DRIVE: American Red Cross bloodmobile, 8:30-8:30 p.m. April 27... THURSDAY: FISHING DERBY: Sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services... GARDENING SEMINAR: Register now for seminar presented by Master Gardeners of Wayne County...

ORDINANCE NO. 92-8 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH BY ADDING SECTIONS 5.131 THROUGH 5.133 AND 5.209.7 AND REPLACING SECTION 5.185... ARTICLE IX - OFFICE-RESEARCH DISTRICT... 1. Office buildings for any of the following occupations: computer science, governmental, executive, administrative, professional, accounting, writing, clerical, stenographic, drafting, sales, data processing, post offices and public utility offices...

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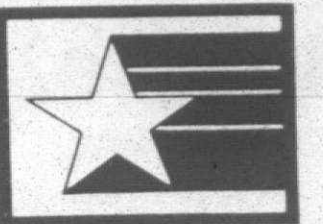
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NEWSPAPERS

Radio tale Cast charms audience in 'The Voice of the Prairie'

Performances of the Theatre Guild production of "Voice of the Prairie" a nostalgic comedy by John Olive, continue through May 9 at the Theatre Guild playhouse, 15138 Beech Dale, one block south of Five Mile in Redford. Tickets, \$7, for information call the box office at 538-5678.



Bob Weibel

Director Gail Susan Mack does a fine job of staging a piece that is perhaps as much cinematic as it is theatrical; not an easy task.

THE THEATRE Guild's "The Voice of the Prairie" is part sentimental journey, history lesson, comic farce, and poignant story of innocence lost. And it's completely charming from beginning to end. Playwright John Olive uses flashbacks, timeshifts and a variety of locales to intertwine a tale of early radio with the personal lives of those who made it popular.

Director, Gail Susan Mack, does a fine job of staging a piece that is perhaps as much cinematic as it is theatrical; not an easy task.

The play spans an era from 1890 to the 1920s. Two sets of actors play the principal performers at different ages, as the play shifts back and forth in time.

ONE CONSTANT throughout is an opportunistic entrepreneur, played by John Eastman. His comedy is a bit broad at times, but Eastman is consistently funny as a sometimes wimpy, always flim-flammy, one-man traveling broadcaster.

He goes from town to town (about one step ahead of the law) setting up his transformer and putting local talent on the air. He sells radios to farmers with the slogan, "The magic of the ether is the wave of the future."

One day he coerces a local farm hand (Henry Bennett) in front of the microphone. Bennett could be a bit more folksy, but is convincing as a farmer with a natural talent for telling stories from the heart, mostly about his boyhood adventures with a blind girl.

Well, our "voice" of the prairie is soon a hit. Our con man, of course, underpays him, "Prairie's big farms few, fifty cents the best I can do."

Time shifts to an earlier time. We meet our yarn-spinner as a boy (Chris Berzac), and the blind girl (Al-

icia Bewernitz) who inspired the stories.

ALICIA AND Chris are Creative and Performing Arts students at Churchill High School in Livonia.

She is superb as a spunky, adventurous, young girl who isn't about to let blindness be a handicap. He creates a sympathetic character who bounced about with his hobo Irish father, and picked up his gift for telling stories.

Jackie Marns plays the father, a jailer, watermelon man, minister, newspaper vendor, farmer, and perhaps a backstage voice or two. He's terrific, talented, versatile, and fills the stage with energy and enthusiasm.

Time shifts forward, and the blind girl (now played by Mary Vinette) is a successful teacher. Vinette captures the essence of an adult coping without vision in the sighted world. She and the "voice" meet again, and in the Paul Harvey tradition of "Now You Know the Rest of the Story," we learn that David Sarnoff, from NBC in New York, wants to make him a nationwide star.

Also appearing from CAPA are Jessica Pritchard, Sheila Yert and Patrick O'Reilly.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.



David Quinn (Henry Bennett) (left), an admiring fan, Susie (Jessica Pritchard), and Leon Schwab (John Eastman) in a scene from the Theatre Guild's "The Voice of the Prairie."



Frankie Reed (Alicia Bewernitz) (left) inspires the stories told by Davey Quinn (Chris Berzac) in "The Voice of the Prairie."

Local actor appears in Hilberry production

Dan Welcher of Westland is one of eight Wayne State University undergraduate actors appearing with the Hilberry Theatre acting company in its upcoming production of Frank Galati's "The Grapes of Wrath."

Welcher, a sophomore majoring in theater at Wayne State University, is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. Among the plays in which Welcher's classic novel of the Great Depression plays April 24 through May 16.

He has appeared in "Trouble in Mind," "The Merchant of Venice," and "Pefer Pan" at the Bonstelle Theatre. For tickets, call 577-2972. The Hilberry Theatre is at 4743 Cass on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit.

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Musical revue

Show understudies 'Ain't Misbehavin''

Performances of the Meadow Brook Theatre production of 'Ain't Misbehavin'' continue through May 17 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information call the box office at 377-3300.

By Keely Wygonik
staff writer

UNDERSTUDIES DONNA Lewis and Ange Smith 'Ain't Misbehavin'' If the time comes they'll be ready to step into their roles in Meadow Brook Theatre's presentation of the Tony Award-winning musical revue of over 30 songs written or made famous by "Fats" Waller, the legendary jazz musician of the 1920s and 1930s.

"I'm mesmerized. I catch myself watching them and I say 'no Donna you're supposed to be taking notes, you're supposed to be learning,'" said Lewis of Farmington Hills, an understudy for Julia Lemm. "Other familiar musical numbers in the show include 'Honeysuckle Rose,' 'The Joint is Jumpin',' and 'Your Feet's Too Big.'"

The production is being staged by Broadway director/choreographer



JIM RIDER/staff photographer

Understudies Ange Smith (left) and Donna Lewis rehearse a song for Meadow Brook Theatre's presentation of 'Ain't Misbehavin'."

Lewis, a graduate of Albion College, recently performed at Detroit's Attic Theatre in "Cruisin' Detroit the Hard Way," and appeared in "Showboat" with the Michigan Opera Theatre Co. Look for her on Channel 7 in June, she's hosting "Past Forward" children's show.

SMITH SINGS in a wide variety of styles from jazz to classical and gospel. She has performed at jazz festivals in Italy, New York and Detroit, in television commercials, at the Attic Theatre and Michigan Opera Theatre.

The mother of three grown children, Smith also paints and teaches art at Emerson Middle School in Detroit. "I came up with music," said Smith. "My mother was a music teacher. I used to sing duets with my sister. I was four, she was five. My mother made us study the piano.

Josh White Jr. to perform at Schoolcraft May 2

Folk and blues singer Josh White Jr., known for his powerful voice, brilliant guitar playing and grass roots music, will perform 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Campus Center.

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upcoming things to do

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- LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS**
Livonia Civic Chorus presents its annual spring concert at Laurel Park Place Mall, east of the I-275 Expressway at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 in the North Court.
- 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 455-4080.
- CANTON MUSIC SERIES**
The third and final program in the Canton Music Series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 in the meeting room of the library. The program will feature the folk group Skylark, an acoustic trio. Tickets \$5 each, available at the reception desk of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-0999 for ticket information.
- 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**
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Detroit Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert performs at Birmingham Temple on Sunday.

Concert showcases DSO concertmaster

Detroit Symphony Orchestra concertmaster, Emmanuelle Boisvert will perform as a soloist 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Birmingham Temple, 26811 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10, senior citizens and students, \$9. For information, call 647-4632.

table talk

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 menu 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.

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 "festivale di San Remo" by Pino Marrelli and Lisa Agazzi. Cost \$42 per person. Call 474-3033 for reservations.

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- LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC**
The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will present its spring concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in the Harrison High School Auditorium, 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills. For information, tickets, call 476-5014 or 489-3412.
- FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND**
The Farmington Community Band presents its annual May concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in the Harrison High School Auditorium, 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills. For information, tickets, call 476-5014 or 489-3412.
- LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC**
The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will present its spring concert 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. For information, call 453-8887.

Orchestra volunteers plan conference

The Michigan Orchestra Volunteers Association Annual Spring Conference "Patterns" will be at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30. Featured speaker will be John S. Love, chair elect for the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

American Artists Series concert May 3

Music of Schumann, Dvorak and Claude Arrieu will be featured by the American Artists Series Chamber Players 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3. The concert will be at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook Campus, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Opening with Robert Schumann's Quartet in E flat major, pianist Joann Freeman, AAS founder and artistic director, will be joined by violinist Ron Fischer, violinist Hart Hollman and cellist John Thurman.

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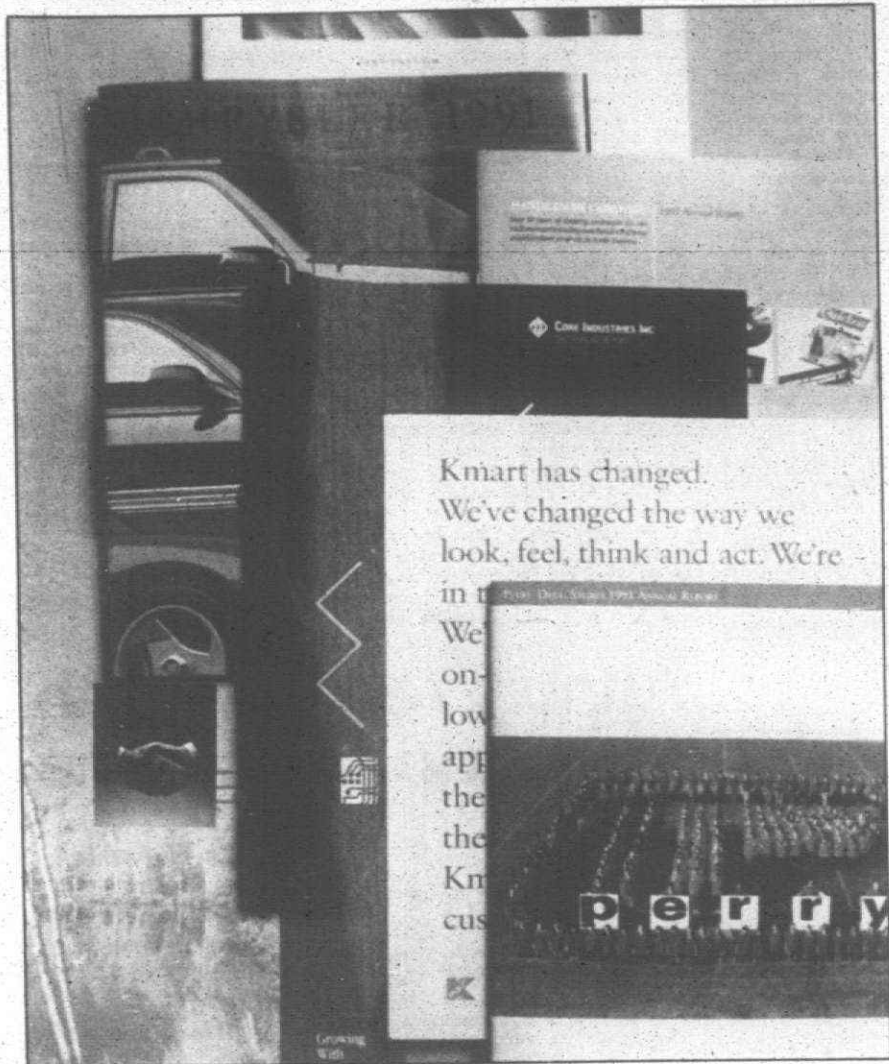
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Corporate annual reports: Part form, part substance

By Doug Funke
staff writer

'Tis the season for corporate annual reports. Publicly owned companies, by law, must check in with shareholders prior to annual meetings. Basic requirements include financial statements, management discussion and analysis of operations, and a list of directors and officers.

Legal requirements could be met in a fairly straightforward manner with text and numbers. But the production of annual reports has gone beyond the simple. Some exceed 50 pages with color pictures, glitzy layout, snappy graphics and glossy paper.

"I understand it's a \$5 billion business worldwide," said Robert Ghelardi, editor of Corporate Annual Report, a newsletter based in Chicago. Production costs a couple years ago averaged \$3.25 per copy, he added.

Kmart, the retailing giant headquartered in Troy, printed about 200,000 reports this year, said Mary L. Lorenz, public communications manager who's responsible for its production.

She declined to divulge specific cost figures.

"It can take anywhere from six months to nine months putting all the financials and all other information together," Lorenz said. "There's no special committee. I'm in communications. We get a feeling for what the CEO and investor relations feel our shareholders should know."

MANY CORPORATIONS like Kmart and Core Industries, a manufacturer of electronics, farm equipment and fluid controls headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, hire outside designers to help pull the report together.

This year, Core used Pangeorn Design from Detroit. Kmart contracted with Pentagram Design from New York City.

"I like to deal with local people," said Neil C. Wester, chief financial officer for Core who is responsible for its annual report. "When the design production process begins, you need people close by who can respond quickly."

Photographers are contracted as needed, but Core and Kmart try to use pictures already taken for promotional advertising efforts in the annual reports.

Handleman, a Troy-based distributor of music tapes and discs, videos and computer software, subcontracted virtually its entire 1991 report.

Creative Design Board did the design work, Financial Relations Board wrote most of the copy. Both are in Chicago.

"WE GIVE them ideas. They do the detail — designing and writing," said Tom Braum, corporate controller for Handleman. "They'll bring a half dozen cover designs, ideas on themes."

Braum served on the annual report committee with a representative of the company's merchandising, advertising and finance departments.

"The goal of the report — that's a difficult question," Braum said. "Each member of the committee would probably say something different."

"There's legal requirements. We want to make sure current and potential shareholders know what our goal is, know what the company is about, what it's trying to achieve and be advised about its financial strengths and opportunities."

External costs of producing and mailing the report are in a range of \$2.50-\$3 per copy, Braum said. More than 20,000 were printed last year.

Core, on the other hand, does much of its report internally, Wester said. He starts working on the project in June and July and mails after Thanksgiving.

"AFTER WE resolve the basis of design, we start collecting photo subjects," Wester said. "Simultaneously, I interview operating divisions and obtain highlights of the past year. I'm functioning as a news reporter. We sort through that, organize an outline and build text around the outline."

Thomas Hooper, treasurer and controller, prepares management's discussion and analysis when the financial numbers come together in the middle of September, Wester said. The budget year ends Aug. 31.

"I'll review what Hooper has drafted," Wester said. "I'm looking for clarity, simplicity and consistency of style from front to back. One individual, I feel, has to be overseeing the whole product. We don't do that by committee here."

The chairman gets a final look-see and approval before printing.

Wester pegged production cost at \$2.50 per copy and 20,000 were printed last year.

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Producing annual reports is a \$4-billion business.

What to look for when skimming financial reports

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Accountants agree that an independent auditor's unqualified opinion about the reliability of information is one of the most important parts of an annual financial report.

But the numbers themselves, management's discussion of performance, and the footnotes to the statements taken together provide insight into the health of a corporation. That is, if you know what to look for and how to interpret the information.

First things first. The income statement indicates whether a business sustained a profit

or a loss during a 12-month period.

The balance sheet lists assets, liabilities, and equity — shareholders' ownership.

The cash flow statement indicates sources and uses of corporate cash and money equivalents throughout the year.

Don't try to read an annual report like a book from cover to cover, beginning to end, accountants advise. You'll probably get bogged down.

"I READ footnote by footnote and relate back to each financial statement it refers to," said Mark D. Rottermond, a partner in the accounting firm of Mathews, Reich, Perna and Rottermond in Bingham

Farms. "One cannot be considered without the other."

After coming to your own conclusions about the financial health of the company, and perhaps formulating questions, study management's analysis, Rottermond suggested. "If you don't like what you read, why would you want to invest with them?"

Chuck Dunleavy, managing partner of BDO Seidman's Troy office, offered other pointers.

"I'd look for continuity of management. Clearly, if people are jumping around, it would lead one to believe there's some instability there."

He also gives much weight to

management's discussion.

"I would look at their plan for next year. Does it make sense in the existing business climate? If they lost \$5 million last year and say they'll make \$5 million this year, is that realistic?"

"HAVE FINANCIAL trends been consistent from year to year? You can't ignore one year's performance, but you have to look at the big picture," he said.

Dunleavy also investigates a less obvious but major issue that every report should address — is major litigation in process or pending?

Rick Valade, a partner with Arthur Andersen, finds that a few sim-

ple numbers can provide a quick overview.

"The first thing I look at on the income statement is the net earnings line. I look at sales trends, also. On the balance sheet, I quickly check current assets to current liabilities. That tells me how much working capital is there."

"For cash flow, the first subtotal line is cash provided by operating activities. You want that to be a positive number and a growing number. A company not generating cash from operations, long term — that will kill you."

"I think the big thing (readers) should look at is something carved in

the middle of the report — management's discussion and analysis. It's dry reading and it's going to run a couple of pages. It not only tells you what happens but why," Valade said.

Percentages rather than raw numbers are more meaningful when comparing long-term results, Rottermond said. That's because the value of the dollar decreases over time.

If you have questions about a report or need help interpreting some of the figures, feel free to contact the company's investor relations representative or treasurer for clarification.

They're also listed in the report.

National firms, franchises lead uptick in retail leasing activity

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Cross your fingers, throw some salt over your shoulder, rub a horseshoe, squeeze a rabbit's foot — just don't jinx what may be the beginning of signs of an upswing in retail space leasing.

If leasing is up, the economy can't be too far behind.

After months of recession, retail spacing in the major power centers and strip centers seems to be picking up.

Michael Lippett, retail specialist of Landmark Commercial Real Estate Services Inc. in Birmingham, said leasing activity and inquiries have increased sharply in recent months.

"That's not to say there hasn't been fallout, there is fallout, but there is net absorption," he said. Companies continue to close, he said, but enough space is being leased to offset the failure rate.

Lippett said he's encouraged by the amount of inquiries and leasing activity. "I would have to say the strip centers are a better indicator (of whether the economy is improving)," he said.

"Malls are a world unto their own," he said. Much of the space in the enclosed malls, even if it looks vacant to most shoppers, is already having plans made for it.

STRIP CENTERS are more susceptible to swings in the economy, he said. "Every center has a built-in vacancy rate," he said. The typical strip center is between 5 and 10 percent. Lippett said his firm hasn't done its annual market survey yet, but he would guess that vacancies in the shopping centers and power strip centers near the malls and along the major retail corridors like Woodward Avenue and Orchard Lake in Oakland County and Ford Road in Wayne County is hovering just below

10 percent.

The neighborhood strip centers are seeing higher rates, he said. "They will fill up, but at a slower rate."

Several things are contributing to the leasing resurgence, but perhaps the most interesting is the increase in business startups — mainly mom and pop stores or franchises.

Because of the recession, people have left jobs or lost jobs or they have money from employee buyouts or severance pay — they're rolling that money over into new businesses, he said. "People do have money to spend."

It's also worth noticing, he said, that there continues to be an influx of national companies into the metropolitan Detroit market.

"Things were beginning to pick up last January until the war came — that kind of put things on hold," he said. After the war, Lippett said leasing increased but at a very slow rate.

Lippett said the retail mix has also been changing in recent months. Three or more years ago, there were many more general merchandise shops opening today, much of the retail leasing is being done by category killers — stores that specialize in one specific area like Office Max — or franchises.

Following closely are the entrepreneurs who focus on specialty niches — much of it service oriented. "Believe it or not, there are still a lot of pizza shops opening up," he said.

JIM STOKAS, vice president of commercial properties at CB Commercial in Southfield, said his firm has also seen an increase in retail leasing in the shopping centers throughout the area.

Part of that increase, he said, is attributed to current leases expiring and existing retailers repositioning themselves, Stokas said, but there

are new businesses starting up and national retailers entering the market.

One reason national companies have begun locating in metropolitan Detroit, he said, is because the market is viewed by many of these companies to be underserved.

Also, because of the advertising mechanisms present in this state, locating in metropolitan Detroit is not that much different from positioning oneself for the whole state, Stokas said.

With statewide circulation in major newspapers and the ability to reach the state through cable television and to a lesser extent broadcast television, it is fairly simple to branch out and reach other areas of the state, he said.

Another reason for the increase in leasing activity, he said, is the slump in construction activity.

Over the natural course of the economy, businesses will start up, exist and fail. Existing businesses will expand. Well-capitalized retailers will take advantage of down times by expanding.

That means there has been a corresponding increase in demand, he said. "With a lack of new construction, some space is going to be leased up by new business even in the worst of times."

Many of the major tenants who might have previously built space or leased space in new construction are taking a second look at existing space, he said.

GREG SULLIVAN, property manager with the Linder Co. which manages the Oak Pointe Center in Pontiac and the Novi Towne Center in Novi, said retail leasing seems to be in an upswing.

"Retailers seem to be moving again."

Sullivan said he wouldn't call it a

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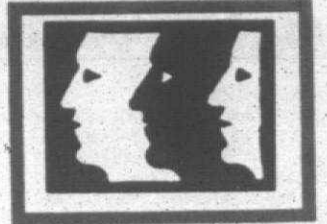
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Prom Time



Darcey O'Callaghan (right) of Garden City High School models Scarlett Nite's blue halter dress, embellished with gold beading and jewels (at Hudson's).

Below: Loraine Ziyadeh (left) of Livonia Franklin High models a positive-negative polka dot bustier with bubble skirt and Rebecca Adamczyk of Livonia Stevenson a black sequined bustier with black and white gingham check taffeta skirt, both by Bari Jay (at Jacobson's).

Fashions are short, sassy, much more

By Sue Mason
staff writer

BOB DYLAN WASN'T known for his warbling, but one of his musical hits lamented about "The times they are a-changin'."

It may have been meant for the social changes of the '60s, but it's applicable today. Just like "This is not your father's Oldsmobile," so it is in the 1990s that "This is not your mother's prom dress."

Where hooped-skirted formals with elbow-length gloves and bunny furs were once standard dress for proms, today's young woman can be found wearing a prom dress that goes from a party-length above the knees to the floor.

Her date may wear a white dinner jacket with black lapels with outrageously bright colored or patterned accessories. The parental car has been replaced with a rented limousine.

About the only thing that has stayed the same is the corsage and boutonniere.

"When I was in high school, you went to a bridal shop for a prom dress. Stores just didn't carry those things," said M.J. Burns, fashion director for the 20 J.L. Hudson stores.

Now they do, and in stores like Hudson's and Jacobson's, there are four fashion trends showing up.

"SKIRTS ARE interesting this year because there's so much to choose from," said Linda Gunderson of Jacobson's. "They can choose a party length of just above the knee, a bubble skirt or high/low, and they're not just wearing them to the prom."

Shearing, puckering and embellishments of lace, sequins, pearls and beading can be found on today's prom dresses. Taffeta is popular among fabrics this year in both solids and patterns such as polka dots, florals and tablecloth checks.

And although black is still basic color for party attire, there are also bright colors in navy blue, fuchsia, purple, emerald green, red and royal blue. There are, according to Gunderson, a few in white and pastel colors of pink and coral.

The daring young lady may dance the evening away in a short-'n'-sassy strapless bustier style dress with an eggplant-colored skirt and gold bodice or in a bright fuchsia-colored satin or go with a figure-hugging style reminiscent of Oscar night.

For the shorter styles, detailing include the bubble and off-the-

shoulder looks in taffeta, satin and lace. Detailing can include tiers of lace, ruffles and bows.

Bari Jay has come up with a party-length dress, featuring a black sequin bustier with black and white gingham check taffeta skirt, red sash and rosette, priced at \$169 at Jacobson's.

THE COLUMN look features a very narrow sexy fit with a side or back slit to allow for movement. Done in satins, the style has a lot of detail, such as sequins, at the shoulder, Burns said.

An example would be the black-and-white satin gown with tulip hem and portrait collar, by Zum Zum, available at Hudson's at \$138.

If those styles aren't her cup of tea, there's the fit-'n'-flare attitude — fitted at the waist and flaring out with a tooling or a chiffon skate skirt.

"You've never seen tooling on the outside of a dress until this year," Burns said. "Usually, it's used underneath as a stiffener."

The fitted silhouette also turns up in halter styles in brocades, satin, lame and tulle, and detailing includes belted waists, beaded collars and lace accents.

Two good examples are Bari Jay's fuchsia halter dress with a fitted waist and pearl and bead collar, priced at \$179 at Jacobson's, or Scarlett Nite's blue halter dress, embellished with gold beads and jewel stones, priced at \$128 at Hudson's.

THE LAST trend is the high/low

or asymmetrical look. The style can have short-to-long beelines from front to back or side to side. They're turning up in taffeta, satin and lame with lace overlays, with bows at the shoulder.

Zum Zum has come up with a white lace asymmetrical with flared skirt, available at \$164 at Hudson's.

Mom's prom accessories meant dyed shoes, and today's high schooler can choose dyables, but there's also fabric pumps in jewel-tones of red, blue and emerald or kid leather to match her dress. If those colors don't delight her, there are brushed, toned silver and gold styles.

Handbags can be beaded or lace overlay with shoulder straps and satin or patent leather with or without straps.

Where yesteryear's formals called for shawls and fur wraps, today's styles lend themselves to cloth coats. Burns sees a larger use of snazzy raincoats with prom dresses for the cool evenings.

"There are cute little gold and silver trenches that would be a perfect coverup," she said. "It can be worn over a pair of leggings with a white T-shirt during the day and over a nice dress in the evening. It moves fabulously through a wardrobe from day to evening."

Toss in some rhinestone, crystal or pearl cluster of drop earrings, maybe a matching choker and, voila! all that's left is the date and the flowers.

Unfortunately, today's prom fashions don't come with the date.

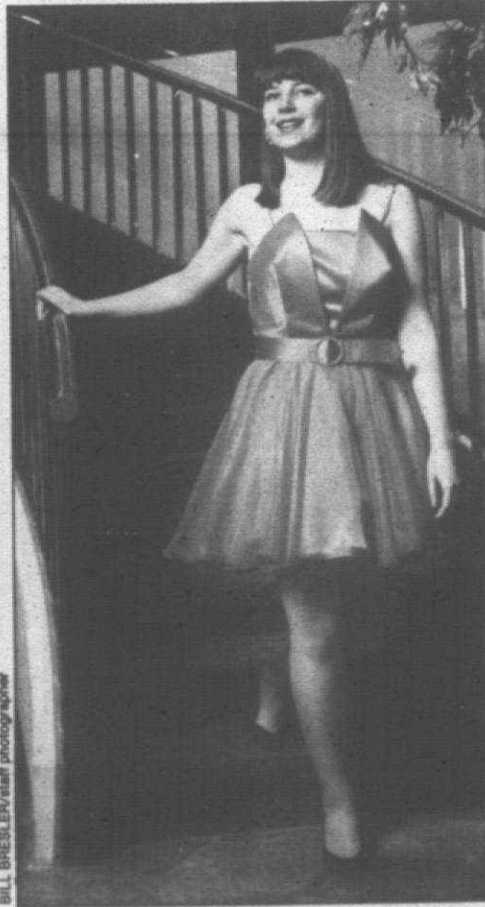


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Aimee Lanzon of Plymouth Canton High School models a column style black and white dress with tulip hem and portrait collar by Zum Zum (at Hudson's).



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Lynn Truesdell of Plymouth Salem High School dons a red bustier with chiffon skate skirt by Bari Jay (at Jacobson's).



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Monica Kurdziel of Redford Thurston High School is ready to dance the night away in a navy sequined strapless dress with white taffeta bubble skirt by Scarlett Nite (at Hudson's).

singles connection

EAGLE RUN Single Point Ministries, Single Spirit, New Horizons and Common Ground of Ward Presbyterian Church will sponsor the Eagle Run VIII Classic Saturday, May 9, at Maybury State Park.

BETHANY Bethany West, a Catholic support group for divorced or separated men and women, will have the Rev. Dave Blake as the guest speaker at its 8 p.m. meeting Saturday, May 2, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

VOYAGERS SINGLES The Voyagers Singles will meet 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the social hall of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

WIDOW'S ORGANIZATION The Widow's Organization will sponsor a Dinner at the Ritz at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

NEWBURG SINGLES Newburg Singles has rescheduled its monthly meeting to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES Tri-County Singles will have an astrology dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Royale Hotel, 1-94 and Merriman, Romulus.

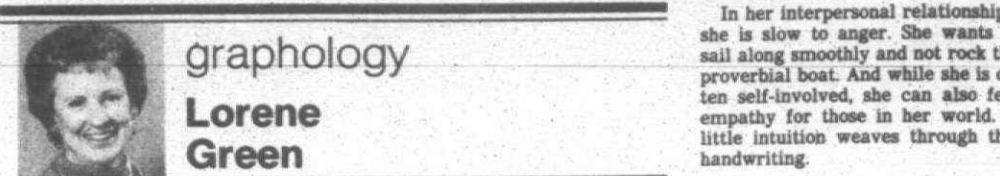
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Fashions 'star' at benefits

The latest in spring and summer fashions and for the bridal party will be center stage at benefit fashion shows in late April. Newscaster Kristi Krueger will be hostess of a benefit bridal show, sponsored by the Livonia Jaycees at Madonna University Friday, April 24.

Humorist highlights Mother's Day dinner

Therese McGee, local humorist and author of "Real Grandmas Don't Bake Cookies Anymore," will be featured speaker at Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit's Mother's Day Dinner Tuesday, May 5. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.

clubs in action

- ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY The Detroit Astronomical Society will have Richard Walker of the Genesee Astronomical Society as its speaker at a meeting 8:15-10 p.m. Friday, April 24, in Room 224 of the Southfield Civic Center.
- GARDEN SALE The Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens will hold a spring gardener's sale Friday through Sunday, April 24-26, at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor.
- SCLEDEROMA The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the United Scleroderma Foundation will hold its annual workshop 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the auditorium of Hutzel Hospital, Detroit.
- AFOTH The monthly meeting of Active Friends of the Homeless will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the First United Methodist Church, Eight Mile and Taft, Northville.
- CLOTHING SALE Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples Club will have a spring and summer clothing sale 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Puringbrook, just north of Seven Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia.
- TRIFT SHOWS The third annual Eddie Edgar

- EPILEPSY UPDATE The National Tubercular Sclerosis Association of Michigan Inc. will sponsor an "Update on Epilepsy" 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn.
- MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group (REMS Far West) will meet 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.
- DAR CHAPTERS The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet noon Monday, April 27, for a sandwich luncheon at Greenmead's Hill House, Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia.
- CHRISTIAN BPW The Metro-West After Five Club, Christian Business and Professional Women, will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the Holiday Inn-West, 1-375 and Six Mile, Livonia.

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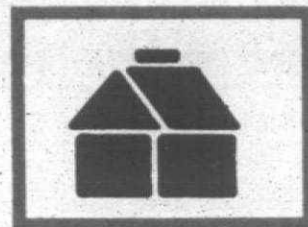
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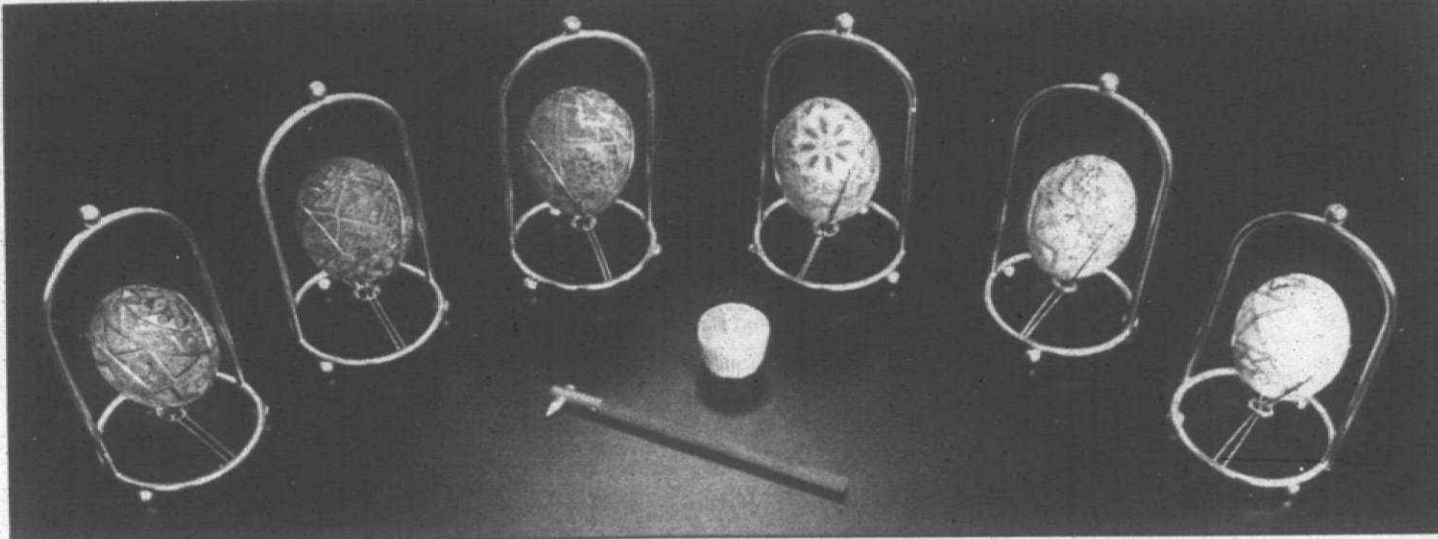
Don't fret if you haven't been able to stop by the Plymouth Historical Museum to see "Images of Lincoln," an exhibit of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia. The exhibit has been extended to May 3. The museum is at 155 S. Main. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students 5-17. Kids younger than 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$4.

Awash with color . . . Canton artist Sherrie Moore is exhibiting 21 new works in watercolor at D & M Art Studio & Cooperative Gallery, 710 N. Mill, in Plymouth's Old Village. Her delicate florals create a sense of light and timelessness. A reception to meet the artist will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Moore's show runs through May 15. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. daily with classes for children and adults most evenings. Call 453-3710.

They're winners. The Michigan Water Color Society has honored two Observerland artists. On April 12, the society announced cash prizes totaling \$5,000 to 11 Michigan artists. Connie Lucas of Canton won the Michigan Water Color Society Founders Award (\$400) and the DIA Graphic Arts Council Award (\$200). Gwen Tomkow of Farmington Hills won the Lucy Pearson Memorial Award (\$350). The society's spring exhibition, featuring 78 paintings by 63 state artists, continues through May 31 at Eilia Sharp Museum, 3225 Fourth, Jackson. Thirty-eight paintings will be part of a traveling exhibition to eight Michigan art centers.

Looking for an art grant? The Arts Foundation of Michigan has established a partnership with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to provide support for Michigan artists. Professional artists receive funding through a Michigan-based sponsoring nonprofit group, which acts as the applicant and provides defined support. Funded projects will include provision for public access to the work by performances, exhibition or comparable access opportunity. Artists may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. The deadline to apply is May 15. For a copy of the creative artist's grant proposal and guidelines, call the Detroit-based arts foundation at 313-964-2244 weekdays.

Pysanky in various stages of decoration illustrate the transition of an egg after each application of beeswax and dye bath. One-third of the Hnatiuks' intricately detailed eggs are on display in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library.



Library showcases Ukrainian eggs

See Exhibitions, 4D

By Linda Ann Chomin special writer

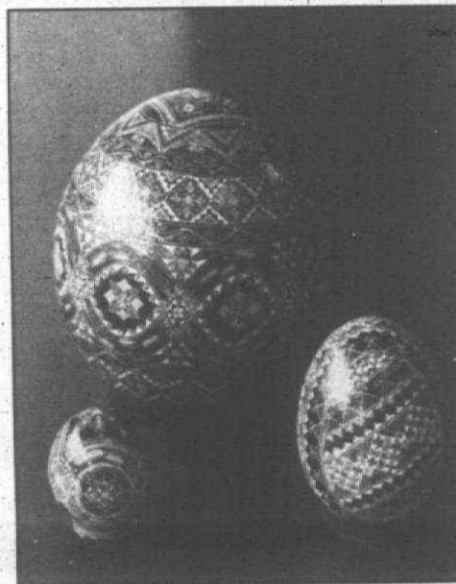
WHEN Dr. Miroslaw and Anna Hnatiuk left Zalistchyk in the western part of Ukraine in 1949, they knew their homeland would remain always in their hearts as long as Pysanky (decorated Easter eggs) filled their home.

From a handful of Ukrainian eggs obtained after their departure, the Hnatiuks' Pysanky collection grew to include more than 1,000 of the beautifully hand-decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs, 300 of which are on display through April 29 in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road at Five Mile.

"For over 3,000 years, this is Ukrainian tradition," said Dr. Hnatiuk said. "This tradition is carried in all Ukrainian homes throughout the world. In Detroit, there are several masters of this art who are entitled to be called an artist of this type of art."

Sparkling in a kaleidoscope of colors, ranging from deep red to yellow and black, the eggs on display are deftly decorated with intricately rendered deer, horses, birds and flowers, all of them symbols emblazoned on eggs for hundreds of years.

"The one case all the eggs came from Ukraine," Anna Hnatiuk said. "Ukrainians are nature lovers."



From the collection of Dr. Miroslaw and Anna Hnatiuk, Ukrainian-decorated Easter eggs range in size from the smallest chicken egg to ostrich eggs, which cost more than \$300.

DR. HNATIUK stresses to the novice viewer that Ukrainian Easter eggs are colored with written, not painted, decorations. The root word for Pysanky, "pysaty," means to write. The eggs are written on with melted beeswax dispensed through a tool named "kistka."

Pysanky traditionally are decorated during the 40-day season of Lent, the most important holiday on the church calendar in Ukraine.

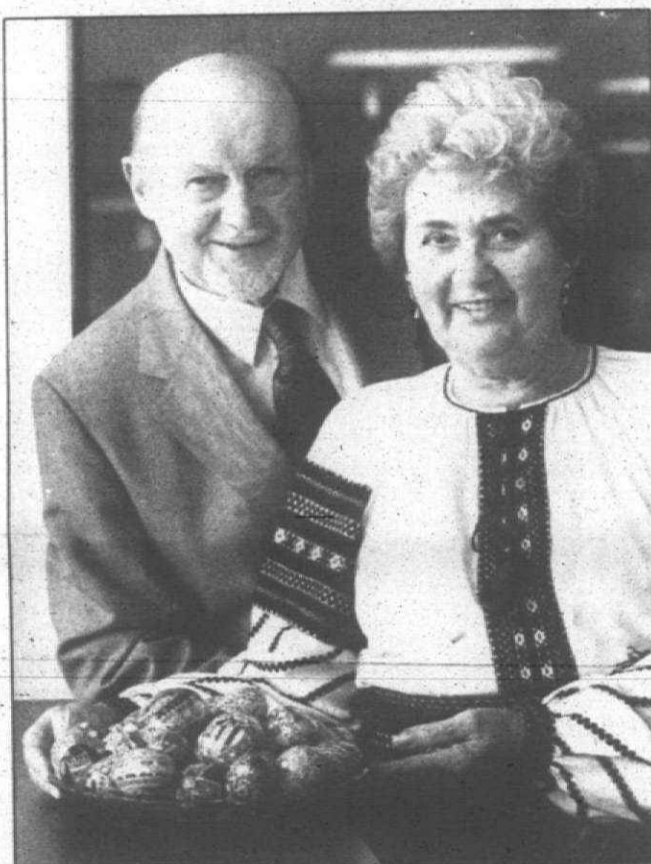
Exchanged between family members on Easter day, Pysanky

celebrate the joyful holiday when life overcame death and spring rises from the earth after a long, hard winter. At the beginning of dinner on Easter day, a Pysanka is divided among the assembled members with each sharing the egg.

"This is Ukrainian tradition. Tradition is in every Ukrainian home," Anna Hnatiuk said. "In Lent time, even the grandchildren do. It's a lesson to do Pysanky."

Displayed on one shelf of the showcase, eggs in various stages of

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Dr. Miroslaw and Anna Hnatiuk display a basketful of Ukrainian Pysanky (decorated Easter eggs) from their museum collection of more than 1,000.

Multi-media

Livonia show a kaleidoscope of art

By Linda Ann Chomin special writer

From floral watercolors to abstract clay wallhangings and horse sculpture, the 82-piece Artifacts Art Club exhibition in Livonia promises a visual experience for lovers of a variety of art media.

The spring show runs through April 30 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, Farmington Road at Five Mile.

Hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission and the city of Livonia, the show features 28 club members working in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, pen and ink, clay, photography, sculpture and mixed media.

"We have a lot of exciting work in the show," said

Kathleen Erngren, exhibit coordinator.

"Art can bring so much not only to the artist but to the person viewing the art. When they look at a piece, it brings back something they haven't thought about in a long time. It evokes a feeling, they haven't felt for awhile. What someone hates, someone else loves."

THE CLUB prides itself on being comprised of beginner as well as experienced artists.

Its latest exhibit was juried for content and framing only by club founder David Messing and club member Susan VanDeVenter Warner.

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JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

"Of Innocence and Sensuality," a sculpture by Cheryl Zielonka, is priced at \$300. Artifacts Art Club's spring show runs to April 30 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall. Livonia Arts Commission is hosting the 82-piece exhibition in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, pen and ink, sculpture, clay, photography and mixed media.

And the country reflects that diversity in many ways today, from its food to its politics. Despite unification, southerners and northerners still don't trust each other very much.

Important to the book . . . many maps, quite good, and its array of spectacular color photos. A more personal look at Saigon would have been appreciated by those of us who are held by that city's special fascination. But that is slight criticism considering the enormous task faced in publishing such a volume.

Forget the train; book offers vicarious tour of Vietnam

JUST FOR A second, imagine yourself stepping back in time by taking a 1,250-mile trip in a train powered by a 1930s-style locomotive through one of the most beautiful and exotic tropical regions of the world.

Consider also that it will take you anywhere from 48 to 58 hours to complete the trip in passenger cars overloaded with people, pigs, produce and chickens.

Well, maybe not such a good idea. But that's all right. The fun in reading one of the newer releases from Insight Guides is the vicarious adventure it offers to those who may be reluctant to make the journey on the Reunification Train which travels from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam.

A cult of admirers has grown up around the Insight publications,

which are attuned for both the serious traveler and those interested in actually learning more about a region in which they have an interest.

Best known for their beautiful photography, the Insight Guides are also one of the best written guides in existence, verging nearly on the literary.

The Vietnam edition was crafted by a team of editors, photographers, scholars and writers who share a love for this beautiful land and its equally fascinating peoples.

As the publishers explain, this reference guide reveals the "mystery of the unknown, the many gaps in our knowledge of the country . . . its captivating literature . . . ancient past, the traditional hospitality of its people and the wonders of its varied landscape."



books
Steve Barnaby

THOSE OF US who have traveled to Vietnam since the war's end can attest to the guide's importance to those who intend on making the trek. I only wish I had had this guide available when last traveling to Vietnam in 1989.

In those days, few westerners thought of making the trip and even fewer were welcome. Our entourage

was "invited guests." But much has changed in those short years. Our government is gradually lifting its restrictions on relations with Vietnam, although we still withhold official diplomatic relations. The Vietnamese government, for its part, is trying hard to foster deeper links with the west and is building a tourist industry around its exciting cities and beautiful beaches.

It is very obvious that the editors went out of their way to portray Vietnam in its entirety, that is, with as little emphasis as possible on America's military involvement. A sound decision, considering our brief tenure in that country's internal affairs.

As one who fought in the war and has since become deeply enmeshed in studying the culture and history of

Vietnam, I can assure you that Vietnam stands very well on its own.

A short chapter is included on American involvement in Vietnam written by photographer Tim Page which is a bit gratuitous toward Vietnam vets. But perhaps that is to be expected. Few signs of our involvement remain and returning veterans will most often only find empty fields and bare mountainsides over which to reflect.

THE INSIGHT GUIDE will provide you with a well-written history of this country which struggled for 1,000 years before garnering its independence, as well as a brief bibliography of further readings to enhance your knowledge. Although not comprehensive, the non-fiction list is well-rounded.

The authors take you from region

creative impressions

Send creative arts-related calendar items to Creative Impressions, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150... at least three weeks for publication.

● ART HISTORY Cranbrook P.M. sponsors "Myths and Legends of the Ancient World" an art history lecture series beginning 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Cranbrook House Library, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

● GARDEN FORUM "Growing with Master Gardeners," a gardening seminar presented by the Master Gardeners of Wayne County, will run 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at First Baptist Church, 4500 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Schoolcraft College offers interior design seminar

Such information as how to work with an interior designer, how to stretch your decorating dollars and what's new in home furnishings will be shared with those who attend a seminar Friday May 1, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy.

Included in the program are: 1. How to choose colors and materials. 2. How to work with an interior designer. 3. How to stretch your decorating dollars. 4. What's new in home furnishings.

River Place to celebrate

In celebration of its 90-year history, the River Place Inn in Detroit is hosting a historic tour of the Stroh River Place campus and a grand opening reception on its Riverside Terrace 3:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

This event, in conjunction with National Preservation Week (May 9-16) marks the patio season's grand opening. At \$15 per person, the evening will feature tastings from the all-evening menu, specialty drinks, live entertainment and horse-drawn carriage tours of the historic campus.

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Krass has worked on everything from a 12,000-square-foot private residence to the remodeling of a modest lakefront ranch home. Client taste, lifestyle and budget remain her guidelines as she lends her unusual ideas to any project.

She will tell the audience how to find the right interior designer, what qualifications to look for in a designer, various compensation methods and what services the client normally expects. She will also tell how interior designers can save the client money.

Gagne has more than 15 years experience in residential and commercial interior design. She designs all non-structural parts of the interior envelope as well as some of the furnishings. Gagne's specialty is helping clients develop their own sense of style and personality in their interior designs.

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ERNGREN HAS four pieces in the show, a collage, two watercolors and a mixed media consisting of watercolor and colored pencil. From the beginning, Erngren's work was rendered in colored pencil before a move to pastel.

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Livonia exhibit is a kaleidoscope of art

The People's Choice Award and the Artifacts Members Award will be announced at the club meeting on April 28.

"The beginners revive the newness of the experienced artists," Erngren said. "I'm enthusiastic about Artifacts. I got into the club in 1986. Art was all very new to me. The members were real supportive. It was a positive experience."

"I had two pieces in the show, one of which is "Cana Indian," a delicately rendered colored pencil drawing. Colored pencil is notoriously time consuming. The viewer is drawn as if by a magnet to the multiple strands of pink beads the Indian wears.

ERNGREN HAS four pieces in the show, a collage, two watercolors and a mixed media consisting of watercolor and colored pencil. From the beginning, Erngren's work was rendered in colored pencil before a move to pastel.

Her instructors have included watercolor and collage artist Edee Joppich of Farmington Hills. "Probably without the support and encouragement from Edee Joppich, I might have all but given up. She's really inspired me," Erngren said.

Rhonda Hargrave's colored pencil portraits of a squirrel eating bird seed scattered inside a red "Flyer" wagon is a showstopper. Rendered on a black background, "The Bird Feeder" brings delight to the coldest of hearts.



Show hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Artifacts founder David Messing created this multi-dimensional handmade paperwork titled "Lindsey."

Decorated eggs preserve Ukrainian heritage

Ukraine," said Dr. Hnatuk as he extends his arm proudly toward the showcase. "There are \$2 million in Ukraine, over 10 million living outside Ukraine in Australia, Canada, in every country. How popular the Easter eggs are in Canada, the largest of Ukrainian settlement."

In Alberta, an aluminum Pysanka towers 3 1/2 stories in the sky, a tribute to the Ukrainians who settled in Vegreville 100 years ago, and to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who helped them. Tradition and legend surround the Pysanka. "A tradition comes from the villages, an expression of love. The day after Easter, the boys in the villages would sprinkle water on the girls' backs. The girls would turn and give them an Easter egg," Dr. Hnatuk said.

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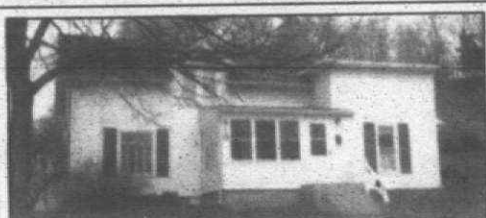
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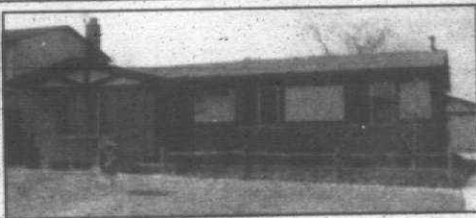
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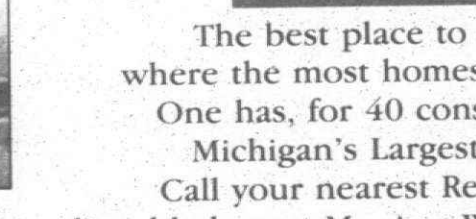
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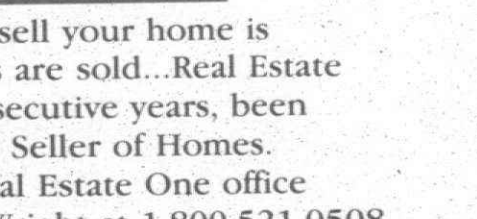
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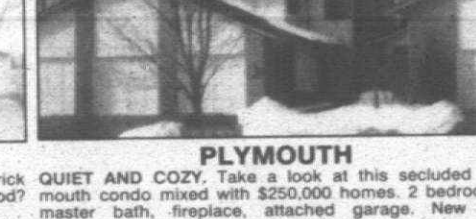
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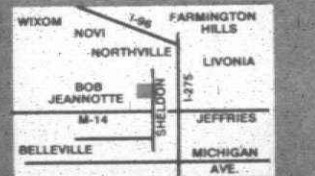
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By Doug Funke
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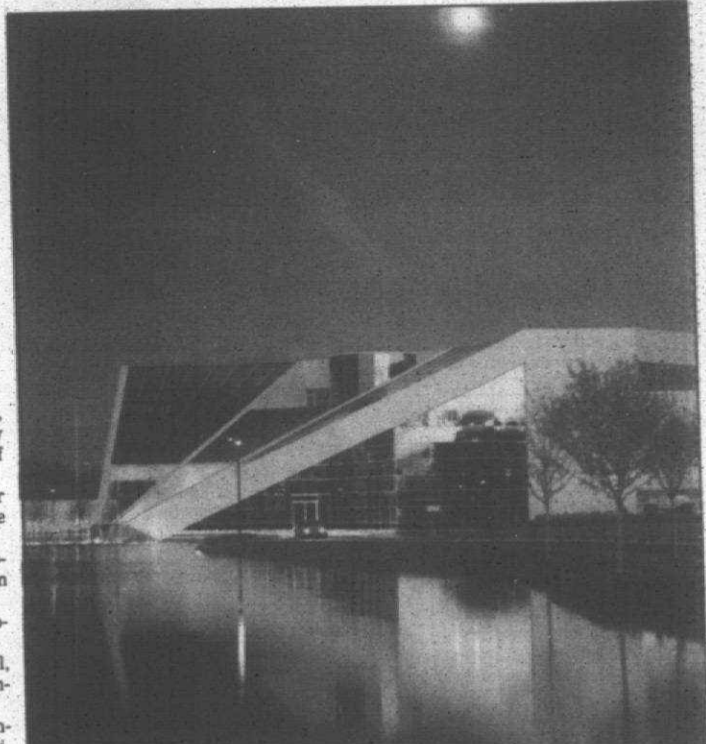
Skylights and open spaces. Those were key elements in many of the seven projects selected as construction and design award winners in an annual competition sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Six of the winners have a connection with the Observer & Eccentric coverage area either through the architect, contractor or where the project was built.

"The reason this (contest) is unique is it's the only one in the area that honors everyone — architects, contractors and engineers in the

same competition," said Phil Komar, spokesman for ESD.

- The winners:
- Chrysler Technology Center, Auburn Hills, designed by Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates of Southfield.
 - Apartments of Stroh River Place, Detroit, designed by Redstone Architects of Southfield.
 - Gershenson Radiation Oncology Center, Detroit, built by Barton Malow of Southfield.
 - Nissan Research and Development Facility, Farmington Hills.
 - Solid waste industrial landfill, Allen Park, designed by NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills.
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Skylit concourses and glass-walled offices mark the Chrysler Technology Center, Auburn Hills, designed by Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates of Southfield.

The Nissan Research and Design Facility in Farmington Hills consists of a three-story administration section and a prototype/testing segment connected by an atrium.

Firms adopt mentoring roles

By R.J. King
special writer

One way a small minority-owned firm can land a new account or large contract is to strike a partnership with a client or competitor who wouldn't normally provide an outsider with access to internal reports, valued contacts and marketing strategies.

It's commonly referred to as mentoring, and New Detroit began just such a partnership plan last year by pairing minority-owned firms with long-established players in such industries as accounting, construction and services as a way to increase sales and solidify markets.

"Mentoring is really a means of insuring the competition, whether minority owned or not, can compete successfully and fairly. It makes for a healthier industry," said Tom Landry, president of the A.J. Etkin Construction Co. in Farmington Hills.

"It also gives us an opportunity to learn something from a smaller firm. They might do something different on the accounting end that could save us time or money. I think both parties benefit, and there's always joint ventures that might open up."

ANDREW McLEMORE, president of A-MAC Sales & Builders Co., a general contractor in Detroit that was matched with Etkin in January, said his firm has already benefited from several meetings with its larger competitor.

"Our goal going into the partnership was to develop more private sector business, but these things take time," said McLemore.

"But we have been introduced to their management and administrative network. That should help in the future. They also gave us several of their forms for contracts and purchase orders. That's an advantage to us because now I don't have to hire an attorney to do that work."

Both companies said they hoped to strike a construction contract in the near future, but given the depressed state of the commercial real estate market, a joint venture is a few months off.

The goal of New Detroit's mentoring program is to increase business opportunities and help minority-owned firms expand their marketing reach. Instead of building or servicing immediate neighborhoods, New Detroit wants minority firms to tackle entire markets.

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"It's a win-win situation for both parties involved, if only that barriers get knocked down and relationships open up," said Ron Hall, director of the mentoring program as well as the minority economic development division of New Detroit, which works to encourage urban and suburban relationships.

"We would like to see the partnerships last between three and five years, or however long the parties wish to continue. We hope greater profits and job growth will result, and we will be monitoring the relationships to track what benefits transpire."

GLENN WASH, president of Glenn E. Wash & Associates, Inc., a general contractor in Detroit, said his firm has had one meeting with its mentor, the Walbridge Aldinger Co., a large construction concern formerly located in Livonia before moving to Detroit two years ago, since the pair were matched in January.

"Not too much has happened yet, but we're looking strongly at the possibility of striking a joint venture with Walbridge," said Wash. We also feel we can learn a great deal about their operations which will help in expanding our own marketing reach."

John Rakolta Jr., president of Walbridge, said the company entered the program with the hope of providing smaller firms with advice on management and business skills as opposed to becoming a marketing arm for future projects.

"Large corporations have a lot to offer smaller firms such as how we set up accounts, buying insurance and setting up new business proposals," he said. "We don't want to award a contract and go away. We want to teach firms about our business and listen to what they have to say. We both learn in that kind of environment."

IN OTHER mentoring partnerships recently announced, Bartech Personnel Services, a supplier of contract engineers, technicians and clerical personnel in Detroit, was matched with the Chrysler Corp. in Highland Park. Fuller & Co., a management consulting firm in Detroit, was paired with Coopers & Lybrand, one of the Big Six accounting firms with offices in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

"Bartech wants to be acknowledged first as a quality supplier than one that happens to be minority owned," said Jon Barfield, president of Bartech. "I believe the mentorship program will enable us to overcome some barriers traditionally faced by minority-owned firms and develop to the point where we will be able to compete effectively with the industry leaders."

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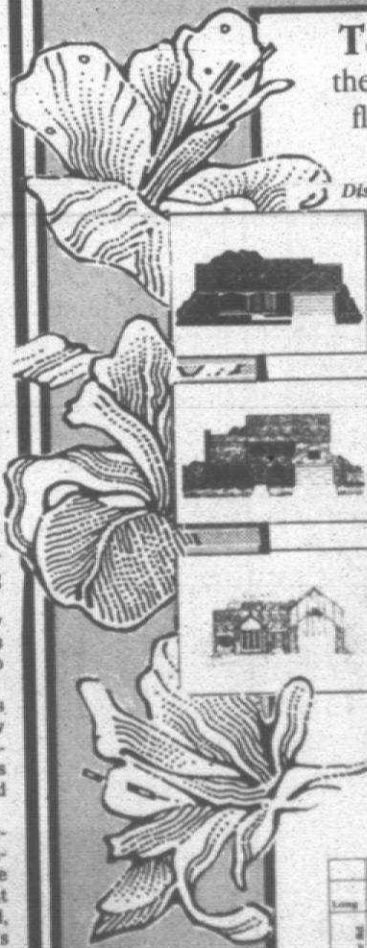
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According to figures released by the American Association of Retired Persons, 12.6 percent of the population was 65 or older in 1990. By the year 2020, this figure will increase to 17 percent.

The proliferation of aging yuppies is putting out to pasture outdated and stereotypical ideas about the elderly. It is also resulting in major design changes in retirement communities, as evidenced by the 43 facilities that recently received awards in 1991-1992 Design for Aging Facilities sponsored by the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C.

Selected from more than 500 entries, these projects share certain characteristics. Perhaps most importantly, all display a sensitivity and understanding of the needs of elderly residents by applying current information on the aging process. Many relied on gerontologists and environmental psychologists as consultants for the design process.

Lita Nergler, a gerontologist at the Stein Gerontological Institute in Miami, says that the institute works closely with architects and developers on retirement facilities. She says within the past five years, architects have begun to recognize how different the physical environment should be for seniors, compared to any other age group.

"Safety issues are a major concern," Berger said. "If you create a barrier-free environment from the start that is secure and fosters independence, it will aid in the type of lifestyle an older person has."

Berger believes living in a retirement facility that emphasizes security and independence can increase a person's lifespan, although no scientific evidence currently exists to support the claim.

"Living in a progressive retirement community eliminates most of the stress involved in worrying about being taken care of when one is unable to cope," Berger said.

The concept of allowing people to "age in place," or live independently for as long as possible is part of a growing trend that recognizes that aging is not an illness and the elderly are not sick.

"Everyone ages differently — in different ways and at different paces. Just because they reach an age where they can't get around their house is no reason to put them in a nursing home," Berger said. "Living independently in an environment that encourages support and social interaction allows our senior citizens to live full and rich lives."

As people learn about retirement communities, the stigmas attached to nursing homes should fade.

Senior housing rethought

"Today's healthier lifestyles and advances in medical care allow Americans to live longer than ever, which has spawned rethinking about housing for seniors."

Retirement facilities are beginning to erase many of the stigmas that have long been associated with nursing homes. Gone are the sterile and drab one-story buildings with long institutional corridors and small, dimly lit rooms.

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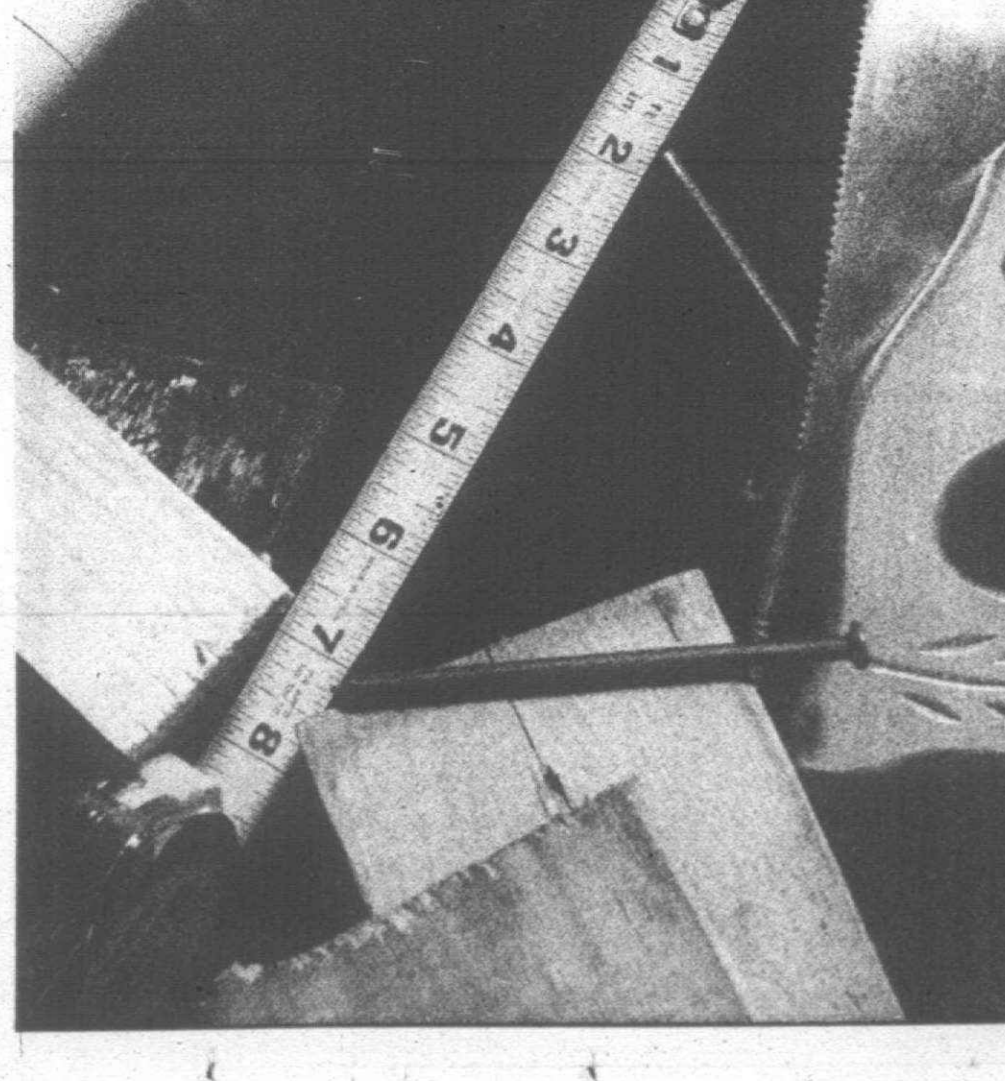
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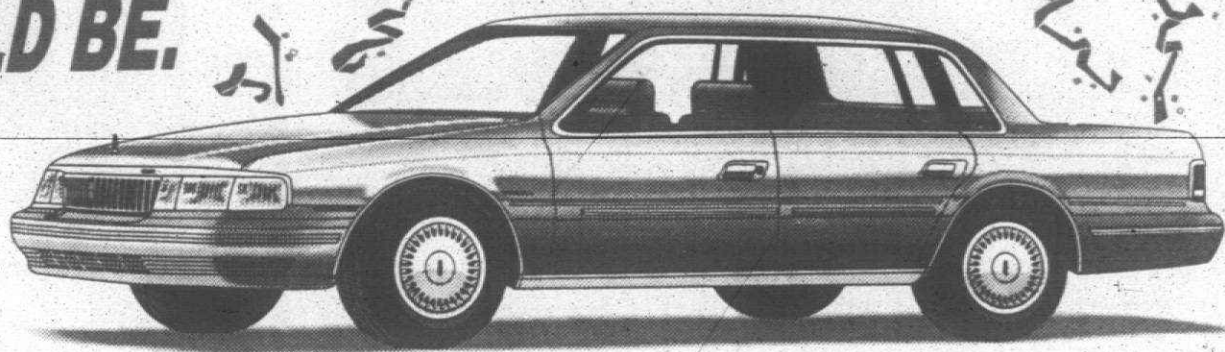
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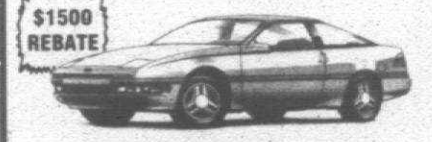
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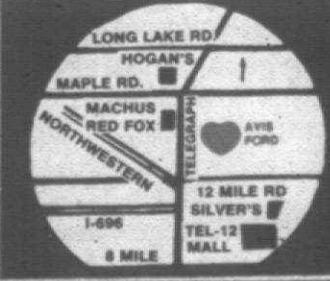
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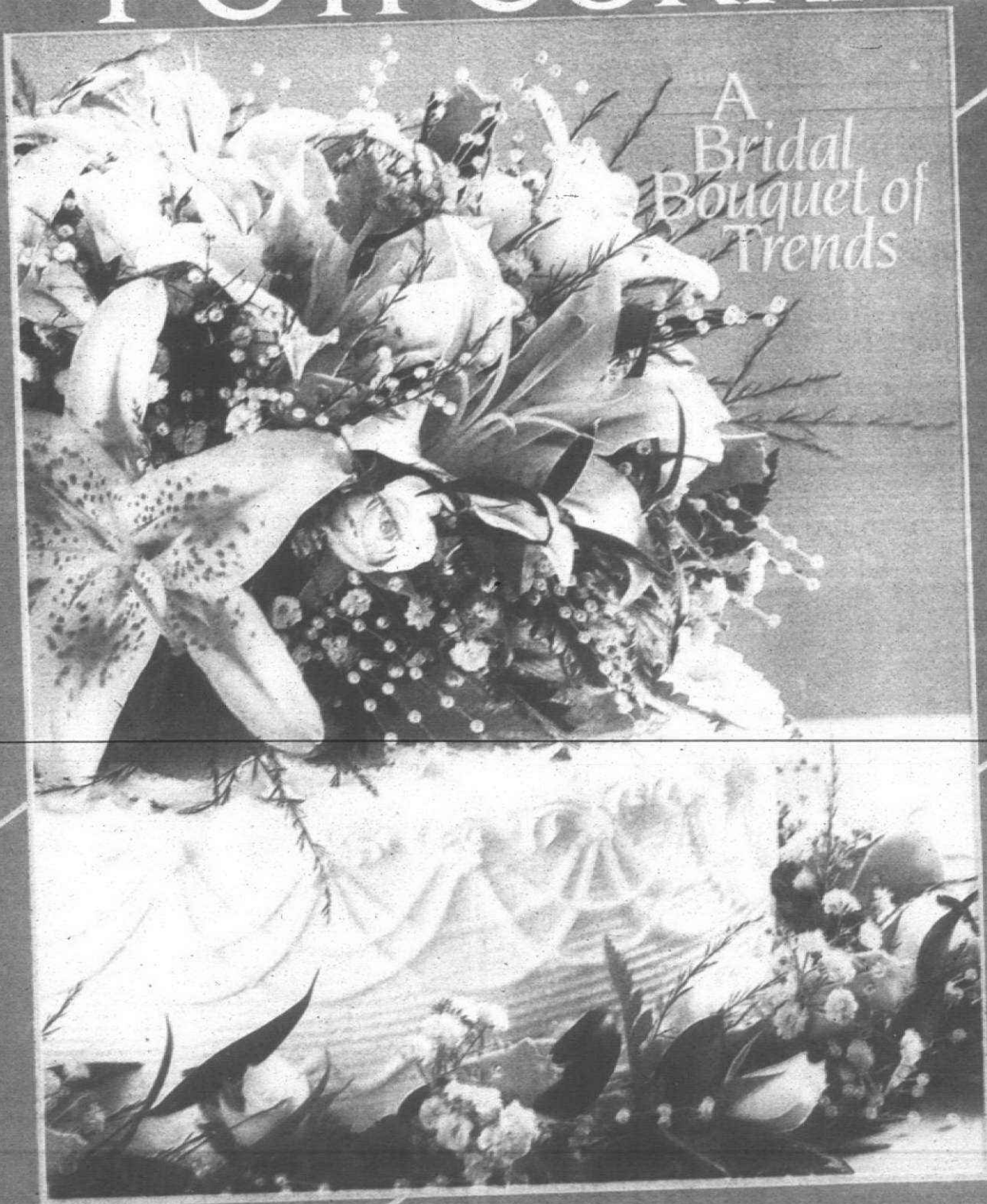
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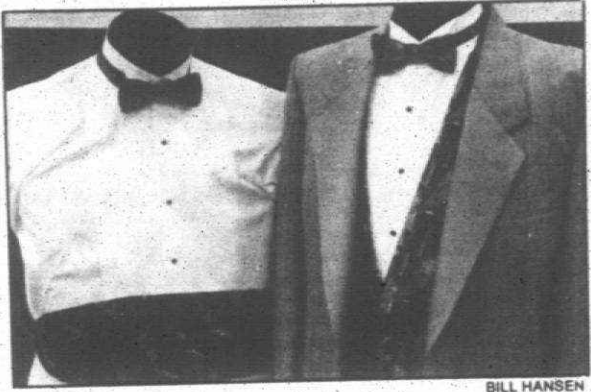
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On the cover: Today's bride gives tradition a nudge by replacing the familiar mini bride and groom on the wedding cake with a fresh floral arrangement. After cutting the cake, the flowers make a perfect table arrangement. Bright, raspberry and white stargazer lilies, pink and white sweetheart roses and baby's breath are accented with three fern, Italian ruscus and sprays of miniature faux pearls. Arrangement by Carolyn Russo, Flowers From Joe's, Livonia. Cake, with delicate scroll design, by G.M. Paris Bakery, Livonia.

When it comes to formal wear, the key word is choice, says Steve Petix Clothiers. Vests, ties, cummerbunds, pocket squares and even suspenders come in bold and brilliant patterns like those from the Ocean Mist collection by Mel Howard.



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Spice up groom's wear

By Mike Dale
special writer

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Floral ties and cummerbunds in bright blue and fuchsia, light beige and purple or iridescent starbursts are popular looks this season with solid formal wear, says Donna Dunphy, office manager at Randazzo Tuxedo, Livonia.

"The florals are a formal look that men can match to the dresses in the wedding party," Dunphy said. "Some grooms add a solid pocket square for even more color."

Besides florals, grooms at Randazzo's and at Steve Petix Clothiers in Birmingham, Livonia and Plymouth like the new houndstooth vest to wear with a traditional black tuxedo. In fact, vests in various patterns are making a big comeback

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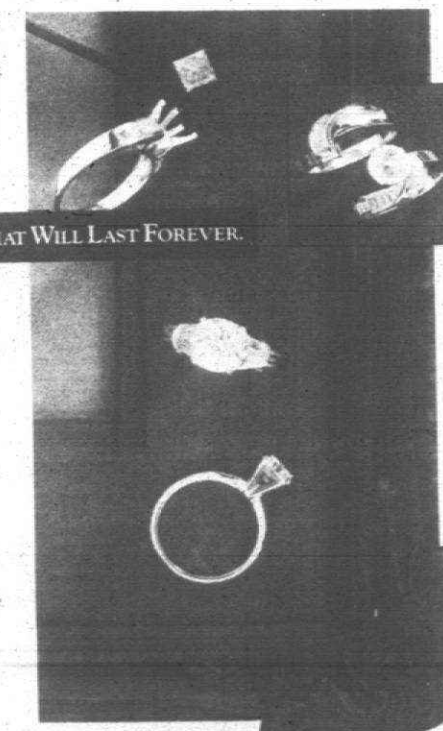
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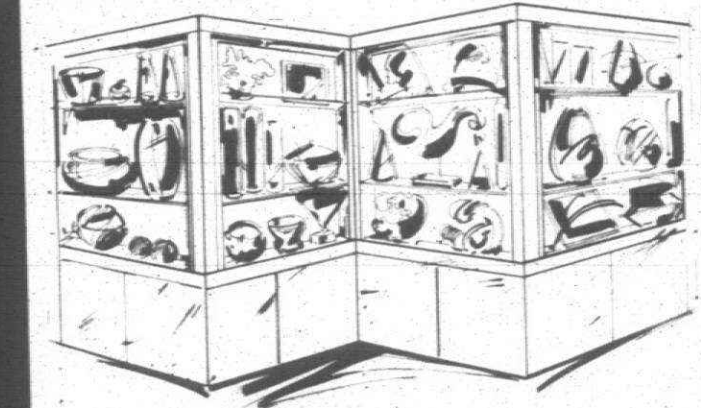
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In 3-D

Diamonds, dainties, delights

By Denise Lucas
special writer

OH THE detailed arrangements the '90s bridal couple will be handling when planning their V.I.A. (Very Important

Affair).

Finding a church or synagogue, reception hall, caterer, florist, photographer, cake specialist, musicians, singer, invitations, bridal gown, bridesmaid dresses, tuxedo and honeymoon arrangements are just a few of the endless accommodations that will often find the bridal couple in compromising positions.

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Shirley Zirkin of LuLu's Lingerie in Bloomfield Hills gave us a detailed list of essential bridal trousseau items: 12 pair bikini panties, 12 matching bras, two half slips (black and beige), a white negligee set, a pretty nightshirt, a white terry robe and a minimum six pairs of pantyhose . . . along with, of course, the traditional lacy garter to throw at the reception.

The biggest trend for women's

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Keeping flowers simple a growing arrangement

By Janice Tigar-Kramer
special writer

WHEN IT comes to selecting wedding flowers, this year's bride likes simplicity and classic elegance. Brides are finding that bigger bouquets and arrangements aren't always better — less can be more.

For some brides, that even means replacing the plastic bride and groom on the wedding cake with fresh flowers.

"Today, brides like things natural and fresh," says Harold Bell, owner of Affordable Flowers, Birmingham. He adds that 98 percent of the brides he sees choose flowers to top off their wedding cake.

For receptions, brides opt for historic sites like the Allen House in Birmingham or Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills over social halls. And the best way to adorn these historic places is by adding a Victorian look to colorful flower arrangements, says Bell.

"The just-picked look with a long flower stem is popular," he said. "We wrap them in netting to give an illusion of veiling. Later, the bouquets can be put in a vase to use at the reception."

BELL ALSO says more mothers of the bride prefer bouquets over a prom-like corsage that usually leaves a hole

in the dress.

Affordable Flowers also will recycle the bride's bouquet, turning it into fragrant potpourri after the wedding. They'll even make potpourri out of other flowers the bride receives from her husband throughout the marriage. Bell recommends mixing the whole bunch together for a keepsake.

Since more and more bridesmaids are wearing jewel tones, Bell has a chance to use some richly colored lilies like stargazer (deep ruby to pink) and alstroemeria in bouquets.

"Since nature has enough color to offer, we only use naturally colored flowers," said Bell, adding that 40 percent of the brides in his shop use a color theme for the wedding.

At Bloomin' Things in Troy, brides like fragrant, colorful bouquets that stay fresh all day and enhance the wedding photos.

"White is still a traditional and popular color, but there are many new ways to use white flowers," says Margaret Matoin, owner.

MATOIN ESPECIALLY likes the Kissing Ball, a tight arrangement of roses tied with a Victorian ribbon that cascades over the bride's hands. The round bouquet, with only the heads of

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BILL HANSEN

Today's bride likes the natural garden look for personal flowers and table arrangements. Here, tulips, snap dragons, alstroemeria, daisies, monte casino, bridal rose and ivy make up those loose, airy arrangements by Dorcey Florist, Southfield and Birmingham.

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Viewing the bride of the '90s in 3-D

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underwear, however, seems to be the return of padding to the brassiere, though much more subtly than yesterday's stand-alone bras. For all-out sex appeal, pair a dressy bra with a garter belt and stockings. These little nothings are anything but practical. However, your lingerie investment will also get additional mileage this season. "Lingerie has come out of the boudoir," says Harriet Dunsy, owner of the Bobette Shop in Waterford.

Barely there, meant-to-be-seen lingerie looks for spring '92 include fluffy tulle slips, lacy little slip dresses, lace-encased bustiers, silky camisoles, satin bras and sheer body suits will dual for day and evening affairs.

● DIAMONDS

The magic and romance of bridal bliss begins with the engagement.

Choosing the diamond is one of the most important investments a bride and groom make. Statistics show that approximately 81 percent of all first-time brides received a "diamond" engagement ring and 75 percent of all couples choose the ring together.

Whether dropped into a glass of vintage champagne, hidden in the petals of a single red rose or nestled in a box of Cracker Jacks, it is important to become an informed consumer, before purchasing your precious gemstone.

Four variables define the quality of a diamond and are the important guidelines to romancing the stone:

— **Cut** . . . which determines the sparkling fire of a diamond.
— **Color** . . . effects the diamond's brilliance, the best color is no color.
— **Clarity** . . . refers to the degree of freedom from natural internal inclusions.

— **Carat Weight** . . . the larger the stone, the rarer and more valuable it is.

"We are selling less wedding sets and more individual rings," reports Steve Tapper of Tapper Jewelers in Southfield. "Couples are choosing either contemporary bezel rings, where the diamond is set in the ring without prongs. Also classic platinum solitaire or Tiffany settings with baggits or trillions are the two significant trends in wedding rings."

It has been noted that the choice of diamond "shape" can determine your personality. The six traditional shapes to choose from include round (or brilliant), oval, marquise, pear, emerald and heart. New to the marketplace are the princess and trillion cuts.

● DELIGHTS

After a year of planning, phoning, decisions and disappointments, how does a one-hour, tension-reducing, soothing European body-massage with

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Flowers flourish

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the flowers showing, can be made with white or a combination of colors.

"This is the bride's day, so we try not to tell them what's in or out," Matoin said. "Most brides don't know a lot about flowers, but they do know what they like."

Marge Dorsey, owner of Dorsey Florist in Birmingham and Southfield, says the garden look is popular with summer brides, who choose bouquets of astroemeria, iris, snap dragons and monte casino (a miniature daisy).

"Carnations and roses used to be the wedding flowers, but now there are all sorts of wonderful flowers being cross-bred and developed."

SPRING AND summer brides who come to Flowers From Joe's in Livonia also like the garden look. To achieve the loose, handpicked look, owner Carolyn Russo uses large open roses, tulips, wildflowers and astroemeria (pink to rich yellows).

"Two years ago, brides liked more contemporary arrangements with exotic flowers, but now brides are choosing a more traditional look," Russo said.

An assessment of the ceremony and reception sites will determine the number of flowers you'll need. For example, efforts for a garden wedding will differ greatly from a hotel reception room.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

You'll need to settle on péw and altar arrangements, or the huppah if the ceremony is Jewish, centerpieces for the reception, the bridal and attendant's bouquets, boutonnières for the groom, groomsmen and father of the bride, plus smaller bouquets or corsages for the mothers and grandmothers.

On average, brides spend about \$600 for personal flowers and table

arrangements for a wedding with 100 guests, according to Teleflora, a wire service for florists.

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A 3-D look at the bride

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"It should be written in the prenuptial agreement," laughed Mira Linder, owner of Mira Linder's Spa in the City, "that the bride have 'a day of beauty' for her wedding day."

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The bride also has her hair styled and makeup applied (sort of a dress rehearsal for her important wedding day).

"The day of the wedding," Linder said, "she comes in for her hair, makeup and manicure so all she has to do is go home and put on her dress. This takes away the pressure and keeps her looking wonderful and confident."

Groom's accessories add pizzazz

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this season, says Bert Kideckel, manager of Steve Petix's formal department.

"Everything goes in cycles," Kideckel said. "Right now, vests are popular for rentals, but not as popular with a tuxedo purchase."

LOOKING YOUR best in a tuxedo means adhering to formal wear "rules." Cummerbunds should be worn with pleats face up. The wing collar is worn behind the bow tie rather than in front. You'll even find cummerbunds with

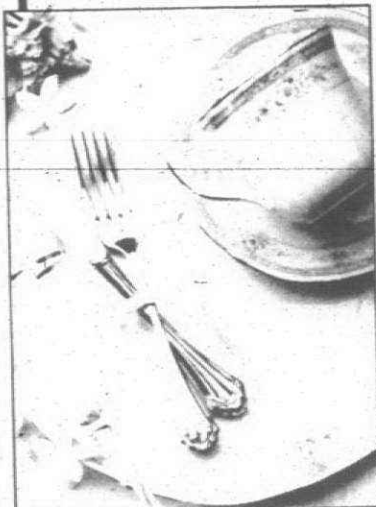
vertical or diagonal pleats this season.

"Cummerbunds and ties are getting wild, but not gaudy," said Vincent Provenzano, manager of President Tuxedo, Rochester and Troy. "The new designs and colors are tasteful."

Pleated white shirts are the classic choice; ruffled or pastel shirts look dated. Black patent pumps or oxfords are the only shoes appropriate for a formal affair. Black silk hosiery should be worn, except with a white tuxedo.

Special writer Janice Tigar-Kramer contributed to this Copley News Service report.

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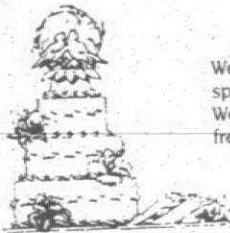
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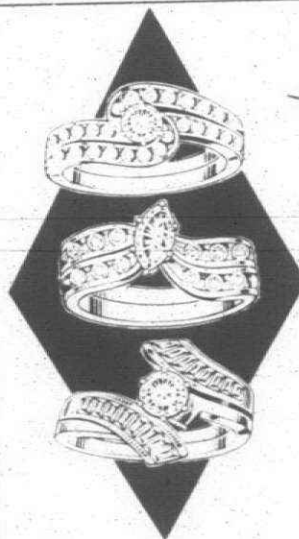
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