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Assessments jump 9.7 percent



The average 9.7-percent hike in property tax assessments might seem high to some Canton homeowners, but property owners in other Wayne County communities will see double-digit increases.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton homeowners can expect an average 9.7-percent increase in their property tax assessments. But they can take heart: Canton was one of the few Wayne County communities that didn't get hit with a double-digit increase.

"I think that's because we were truly assessed all along the way," said Elaine Kirchgatter, township treasurer. "Because sales have been good here, they (in the assessor's office) have been able to keep it current."

Assessor John McLenaghan of the Wayne County Appraisal Co. agreed. "We've been doing a neighborhood by

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neighborhood analysis."

Those thoughts might not take the sting out of an average 9.7-percent residential increase, but homeowners are asked to realize that the increase is really over two years because of the 1992 assessment freeze, imposed by the state. That makes the average, annual assessment increase less than 5 percent, McLenaghan said.

A person with a \$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000 now, for example, will see their assessment increase to

\$54,890 — if the homeowner gets the average 9.7-percent increase. An assessment is 50 percent of the market value, which is considered the usual selling price of a home.

It might be a lot to ask homeowners not to worry, but the average taxpayer won't be paying anywhere near a 9-percent increase in taxes, despite the assessment increases. When everything is boiled down, the average homeowner will likely pay an average 4.5 percent increase in taxes, said George McEachran, Wayne County equalization director.

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County MADD quilt heightens awareness

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Even though drunken-driving laws have grown tougher over the years, the sorrow, grief and palpable anger of the families of people killed is deep and long-lived.

They band together in a combination group-therapy, activist organization called Mothers Against Drunk Driving, attempt-

ing to expiate the sorrow, expedite changes in the law and expeditiously explain just how heinous the results are, if not the act of, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

"When you have somebody you can reach out to it helps so much," said Wayne County

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Quilt maker: Above, MADD quilt maker Carole Salisbury-Ravichio (left) and MADD director Michelle Kubicz inspect the quilt. At left is the patch honoring Peg Rish, 51. Rish's daughter, Liz LaClaire, used fabric paint to design a rose, her mom's favorite flower.

Township cool to new grass dump

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A lukewarm reception is how Canton trustees greeted a request to build a garden waste composting facility in the township Tuesday.

"I would say no. We've been burned," said trustee Bob Shefferly.

Melissa McLaughlin's response wasn't much different: "I think it's an interesting approach. I guess I'm a little gun shy of what we've gone through in the past."

Undercurrents of the township's

past problems with a composting facility in the Michigan Avenue-Washburn area surfaced when John Hugel, president of Environmental Cost Management, asked if trustees were interested in a having an enclosed composting facility.

"I for one would not be interested," township clerk Loren Bennett said. "I think we are doing as much if not more than any other community. My feeling is, enough is enough."

That didn't satisfy David Holiday, president of the South Canton Citi-

zens' Association, who asked Supervisor Tom Yack in December if the composting program could be presented.

"I think it would be possibly worthwhile to take a look at it," Holiday said, as trustees voiced their opposition to the proposed program.

Another member of the citizens association questioned Bennett's rejection of the proposed facility, which would have been where the former composting site was operated by Compost Systems.

"You sure are changing your tune from three years ago," she said.

Bennett responded: "I learned my lesson." But Holiday continued: "No one ever asked for composting not to be done in Canton. It was asked not to be done to cause odors."

Shortly after Compost Systems opened the facility in spring 1991, nearby residents complained of the odors. The citizens association filed a lawsuit to close the facility. The

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Name of inmate who testifies will be public

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The identity of the inmate who will testify Friday against Dr. Charles Fisher — awaiting retrial in the 1984 murder of his wife — will not remain confidential, despite a request from a Wayne County assistant prosecutor to protect the man.

"If the witness wants to get up on the stand and tell the story he's going to tell, he's gotta give his name too," said Fisher's attorney Ken McGill.

Fisher, twice convicted in the 1984 murder of Ella Maria Mercado Fisher in their Canton

home, was in court Monday for a preliminary exam on additional felony charges.

A fellow prison inmate has accused Fisher of paying him several hundred dollars to say he and other inmates broke into the Fishers' Thornwood home and murdered his wife. Fisher is charged with one count of inciting perjury, a five-year felony, and one count of attempted obstruction of justice, a 2½-year felony.

Fisher has been out of prison since shortly after the Michigan Supreme Court overturned his second conviction in late 1991. A Wayne County Circuit judge revoked his bond a week ago pending the outcome of the new felony charges. Fisher

remains in the Wayne County Jail.

Monday's preliminary exam, which was expected to last two to three hours, dragged throughout the day because of delays. Doug Baker, Wayne County assistant prosecutor, put only one witness, Canton Detective Bill Keppen, on the stand to establish what evidence was presented at both of Fisher's trials.

Baker said he wanted to establish what evidence Fisher would have been aware was used against him so he could provide that information to the inmate whom he reportedly paid to take the rap.

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Flying flags



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What's up: Canton Township officials will meet with Detroit Edison officials Thursday to find out just what the utility is doing with flags along the Kenyon Cemetery at Gye and Ridge roads. Flags generally designate where electrical poles will be erected. Flags also have been noticed from Buckingham Place on Warren, west of Beck, and north along the east side of Ridge Road.

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Wayne County Circuit Court ruled in August 1992 that Canton could operate a garden compost facility. But trustees had the facility closed in May 1992 because of residents' complaints.

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Mogil accused Baker of partially trying to close the court by requesting that the name and prison location of the inmate who will testify against Fisher remain confidential.

"The right of the accused to a public proceeding would be jeopardized," Mogil said, adding that the inmate has used various names and the attorney would like to question the man's credibility.

"What we're talking about is someone who's making a serious and highly questionable complaint against my client," Mogil continued.

Baker, however, argued that providing anonymity does not prevent Mogil from cross-examining the witness about his story.

"It brings pressure to bear on this witness and that's where the defense is coming from," Baker said.

Judge Rufus Griffin of the 36th District Court grudgingly agreed that the inmate's name must be made in public in court, but ruled that his prison location would not.

"I think it's important to protect people who are to testify. But the powers that be from upon it if it means closing the court. I don't like it because I know things happen in the penitentiary; (people are) killed, wounded, destroyed."

Mogil also requested the prison location be made public because how and when the inmate tried to contact the prosecutor's office with his story "raises questions about his credibility."

Baker told the court that the prosecutor's office wasn't notified by the inmate of his story until November 1992, because the inmate's previous letter was sent to the wrong place. Baker said the inmate also kept his story to himself for quite some time because he never thought Fisher would get a retrial.

Laying the foundation for Friday's testimony from the inmate, Baker questioned Keppen in detail. "He (Fisher) stated to me that on the night the reported incident occurred at their home, he and his wife had an argument and the argument was over her trip to

Germany to visit a cousin," Keppen testified.

Ella Maria Mercado Fisher apparently had an affair with a half-cousin and wanted to divorce Fisher at the time of her death, Baker said.

Keppen testified that a Thornwood neighbor had seen Fisher

the evening of the murder with two men in his red pickup at a time when the Fulbright scholar said he was at home by himself.

Two juries found Fisher guilty of first-degree murder. The first trial was ruled in error based on a comment by a prosecuting attorney.

In late 1991, the Michigan Supreme Court reversed the second conviction, ruling that a diary kept by Mercado should not have been admitted as evidence because it was hearsay.

Before Fisher's retrial gets underway, pretrial motions will be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court because prosecutors say the justices' ruling is unclear.

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Assessments are increasing more than the 3 percent inflation rate. The tax rate — township operating, county and schools — will be rolled back under the 1978 Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment to the state constitution. But the township's fire and police tax rate won't be because they are special voted taxes.

"There's going to be an increase. But it's still not going to be anywhere near half (of the assessment increase)," McEachran said.

He will be in Canton Township to explain assessments at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the township board room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The new assessments are based on a 24-month sales study, covering the period April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1992. During that time,

■ The new assessments are based on a 24-month sales study, covering the period April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1992.

Canton's housing sales were good and new subdivisions went up. "Not every Canton homeowner will be hit with an assessment increase when they get their notices beginning Feb. 19," McEachran speculated that the value of some neighborhoods likely didn't increase.

"Homeowners aren't the only property owners who are holding their breath. Assessments on agricultural and industrial properties didn't change. But they in-



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Keeping current: Elaine Kirchgatter: "Because sales have been good here, they (assessor's office) have been able to keep it current."

creased an average 7.53 percent on commercial property and what is called developmental property.

The developmental class includes land that is in transition. The land is usually large vacant parcels which, as zoned, don't represent the highest and best use

of the property. For example, 40 acres along the freeway zoned agricultural would fall into that class because it's likely that agriculture is not how the property will be used, McEachran said.

The 1993 assessment changes will take effect for the July tax

bill, which is for half of the school taxes. Kirchgatter reminds taxpayers that winter taxes are due and payments made after Feb. 15 will be charged a late penalty. Payments after March 1 must be made at the Wayne County building in Detroit.

Preparation key to tax appeals

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Property tax assessment notices are just around the corner. And so is the Canton Township Board of Review.

If you disagree with your new property tax assessment, the board of review is for you. But you have to be prepared.

"If you feel you are legitimately overassessed, the information on what to do is on the back of the (assessment notice card)," said Elaine Kirchgatter, township treasurer.

The three-member board of review is scheduled to meet March 2, 8 and 9. On Tuesday, March 2, the board will meet from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-5 p.m. On Tuesday, March 8, the hours are from 1-4 p.m. and from 5-9 p.m. On Wednesday, March 9, the board will meet from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-5 p.m.

"Just show up. It's on a first-come, first-served basis," said township assessor John McEachran of the Wayne County Appraisal Co. "Bring in whatever information that makes you think the assessment exceeds 50 percent of the market value." Appearances are not needed.

Being prepared to appeal your property tax assessment means bringing in information about homes in your neighborhood that are like yours but assessed for less. Kirchgatter said. Stop by township hall if you want to see

how your neighbors are assessed. Kirchgatter also suggests reviewing your file at the board of review to make sure it's your house in that file. "Make sure the information in your file is accurate," she said.

Property owners also can appeal based on hardship. You need a form for that, which you can pick up at the assessor's office in the township fire station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads. When pleading hardship, you will be asked to present your latest income tax return. But you can also present information such as unusually high medical expenses.

"The assessor doesn't make that determination. The board does," McEachran said. "It's whatever they feel creates a hardship."

The township board of review's decisions last only a year. If the board reduces your assessment, for example, it's just for this year. The same goes with the hardship appeal.

But there's one last step: The Michigan Tax Tribunal makes final decisions on property assessments. Changes made by the tribunal are permanent rather than annual.

Property owners also have until June 30 to file a written appeal of the local board of review's decision with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The address is: P.O. Box 30232, Lansing 48909. Telephone: 517-334-6521.

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Tax-cut plan goes to Senate

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler's 20-percent school property tax cut plan is on its way to the full state Senate after getting a key vote from Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham.

Suburban school districts that are out-of-formula bitterly opposed Senate Bill 146, which the Senate Finance Committee recommended to the Senate Wednesday on a 3-2 party-line vote.

"I have commitments from the leadership," said Bouchard, whose yes vote drew gasps from an audience packed with school officials and parents from out-of-formula districts.

Bouchard said Engler's office and Sen. Dan DeGrow, chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on school aid, promised to address the loss of school revenue due to the property tax cuts.

■ Avoid cutting school aid in a forthcoming executive order. Engler had reportedly eyed cutting

school aid 5 to 6 percent as a means of closing a \$400 million state budget gap.

■ Retain state funding of local schools' retirement systems for at least two fiscal years. DeGrow wanted to cut retirement payments for out-of-formula districts to reduce the funding gap between rich and poor districts. Bouchard said the item is worth "hundreds of millions" to schools.

"So we've got some movement," Bouchard told the audience. In an interview, he described himself as "mortar between two bricks." — Republican leaders eager to move the bill and his school districts back home.

Voting yes were Republicans Bouchard, chair Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids and Doug Carl of Utica. Voting no were Democrats Debbie Stabenow of Lansing and Virgil Smith of Detroit.

■ Another party-line vote rejected Stabenow's amendment to require the state to reimburse lost school revenue.

If enacted, the bill will cut 1993 assessments for school taxes from 50 percent of market value to 45 percent; to 42.5 percent in 1994; and to 40 percent in 1995. Assessment increases thereafter would be held to the rate of consumer price inflation.

The Senate Fiscal Agency staff estimated local revenue losses at \$460 million (or 8.2 percent) in '93, then \$971 million (16.2 percent) and \$1.3 billion (21 percent) in the next two years.

School superintendents said they would take brutal hits.

Livonia's Joseph Marinelli said it would chop \$6.9 million the first year and \$26 million the third year out of a current \$100 million budget and called the plan "drastic...unconscionable."

Garden City put its first-year loss at \$1.6 million; Northville, \$2.4 million; Plymouth, Canton, \$7.2 million; Redford Union, \$1.3 million; and Wayne-Westland, \$5.6 million.

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MADD director Michelle Kubicz, whose husband Steve was killed by a drunken driver at the age of 29. "You can show them there's a way to live through this."

Part of the process now includes symbolism in the form of quilts honoring the memory of life snuffed out prematurely.

George Landes, son of Lee and Sue Landes of Livonia, has one of 23 patches on the new Wayne County MADD quilt.

George Landes, a Ford engineer, was killed at the age of 26 in 1981. His quilt square was created by his friend, Paul Zimmerman of Southfield, who photographed special items in George's life and printed them on cloth.

"I think it's a very effective thing to do," said Lee Landes, founder of MADD in Michigan and Wayne County. "It gives (families of victims) a way of expressing their feelings in a tangible way."

George Landes' square contains

a potpourri of artifacts that define his life, including his Stevenson High School and University of Michigan diplomas and his junior high school clarinet.

Also included is a University of Michigan sports logo that father Lee Landes acquired at the university's store.

He told the sales clerk what he wanted and why he wanted it. "She said, 'I've got just the thing for you,' with a tear in her eye, and she gave it to me."

The MADD quilt was created by Carole Salisbury-Ravichio, who teaches quilting in Livonia and Redford Union schools' adult education programs. Her brother-in-law Leonard died of pneumonia in 1982, 10 years after becoming a brain-damaged quadriplegic at the hands of a drunken driver.

Salisbury-Ravichio collected patches commemorating drunken-driving victims from families and friends, sewing them onto the quilt with intense emotion born of

camaraderie. Unveiled at last December's candlelight vigil, the quilt's effect was readily apparent, Kubicz said.

The quilt, which will be on display Feb. 8-10 in the Wayne County building at 600 Randolph in Detroit, also includes squares honoring the following area people: Craig Allard of Westland, Amy Alexander of Westland and Erica Henley, who attended St. Agatha High School in Redford.

Allard's square was created by his mother, Darlene Hodges. Allard and classmate John Shea, seniors at Franklin High School, were struck and killed by a drunk driver in Florida.

Henley's quilt square was created by Nancy Long, a friend of MADD members. Henley was a sophomore at St. Agatha High School in Redford Township at the time of her death. Alexander's quilt square was created by Linda and Sue Alexander, Amy's mother and aunt.

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Schoolcraft to host job fair for nurses

The Schoolcraft College Nursing Department will host its annual job opportunities day from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb.

12. All interested nurses as well as individuals planning to pursue a career in nursing are invit-

ed to attend in the college's Physical Education Building on the Livonia campus, 18600 Hag-

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CEILING MOUNTS •

Accident on Cherry Hill kills Canton man

A 24-year-old Canton man was killed Jan. 28 in a one-car accident on Cherry Hill, near Prospect.

Jeffrey D. Scott lost control of his car, ran into a ditch and was thrown clear of the car about 3 a.m., according to a spokeswoman for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Deputies found Mr. Scott about 7:17 a.m.

Mr. Scott, a farmer, who moved to Canton from Northville in 1984, served in the U.S. Army for six years with the 101 Airborne Unit. He served in Panama and later in Iraq during Desert Storm.

Mr. Scott was buried Monday at Fort Custer Cemetery in August, MI. Services were at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. The Rev. Father George Charnley officiated. Arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Mr. Scott is survived by foster parents Thomas and Susan Rudnicki of Ypsilanti; half sister, Andrea of Inkster; foster brothers, Thomas Rudnicki Jr. of Superior Township, and Stephen Hart of Canton; foster sister, Beth Maze of Rockwood; and foster grandmother, Wanda Rudnicki of Redford.

OBITUARIES

LEVI P. LAERGNE
Services for Levi P. LaVergne, 92, of Canton Township were Saturday, Jan. 30, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

He was born May 25, 1900, in Seattle, Wash. He died Thursday, Jan. 28, in Canton Township. He came to the Plymouth community in 1939 from Seattle. He was a manager with Krogers for 10 years. He was a salesman for Electro-Lux Vacuum Cleaners for 30 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by one daughter, Phyllis Mitchell of Plymouth; two granddaughters including Annette Frederick of Plymouth; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to Catherine McAuley Health Systems — Senior Aide or in the form of mass offerings. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1911, in Holton Township. She died Thursday, Jan. 28, in Canton. She moved to Plymouth from Detroit 15 years ago. She taught in Muskegon for a short time after graduating from Albion College in 1933. She was a homemaker. She is survived by one son, Lee A. Wollgast of Canton; one daughter, Judy Bridges of Livonia; and five grandchildren.

The Rev. David Brown officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Schrader Funeral Home.

He was born April 12, 1968, in Garden City. He died Thursday, Jan. 28, in Ann Arbor. He was a farmer. He moved to the Canton community (Superior Township) from Northville in 1984. He graduated from Willow Run High School in 1987. He served six years in the Army with the 101 Airborne Unit, serving in Panama and later in Iraq during Desert Storm.

He is survived by foster parents Thomas and Susan Rudnicki of Ypsilanti; two sisters; two brothers and one grandmother.

The Rev. Father George Charnley officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

NORMA B. WOLLGAST
Services for Norma B. Wollgast, 81, of Canton were Sunday, Jan. 31, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Aug. 28, 1911, in Holton Township. She died Thursday, Jan. 28, in Canton. She moved to Plymouth from Detroit 15 years ago. She taught in Muskegon for a short time after graduating from Albion College in 1933. She was a homemaker. She is survived by one son, Lee A. Wollgast of Canton; one daughter, Judy Bridges of Livonia; and five grandchildren.

The Rev. David Brown officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Schrader Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 28, 1911, in Bruin, Pa. She died Friday, Jan. 29, in Livonia. She lived in Coventry Gardens, Livonia, for 17 years. She moved to Dallas and sold cosmetics at Neiman Marcus. She moved back to Plymouth three years ago. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia for almost 50 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert F. VanDerRoest of Canton; two sons, Scott and Richard; one daughter, Nicole; two brothers, Karl Liebert of Virginia and Michael Liebert of Grand Rapids; and one sister, Beverly Lowe of Sheridan, Ark.

The Rev. John Sullivan of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

RUTH J. EMMETT
Services for Ruth J. Emmett, 81, of Plymouth were Monday, Feb. 1, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

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LAURA L. VANDERROEST
Services for Laura L. VanDer-

Long shot pays off: Michigan woman finds niece

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Becky Keeskes knew it was a long shot when she asked for the media's help in finding a niece she hadn't seen in 18 years.

But she gambled and won, and Friday she was on her way to Nashville, Tenn., to be reunited with her niece, Christina.

Keeskes, a Monroe County resident, telephoned the Observer in early January to ask for help in her search for her niece, on the mistaken belief that she now lived in the Westland-Garden City area.

Keeskes' family lost contact with Christina when — at age 5 — authorities took her from her mother. (Keeskes' sister) amid allegations she had been abused.

■ **'I am so tickled . . . Nobody had ever told Christina about her mother's side of the family, but she always knew we were out there.'**

Becky Keeskes

The niece lived with her paternal grandparents — and then in a series of foster homes.

Keeskes began searching for Christina five years ago, when she would have turned 18.

"I thought that since she was an adult, she could make her own decisions about whether she wanted to see me or any of the family," Keeskes said.

Keeskes had heard that her niece lived in the Westland area, but she encountered numerous dead-ends until she sought help from the media in early January, touching off an unlikely chain of events that helped her find Christina.

First, the Observer agreed to tell her story, amid hopes that any local residents who might know the niece would contact the newspaper.

The published story caught the attention of Channel 2, which called the Observer and asked to be put in touch with Keeskes.

Keekes and her niece talked for 1½ hours Thursday night. Keeskes learned that her niece now has a child of her own, a 7-month-old boy.

She also learned that Christina moved to Nashville only in late 1991 and that the niece lived most of her life in the metropolitan Detroit area.

"She lived in Rockwood from '86 to '91, and that's where I grew up," Keeskes said.

In a bizarre twist, Keeskes learned in her conversation with Christina that the two of them even knew some of the same people in the Rockwood area.

"I just couldn't believe it," Keeskes said.

Keeskes is eager to tell Christina about the many relatives she has never known. For the trip to Nashville, Keeskes took along numerous pictures to help Christina learn about her family.

"I'm just going to give her a big hug when I see her," Keeskes said. She hopes that Christina also will pay a return visit to relatives in Michigan.

Keeskes thanked the media for taking an interest in her story. She said it appears that fate brought her in contact with her niece.

"It just wasn't meant to happen until now," she said Friday, shortly before she left for Nashville for a weekend trip.

"I can't wait to see Christina," she said.

Boards of review in most communities will meet the first three weeks of March. Those interested in appealing their assessment should contact their local assessor's office to make an appointment, and should be prepared to present hard facts when they appear before the board.

A combination of people came before the board each year," said Garden City Clerk/Treasurer Ron Showalter. "The bulk of them are there because they don't understand assessments. There are always some who just find the assessments unfair because they exceed the rate of inflation, there

Assessors get ready for protests, questions

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Residential property assessment notices — expected by month's end — will anger most homeowners and the explanations will leave many more confused.

Understanding the property tax system in Michigan requires more than a simple background in public finance.

The Headlee Amendment, the rate of inflation, projected figures by Wayne County, millages and assessments all add to the maze of information that is property taxes.

As legislators in Lansing continue to decipher the system and argue over solutions, local assessors, are bracing for the onslaught of questions once notices are received.

"It's kind of two-sided," said Livonia assessor Judie Nagy. "Everyone wants the value of their property to increase, but at the same time that means their taxes are going to go up. We expect a lot of calls when the notices go out."

Freeze lifted

Property assessments throughout Michigan soared this year, partly as a result of the assessment freeze last year. Rather than considering only one year of market value increases, appraisers need to consider two years.

"The freeze helped residents last year, but it is really adding to the confusion this year," said Ron Showalter, Garden City clerk/treasurer.

County officials maintain that residents are fortunate because the Headlee Amendment limits the increase in taxes.

"They get two years of assessment increases, but tax increases are held to a single year's rate of inflation," said Deputy Wayne County Executive Michael Dugan. "People are up in arms because of the assessment increases, but they are not being told that their taxes are not being increased that much."

The property assessment listed on notices reflects 50 percent of the market value of the property and is the figure on which taxes are based. For example, a home with a market value of \$100,000 is assessed at \$50,000, and property taxes are based on \$50,000.

Market study

Assessments are determined by appraisers who study sales figures in their community over a 24-month period — the last three quarters of 1990, all of 1991 and the first quarter of 1992.

Assessments are usually broken down by subdivision or neighborhood. Next-door neighbors will probably experience the same increase in assessment.

"We are fortunate that we can break areas down fairly small," said Nagy. "I don't have to do a blanket increase. Our assessment increases vary from 0 to 15 percent in the city."

The average assessment increase in Livonia is 12 percent.

While assessments reflect the value of property, they do not directly relate to tax increases in the community.

Tax increases follow

Residents of Garden City, for example, are expected to experience the greatest assessment increases in western Wayne County with an average of 15.5 percent, according to county figures. The tax increase for 1993, however, is expected to be only 5.4 percent.

The 5.4-percent tax increase in Garden City is based on current projections by the Wayne County Equalization Department. It does not include any additional millages approved by voters.

The issue of tax increases is complicated even further by the Headlee Amendment which was

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Going up
Average assessment and tax increases for residential property in the Observer's Eclectic readership area for 1993. The Headlee amendment automatically reduces millages when overall assessment increases outpace inflation. Numbers are expressed in percentages.

	Assessment increase	Tax increase
Canton Twp.	6.0	2.3
Garden City	15.5	5.4
Livonia	12.0	7.5
Northville	14.7	8.8
Northville Twp.	7.8	4.3
Plymouth	11.5	7.2
Plymouth Twp.	10.0	8.7
Redford Twp.	11.9	5.4
Westland	13.0	4.7

*Tax increase numbers exclude any voter-approved millage increases in 1993.
Source: Wayne County Equalization Dept.

Do your homework if you plan to appeal property assessment

Never before have area assessors and township officials anticipated such a deluge of questions and appeals regarding property tax assessments.

Some communities are even establishing additional boards of review to hear appeal cases and accepting written appeals from residents because of the controversy surrounding assessment increases.

Boards of review in most communities will meet the first three weeks of March. Those interested in appealing their assessment should contact their local assessor's office to make an appointment, and should be prepared to present hard facts when they appear before the board.

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ship cases must be pleaded each year. They do not carry over.

If residents believe that their assessments are not correct they may want to do some homework before pleading their case. Residents should be prepared to research and offer documentation of home sales (based on the last three quarters of 1990, all of 1991 and first quarter of 1992) in the immediate area. This information can be obtained from the assessor or from a Realtor.

Residents who recently had their homes appraised for the purpose of refinancing should

bring along that information.

Homeowners should also check out records pertaining to their property at the assessor's office to make sure it is accurate and reflects the current condition of the property.

All of the information gathered, including assessments of your neighbors' homes, should be brought along to the scheduled board of review meeting. Homeowners usually have about 10 minutes to argue their cases.

Assessments are usually only revised when it can be documented that the appraisal of your

property exceeds 50 percent of true cash value.

If residents are unhappy with the outcome of their appeal on the local level, they can appeal their assessments until June 30 to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, P.O. Box 30232, Lansing 48909; (517) 334-6521.

The number of appeals statewide more than tripled from 1986 to 1991, then plummeted in 1992, when a one-year freeze on assessments took effect. With the freeze having expired, the number of appeals probably will skyrocket again, said Richard Erickson,

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chief clerk for the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Residents who are upset by the general manner in which property taxes are handled should not waste their time scheduling an appointment with the review board, according to local assessors.

"The state mandates the taxing system and property assessments," said George McEachran of the Wayne County Equalization Department. "People should sound off to the state Legislature. Obviously, this plan isn't working and the residential taxpayer is getting fed up."

enacted to keep tax increases in line with inflation and to curb government spending. The amendment forbids municipalities from collecting taxes over and above the rate of inflation, which is 3 percent.

"The 5.4-percent figure in this case reflects only residential properties," said George McEachran of the Wayne County taxation bureau. "It is greater than 3 percent, which means that owners of other classes of property (commercial or industrial) are probably going to pay less than 3 percent."

McEachran said Headlee works best for communities that are all residential because the increase is spread out more evenly. Commercial and industrial properties have been increasing in value more slowly so they are not shouldered with the bulk of the tax burden.

For more information, contact Levenbach at 453-6851 or 453-8562 or Amber Crowell at the national office, 1-800-322-4678.

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Schools plan questioned by union

The Michigan Education Association's plan to consolidate 560 public school districts into 14 is taking its bumps from a rival union and an economic think tank.

"I question, for example, the practicality of administering the entire Upper Peninsula as a single school district," said Hugh Jarvis, president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel. "I think most parents would feel that such a leap distances them

from decisions affecting their children.

"For more than a decade, MFT has supported consolidating smaller school districts to provide administrative services. However, to go from over 500 to 14 is a significant leap."

Larence Reed, president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Midland-based think tank, said, "Can anyone imagine a concerned parent from Ironwood who wants his or her voice to be heard about a school board

matter driving all the way to Sault Ste. Marie for a meeting?" The two Upper Peninsula cities are about 300 miles apart.

"We are not opposed to consolidation per se, because sometimes it makes sense, especially in a truly competitive market. But under current circumstances, a mandated shift of this magnitude simply serves those well-connected and well-heeled interests who wish to exert influence over schools on behalf of their own agendas," Reed said.

Both criticized MEA's proposal to allow the 14 surviving districts to levy a supplemental income tax after capping property taxes at 30 mills.

MFT's Jarvis said the 25,000-member union supports a statewide cap on school operating millage with money made up elsewhere. "I would point out as well, that if one offers local income taxes without equalization, the inequities of our current school finance system could be made worse," Jarvis said.

Schools fighting Engler's tax cut

Out-of-formula school districts said they were "outraged" at Gov. John Engler's plan to reduce property tax assessments to 40 percent over the next three years.

Reducing assessments would result in a 20 percent reduction in school property taxes, Engler said in his State of the State address.

"We're very disappointed with the governor's plan because it means less money for our already financially troubled schools," said Tom Mateer, executive director of the Michigan Out-of-Formula District Association. The group, which includes most Ob-servers, receives no state aid because of its high property tax base.

"It is estimated that the state will be taking away \$9.8 million from the Livonia school district, \$5.9 million from the Farmington school district, and \$5.7 million from the Troy school district, to name a few."

"The governor is only telling people they will receive a tax cut. What he doesn't say is that the money to operate schools needs to

come from somewhere. In many cases, this means asking voters for a millage increase or reducing local school programs."

"To help offset the loss of funds, MOFDA is supporting an increase in the state sales tax of one percent, or one cent, raising it from four to five percent. Changing the sales tax would require voter approval."

"One of MOFDA's criteria for school finance reform is to name the source of funds," Mateer said. Added Julius Maddox, president of the Michigan Education Association, the union which bargains for virtually all area school districts:

"The governor's continued focus on property tax relief without replacement dollars for Michigan's schools appears to be an even worse version of Proposal C — an idea voters handily rejected in November."

"While the governor claims to have increased spending for education, he has actually shifted greater financial responsibility to local school districts, and the state's share has diminished."

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Local fund-raiser is scheduled for Bosnia, Somalia relief effort

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Hispanic group offers scholarships

The League of United Latin American Citizens is accepting applications for college scholarships. Candidates must: be able to prove their ancestry to be at least one-fourth Hispanic; be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university; have a grade point average of 2.0 or better; be enrolled as a full-time student; be a U.S. citizen or legal resident; be a resident of Wayne, Oakland or Macomb county for at least one year. Every scholarship granted is for one year, and students must reapply for the next year. The deadline for application is May 1. Call 945-5200.

ARC expands advocacy role

The ARC of Northwest Wayne County, formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens, continues to advocate for the future of people with developmental disabilities. The ARC has a parent-to-parent group that provides support and comfort to other parents of children with disabilities. The ARC has a toy library for families with special needs. The ARC has expanded its monitoring program to include 12 adult foster care homes funded by the state social services department. The ARC has four of its members participating in Wayne Community Living Services' "Home of My Own" project. For more information, call 937-2360.

S'craft sets class sign-up

In-person registration for winter continuing education classes at Schoolcraft College will take place 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 8-10 in the college's registration center. Students can pay by check, Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. Continuing education services offers more than 425 classes, workshops and seminars that provide programs for professional development and just plain fun. Day and evening classes are available in: business, communications, computer programming, dance and aerobics, interior design, culinary arts, equine arts, financial planning, health, languages, management, math, music, painting and drawing, real estate, retirement living, science, self-defense, small business management, swimming and technology. The registration center is in the Students Services Building on the Livonia campus, 16600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information or a free copy of the winter course schedule, call 462-4448.

Madonna offers scholarships

Madonna University is accepting scholarship applications through March 1 from already admitted students for the 1993-94 academic year. Applications can be picked up at the financial aid office, or call 591-5035 and they'll mail you one. Most of the awards stipulate that the recipient be a full-time student with a minimum grade point average of 3.2. Madonna University is located at Schoolcraft and Levan roads in Livonia.

Support agency for disabled moves headquarters to Wayne

Wayne Community Living Services, Inc. will move this week from offices in Northville to the MetroPlace Center in Wayne. Wayne Community Living Services is a non-profit agency that serves more than 1,400 people with developmental disabilities living in Wayne County. The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board contracts with WCLS to find housing and support services for people with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, mental retardation and other conditions. Wayne officials are pleased with the WCLS decision to locate in MetroPlace since several businesses have moved out of the city in recent years. Representatives of WCLS announced the move Wednesday at a news conference in Wayne.

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Bill would curb unemployment comp

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Republicans in the state Legislature placed a bill curbing unemployment compensation costs on a fast track for passage this month. "Railroad!" shouted Democratic Sen. George Z. Hart of Dearborn as Republicans on the Senate Labor Committee Tuesday gave 3 to 2 approval to an employer-backed bill. "I don't think we're taking marching orders," replied chairman David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. "I introduced this same bill eight years ago when I was a freshman." Supporting the bill were Republicans Honigman, Robert Geake of Northville and sponsor Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids. Opposed were Democrats Hart and John Cherry of Clio. GOP Senate leaders want to pass the bill this week, Honigman said. That would allow prompt action by the divided House, whose committees in February are chaired by Republicans. Otherwise, said Honigman, the bill might be delayed until April, the next month the GOP is in charge of House committees.

■ **State Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, whose district includes Redford, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton, supports the bill.**

■ **'Railroad!' shouted Democratic Sen. George Z. Hart, whose district includes Garden City, when the Senate Labor Committee approved the employer-backed bill.**

sumers pump their jobless benefits back into the economy. Cutting benefits and employers' taxes, he said, would drain more out of the economy than it would put back in. "You espoused a very novel theory that taxation creates jobs," Sen. Honigman replied. Honigman viewed unemployment compensation charges as a tax on payrolls that impedes job creation. "A lot of Republicans would want to repeal unemployment compensation," said McHugh. Honigman denied it.

Jobs lost

Questioned by sponsor Emmons, most labor spokesmen said their unions' memberships had declined in the last decade. John LaVallee, representing Iron Workers Local 783 in Marquette, said his membership is down from 400 five years ago to 320 currently, and unemployment is currently about 80 percent in the Upper Peninsula. Tim Nichols, of the AFL-CIO, Building Trades Council, said membership is down 15,000 from five years ago to 100,000 currently. Clarence Brogdon, of the Service Employees International Union in Detroit, said his local is down from 6,000 in 1982 to 1,450 currently. "That's what I'm getting at," said Emmons. High benefits are "nice if you have a job. Is it not helpful to try to compete?" "We've heard the words 'shared sacrifice,'" said Tim Hughes of the state AFL-CIO. "I don't see it in here. You're punishing the victim." Republicans, led by Gov. John Engler, contend Michigan must compete against other states for jobs in a global economy by holding down business costs. Labor spokesmen almost never use the word "compete." They say \$2 an hour Mexican workers are draining jobs south of the border, getting no benefits and having their environment polluted by cost-conscious corporations.

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Firms go South

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February is too short for all of moon's phases



RAYMOND E. BULLOCK

February is best known because of the groundhog but the folklore surrounding the groundhog is not limited to North America. In parts of Europe it's a bear or a badger that is the authority; in some areas of northern Europe, where Feb. 2 is Candlemas Day, this day marks the beginning of spring planting.

No matter, the good news is February is the shortest month of the year, and we can thank politics in Roman times for that.

The ancient Roman calendar originally began with the month of March and ended with February. It was an imperfect calendar and, over the course of many centuries, was no longer in synchronization with the seasons. Calendar reform was badly needed.

The calendar would have been much easier to deal with if the year was exactly 360 days long. There could be 12 months, each having 30 days. Unfortunately the earth takes 365.26 days to complete its orbit and those extra 5.26 days complicate matters.

It was Julius Caesar who brought the calendar back into step with the seasons. He decreed that the months would alternate in length, having either 31 or 30 days. March, the traditional first month of the year, was given 31 days. April followed with 30 days. May had 31 and so on. By the time February, the last month of the year, rolled around there needed to be only 29 days to add up to 365. February would have its full 30 days only once every four years to allow for leap year.

Being very pleased with the results, Julius Caesar modestly named one of the months "July" to honor himself. His successor was his nephew Augustus, who felt that he was entitled to have a month named for him as well, hence August.

But because August followed a month of 31 days, it had only 30 days of its own. That was completely unacceptable! Augustus

decided that his month should have just as many days as his uncle's, so he took one day from February and added it to August.

That left February with only 28 days (29 on leap years). At least that gets us one day closer to spring! We, in the northern hemisphere, should be grateful this short month falls in winter and not in summer. The people south of the equator have reason to cry; they are not so fortunate!

Because February is so short, the moon will go through only three of its four phases. There was a first quarter moon shortly before the start of the month (on Jan. 30), and there will be another immediately after (on the first day of March), but there will be no first quarter phase in February! (Had this been a leap-year, the first quarter moon on March 1 would have ended up on Feb. 29.) Although we won't see one of its

phases, the moon will make a full circuit of the sky this month.

On the evening of the 4th the moon, Mars and Castor form a large equilateral triangle.

That brilliant "star" in the west southwest after sunset on the 5th will be Venus. Thirty-six degrees below Venus, a mere two degrees above the horizon, is Mercury. Mercury will be very well placed for observing later this month.

Full Moon will be at 6:55 p.m. on Feb. 6. Native American Indians gave various names to the February full moon, such as Snow Moon, Wolf Moon and Hunger Moon. For people living off the land, the name Hunger Moon is especially appropriate.

The bright star to the lower left of the Hunger Moon is Regulus (REG you-lus), the "heart" of Leo the lion. If you could see the Greek mythological pictures in

the sky, you would find the Hunger Moon uncomfortably close to the mouth of the lion.

Worry not, the moon escapes being devoured; on the following night it will be found six degrees below Regulus (hopefully).

Raymond Bullock is former coordinator of the planetarium and observatory of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills.

Blood drive set Feb. 11 at SC

An American Red Cross blood donation station will be at Schoolcraft College 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Waterman Campus Center Cafeteria.

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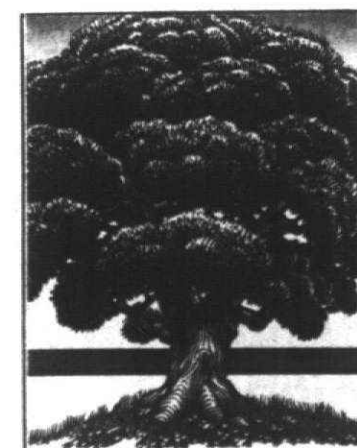
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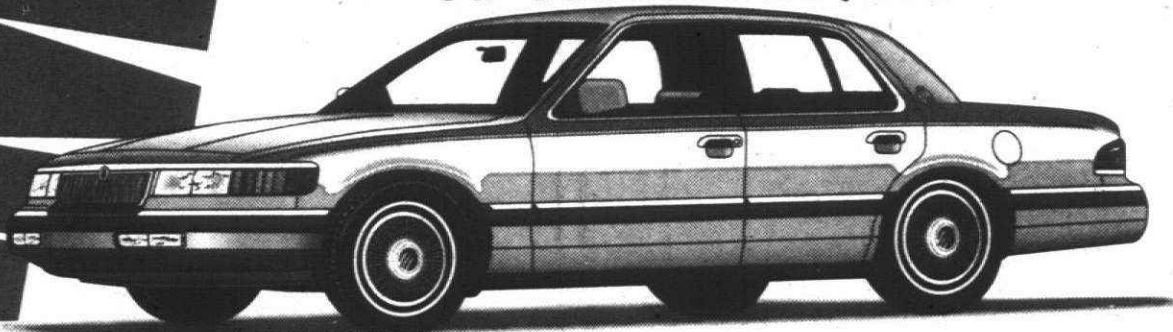
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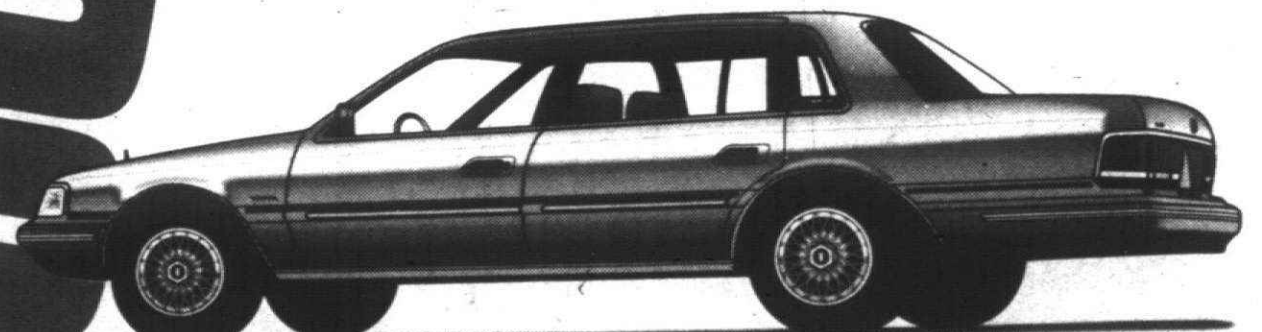
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Whyman named

State Rep. Deborah Whyman has been named Republican vice-chair of the key House Education Committee.

Whyman of Canton Township, also was appointed to the committees on House Oversight and Elections, Human Services and Taxation.

"I welcome the hard work my committees will rightfully entail," Whyman said. "For the first time in many years, Republicans will have enormous input toward resolving the many serious issues that previous legislatures failed to handle. I am honored to be playing a key role in helping formulate solutions to those problems, and I invite my constituents to contribute their comments and suggestions," Whyman said.

Whyman can be reached at 517-373-2575, or by writing to P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909.

Family needed

Listening to classical music, taking long hikes in the park and studying biology are among the hobbies Plymouth Salem High School Rotary exchange student Karsten Joergensen of Denmark has enjoyed during his stay in America.

Joergensen, 17, is in need of a family to host him at their home for three-to-four months while he finished school in Plymouth-Canton. As a part of his exchange program, Joergensen is expected to spend time with more than one family while he is in the United States.

Fluent in the English language, Joergensen is an outstanding student who says biology is his favorite subject in school. He has been in the United States since August, 1992. With his own spending money and comprehensive health insurance, Joergensen's only need is a family who will invite him into their homes for a few months.

Interested families should call Tom McNamara of the Canton Rotary Club at 932-0700 during the day, or 981-2352 in the evening or weekends.

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Area observers see the pros, and mostly the cons, of a proposed Plymouth-Canton Community Schools millage increase.

"Every year we get less and less to do business with and it gets harder and harder to effectively teach our kids," according to Carl Battishill, Plymouth-Canton school board member.

"Gov. (John) Engler thinks all out-of-formula schools can get along with a lot less money," Battishill said.

Engler must not be familiar with Plymouth-Canton schools, Battishill said, adding that state financing

The Plymouth Canton schools are putting a millage increase request on the June ballot, saying they need the money to keep school programs from being cut. However, local leaders are unsure how much support there will be for the millage.

plans mistakenly believe public school districts are wealthy.

"We have to ask voters to help us out," he added.

Canton Supervisor Thomas Yack, a former teacher and school board member, said as "an average taxpayer" with children in school, he's against the idea. "I think it will be paramount that before they come before the people for a school increase that they finalize and negotiate all their contracts."

Contracts for all employees, except administrators and licensed technicians, expire at the end of this school year.

"Taxpayers want to know where

their tax dollars will end up," Yack said.

He also asked how long school districts could afford hefty pay increases and maintain fringe benefits.

Plymouth-Canton school administrators received a 5 percent pay increase last year and an additional 5-percent increase this year.

"Administrators in the district had been assured a 7-percent increase in 1992-93, but elected at the request of the board to defer 2 percent to 1993-94, said Dick Egli, Plymouth-Canton school spokesman.

"An additional 3 percent was added to that, resulting in a 5-percent increase for 1993-94."

State Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, said it was a bad idea to seek a millage increase last year.

"I think they should concentrate on saving money along with working with the legislature and governor," Vorva said.

SCHOOLS

School funding should be reworked, he said, because "obviously it's not working now."

"A lot of school districts are over administered," he said. "The unions, the school boards, the legislators are going to have to get together and work this out. You're going to see proposals coming out of the woodwork."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said "these are difficult times for all units of government."

"The voters have said they are not interested in paying more taxes," she said. "I don't know what to suggest for the schools, but that's why I'm not on the school board."

State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, said she doesn't know enough about the issue to give an opinion.

State action will determine tax request

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

State budget cuts will determine how much the Plymouth-Canton school district will ask voters for in June.

Two questions will be asked on the June school ballot: Whether to renew 17.74 mills, which generates half the schools' operating revenue; and whether to approve a new millage, likely between 2.5 and 3.8 mills.

School officials are waiting to see how much the state will fund public schools before deciding exactly how large a tax increase they will request.

Budget cuts will still be necessary

■ 'Depending on other state cuts we could end up with less money this year than last year.'

Dick Egli
school spokesman

if voters approve the renewal, officials say. Cuts resulted last June after Plymouth-Canton school voters rejected a 1.5-mill increase.

However, if voters approve the mil-

lage increase, the district expects to have enough money to rehire 57 teachers laid off last year, and average class size could be lowered by more than two students.

For homeowners with a house worth \$150,000 and assessed at \$75,000, the renewal will cost \$1,330.05 annually. An increase of 3.8 mills would cost \$288.75 annually.

Meanwhile, state equalized valuation is projected to go up 7 percent next year, which will bring in about \$5 million more for the 1993-94 school budget.

The state's recapture policy, how-

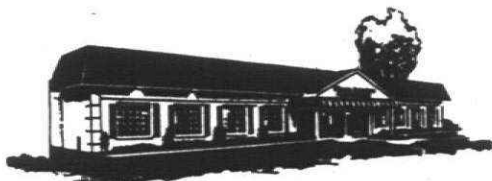
ever, takes away state aid previously given to each district. The cost will come to \$439,000 more this year than last year. This year it was \$2.2 million.

"Depending on other state cuts we could end up with less money this year than last year," said Dick Egli, school spokesman.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business operations, said another financial problem is that the district doesn't have a fund balance this year.

Ninety-four percent of the district's revenue comes from local sources. This year's Plymouth-Canton school district budget is \$76 million.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MUSICAL

Canton resident David Reynolds, singer, will present light classical music and show tunes at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Tickets are available at the library reception desk. 397-0999.

TAX HELP

IRS representatives can help with your federal tax returns at the Canton Public Library 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. Register, 397-0999.

STORYTELLING

Barbara Schutz-Gruber will present two evenings of tales from around the world for children ages six and up and their parents. Tales from Africa are 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 9; Asia will be featured 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 16, at Canton Public Library Meeting Room. Register after Feb. 9, 397-0999.

STORYTIME

Kids ages 2-6 can hear a great story and enjoy free milk and cookies 2-2:45 p.m. every Tuesday at McDonald's, 39700 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Sign up by calling 420-0033.

MAYFLOWER DINNER

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will have its second-annual dinner theater at the Mayflower Meeting House at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. This year's performer will be Josh White Jr. Tickets can be purchased 9 a.m. to noon at the Arts Council office, 332 S. Main Street in Plymouth, 455-5260.

CARNIVAL/CRAFTS

The Canton Newcomers Club is holding its 2nd annual children's carnival and adult craft show 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria of the Canton High School on Canton Center Road. Proceeds will benefit Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, located in Garden City and Plymouth. Call fund-raising director Cecilia Hinks, 397-2772.

VARIETY IS

The PCPEP High School Bands presents the 28th annual talent show. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium. Tickets available at the door. Reserved tickets, 453-3615.

FAMILY SKATE

Canton Parks and Recreation encourages the entire family to come out for a free night of great fun 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Heritage Park Pond behind Plymouth Township Hall. Warm refreshments will be available and the ponds will be lit and music will be played. No residency requirement.

TEEN SKI

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a children's ski trip 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 12. Rental equipment available. Registration information, 397-5110.

RUSSIA REVISITED

Shirley Reynolds of the People-to-People program will share reminiscences of Russia during the transition of power between Gorbachev and Yeltsin 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Canton Public Library meeting room. Register, 397-0999.

BOWLATHON

Bowlathon is noon Saturday, Feb. 13, at Plaza Lanes on E. Ann Arbor Road. Bowlers and pledgers needed. All proceeds to benefit Special Olympics and homeless. Sponsored by Mayflower Lt. Gamble Auxiliary and Post No. 6695. Reservations at Jim Dray, 420-3095 or Alice Fisher, 728-7619.

VALENTINE PARTY

Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor a children's party for Canton children ages 12 and under 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Reservations, 397-5110.

SPEAKER

Dr. Ken Ruppelle will share his experience on the Orient Express from Venice through the Swiss Alps to Paris 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Canton Public Library Meeting Room. Registration begins Feb. 8, 397-0999.

YMCA MEETING

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA Annual Board of Directors' meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Public invited. For further information, call 453-2904.

SPELLING BEE

Canton Rotary Literacy Committee will sponsor the Third Annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Canton High School Little Theatre on Canton Center Road. Registration limited to the first 20 teams. Proceeds to benefit local literacy efforts. 451-6555.

SPORTS

CANTON SOCCER

Registration for spring season will be accepted through Friday at the Canton Parks and Recreation office. Boys and girls, 5-18 are eligible. Call Watson Zdrodowski, 459-0927.

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PLYMOUTH SOCCER

Parks and Recreation Department will hold registration through Friday for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring season. Boys and girls, ages 5-18, are eligible. League play begins in April. 455-6620.

SCOTT MANCHA

has been cast in the Eastern Michigan University Theatre production of "As You Like It." He is the son of Plymouth residents Don and Jane Mancha. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, where he was active in various activities, including theater and the Thespian Society. He worked with the Plymouth Theater Players, as well as playing in Oakland Community College's production of "Anne of Green Gables." Since arriving at EMU, he has been active behind the scenes as well as onstage, his most recent role being that of Niles in "Suicide in B (flat)."

PATRICIA A. HAWES

of Plymouth was named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is a sophomore majoring in nursing.

SUSAN J. HOY

of Plymouth was named to the dean's honor roll at Lawrence Technological University. To be so named, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and be a full-time student. Her major is business administration.

JENNIFER A. WONG

of Plymouth was named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University.

SHERYLL A. GUILD

graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biology from Saginaw Valley State University.

APRIL BURGE

has been named an editor of "Eclipse," the arts journal of Siena Heights College. Burge, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is the daughter of Kathy and John Burge of Canton. She is a freshman majoring in English.

WENDI R. MROZINSKI

, daughter of Jack C. and Nancy C. King of Canton, has been named to the dean's list at Albion College. Mrozinski is a freshman.

CANTON RESIDENTS

were named to the dean's honor roll at Lawrence Technological University. They are Anthony B. Collins, Tammy L. Felt, Christy A. Parker and Jennifer A. Ratcliffe.

VIETNAM VETERANS

Plymouth Canton Chapter No. 528 will hold a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Mayflower — Lt. Gamble VFW Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. 525-0157.

PASSAGE-GAYDE

Post 391 will host its regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at

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Hearing needed Foundation should go public

It's time to clear the air about the Canton Community Foundation.

To do that, the foundation should hold a public hearing at which all of its board members and workers are present. The purpose would be to address any questions or rumors about foundation activities.

This is not to say we think anything is wrong with the way the foundation has been run or with its existence. We supported the foundation when it was created and still do.

Nobody is flying to Florida in the middle of winter on foundation money or riding around in limos. We suspect questions about the foundation are part of the fallout from the national United Way scandal.

The foundation is a vehicle to handle donations to the community. Those donations are turned into scholarships and social services.

Questions about the foundation came up at a recent Canton Township Board meeting when Trustee Bob Shefferly expressed concern and confusion about the foundation's tax status.

He questioned why the foundation is not listed in the Michigan State Income Tax Return booklet as one with tax credit status.

Bruce Patterson, an attorney and foundation vice president, explained that the less-than-

five-year-old organization is a not-for-profit organization and a tax-exempt entity, which allows contributors to take a deduction on their income taxes.

But the foundation is not one of those foundations that has a state tax credit status. "That is not unusual for an organization in operation less than five years," Patterson said.

The foundation has a temporary tax-exempt ruling until the IRS makes a final determination after the foundation has been in business for five years, he said.

The annual foundation budget is about \$125,000 and has two part-time employees. Bill Joyner serves as the director, but is paid on a per project basis.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, a foundation board member, speculated at the recent board meeting that Joyner's political activities in the community may be the reason for questions about the foundation.

We suspect there's something to what Yack said. But at the same time Patterson's explanation says to us that the foundation is above reproach.

And that's why a public meeting should be conducted. It would determine if there are more questions from the public.

Pay hike anger is justified

Taxpayers are justifiably angered over the arrogance demonstrated by state legislators who gorged themselves on a big helping at the public trough recently when they maneuvered a five-percent pay increase.

Not unlike the bewilderment expressed by inside-the-beltway Washingtonians over the outcry against disgraced attorney general nominee Zoe Baird for flagrantly breaking the law, many in this state's ruling elite are just as surprised at the public distress over what insiders see as a meager increase.

This open display of gluttony is nothing short of shoving the public's nose in the residue of the feast.

Some legislators are particularly fond these days of telling the public how everyone is going to have to sacrifice in order to get the state financial house back in order.

"We're going to make everyone suffer," bragged State Rep. Lynn Bankes at a recent early morning breakfast. Although voting against the increase, Bankes, like many legislators, is anything but contrite or embarrassed over the raise.

In truth, many legislators who voted against the raise privately believe it is deserved. But the system is rigged so that only a minority have to support it for the raise to take effect.

In short, those in secured districts can take the risk while others can parade about their district, shrugging their shoulders and proclaiming innocence. Added security is in taking the vote at the beginning of a legislative session in the hope angry voters will forget by the next election.

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Our state legislators, like many political leaders in this country today, don't understand the American public's perception of those who are supposed to lead in action as well as in word.

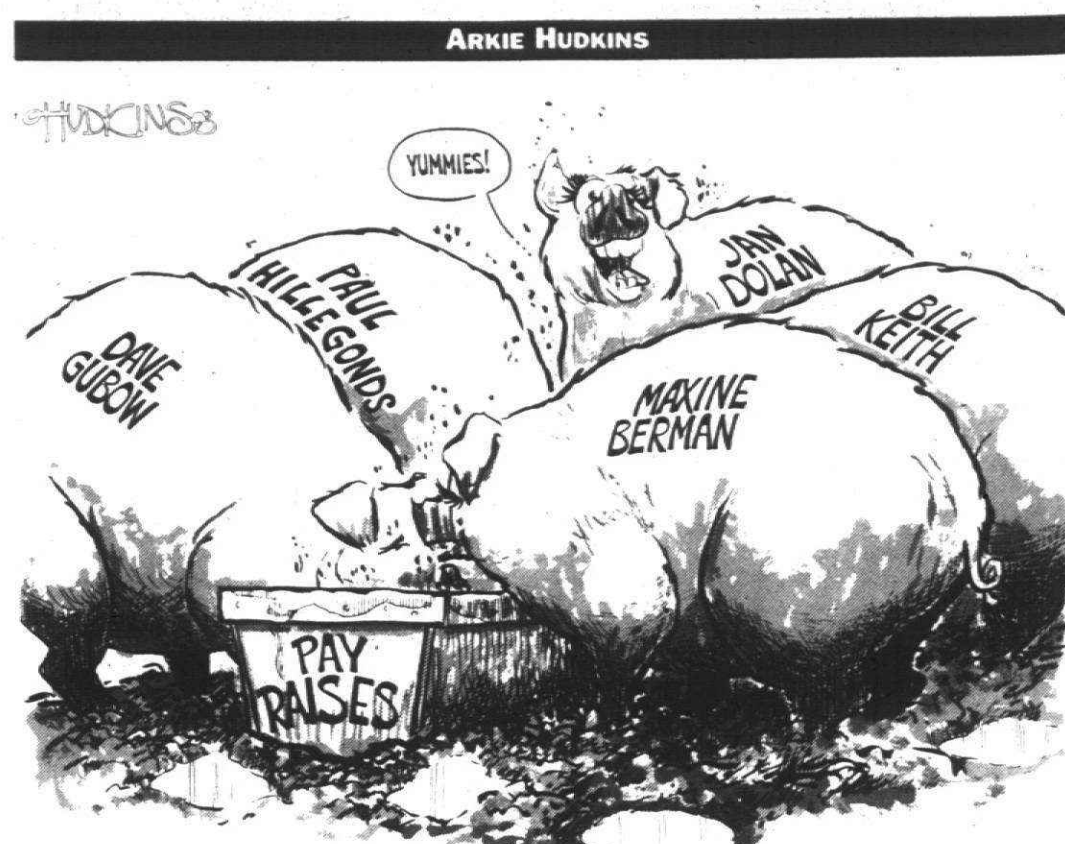
Certainly, nobody begrudges the next guy a five-percent raise — during the good times. But few Michigan taxpayers can even remember the days of a five-percent increase.

Thousands are unable to remember the last time they received a paycheck, let alone a raise. For more than a decade, Michigan taxpayers have suffered at the hands of a recession made only worse by inept leadership in both the private and public sectors.

While other states have suffered the ups and downs of the economic cycle, Michigan has sustained an above-average unemployment rate and a lethargic marketplace which sees little hope of improvement.

Many have become hardened to the high numbers which exemplify the exhausted Michigan marketplace.

But the affront demonstrated by our leadership has awakened the public ire. The majority of legislators who gave lip service by voting against the raise should do the honorable thing and donate their raises to charity or risk the consequences — the much dreaded term limitations or even defeat.



LETTERS

Terms misleading

I am pleased that you include articles about people with disabilities, such as the article on the Work Opportunity.

However, some of the language used conveys negative rather than positive images. Also, the explanation about the term "developmentally disabled" is misleading.

Because you are supportive of people with disabilities, you will be interested in knowing more about positive disability language — using language in ways that give dignity to people with disabilities.

Avoid use of the term handicapped as a noun. A handicappers advocacy group expressed their wish to be referred to as People First. When we talk about people who are handicapped rather than about people with (or experiencing) handicaps, we still make the disability the defining aspect of the person. For this reason, we always put people first.

Avoid referring to people with disabilities as victims. It is wise to avoid the term suffer. People who experience handicaps prefer being referred to in terms that express their ability to be in control of their lives rather than in terms that stress lack of control.

The fourth paragraph of the article reads, "Rakstis, Baker and Summers are developmentally disabled, which is defined as mental retardation from any cause. Also included are people who suffer from epilepsy, cerebral palsy and autism."

It sounds as if people who experience epilepsy, cerebral palsy and autism also have mental retardation. More members of those groups have average or above average intelligence than have mental retardation. In order to be considered as having a developmental disability, a person must have one of the four conditions that manifests by age 18 and that results in delay in at least three of six major life functions: Self care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.

I would be glad to assist you with information and with "finding the right words."

Dr. Sandra McClennen, Plymouth

Tax cut may lead to a shift

Some reflections on Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, given last week:

Well written and delivered, it may be Engler's best big speech to date. With upbeat emphasis on jobs and economic development, it even sounded like something his predecessor, James Blanchard, might have produced.

With Republicans and Democrats sharing power in the House and the GOP firmly in control of the Senate, Gov. Engler even has a chance of getting some of his ideas enacted.

That's both a promise and a threat, because in his speech Engler reiterated his intention to cut property taxes, unveiling a proposal to cut real estate assessments on which school taxes are based by 20 percent over three years.

Most experts think this plan, if adopted, would cost around \$1 billion in state revenue. This comes on top of this year's budget deficit (\$400 million-plus) and next year's estimated deficit (\$1 billion).

Considering the reductions already made in state services over the past two years, it's reasonable to ask: Where will the added cuts come from? The most likely answer is from "out of formula" school districts, including many served by this newspaper, which receive no state aid to make up for local tax losses.

According to Rick Simonson, lobbyist for the Oakland County Intermediate School District, if assessments were cut from 50 percent to 45 percent of market value in the first year and allowing for inflation, some representative revenue losses would be:

- Birmingham \$5 million.
- Farmington \$5.9 million.
- Rochester \$4.9 million.
- Troy \$5.7 million.
- Walled Lake \$4.7 million.
- West Bloomfield \$2.5 million.

For these districts, already suffering from the "Robin Hood Bill" which diverted revenue increases to poorer districts, such losses could be back-breaking.

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about damaging your own constituency," said William Ballenger, a former GOP state senator and editor of Inside Michigan Politics. "I don't like it," said Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. "It hurts our school districts and doesn't do much for property taxpayers either."

"That was Phase I," said Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, whose district includes Rochester. "Phase II is maybe one cent of the sales tax."

Plainly, Gov. Engler has some elegant balancing to do between cutting property taxes, alienating his core constituencies and trying to blame somebody else for increasing the sales tax to balance the state's budget.

The facts of the matter, moreover, endorse this approach. No longer a wealthy state, Michigan cannot afford property taxes 30 percent higher than the national average. But in the aggregate, Michigan's total tax burden is about average, so a shift from property tax to sales tax might make economic sense.

Now let's see how the governor and new ungridlocked Legislature manage the politics.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His touchtone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1880.

Double standard exists for some macho 'warriors'

The Feminist is really steamed this time. I can tell. Otherwise she wouldn't have been calling the White House the other night. Or Don Reigle. Or Carl Levin. Or Bill Ford. In Washington, no less. Couldn't settle for a local call. Oh, no.

Anyway, what's got her agitated is all the flap over Bill Clinton's attempt to keep his campaign promise to lift the ban over gays enlisting in the military. It's not Clinton she's upset with, mind you. It's the reaction from the macho bozo/hubba crowd that's got her going.

"I don't want to share a shower with some gay guy who's gonna tell me I've got a nice ass," Bubba Number 1 tells the talk radio host.

"And I don't want to sleep in the same barracks with these guys" Bozo Number 2 adds.

"I don't want some guy comin' on to me in the Enlisted Men's Club," says Macho Number 3.

Boy does that get The Feminist upset.

"What about some straight guy coming on to a woman? What about some macho jerk telling her she has a nice ass and then wondering why she gets upset about it? What's the difference?"

The difference, of course, is that when Mr. Macho comes on to a "brood" or a "chick" or some other descriptive term that can't be published in this newspaper, he figures that's "normal." She shouldn't make a big deal out of it. Guys are like that.

But if a gay male comes on to a straight "warrior," ooh, that's different. The "warrior" feels threatened. His masculinity is challenged. If a gay male hits on him, it might be because he's given out a signal — a signal that he could, God forbid, be gay himself.

The fact is these "warriors" are scared out of their pants — or they're



JACK GLADDEN

afraid they will be. And they just can't take it.

These are the same antediluvian machismos who didn't get it when Anita Hill was accusing Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. Most of them, of course, didn't believe her anyway. But those who conceded that she might be telling the truth figured it was no big deal. Learn to live with it, baby. Get a life.

The fascinating thing about this whole brouhaha is that all of the outrage is coming from macho males. I haven't heard any women complaining — or any men bringing up the point — that lifting the ban on gays in the military applies to gay women as well as gay men.

The straight women don't seem to be incensed about sharing a barracks, or even a shower, with gay women. At least they're not screaming about it. And as far as harassment goes, it's the gay men who are getting the crap beat out of them by the straights. Any bozo who thinks a gay is going to come on to him in a shower occupied by 20 other machos had better think again. Or maybe just think. Who are the victims here anyway?

A couple of years ago when some military women attending the convention of the Tailhook Association were forced to run a "gauntlet" in which

they were fondled and sometimes disrobed, there was no great public outcry. Women's groups were incensed and the Navy promised an investigation, but the bubbas were curiously silent.

And in Birmingham recently when the schools introduced a sex education curriculum that dealt, in small part, with homosexuality, a vocal group of protesters were outraged. They didn't want their kids being taught that stuff in school.

All of the uproar that's been sweeping the country for the past 10 days is proof to me why that kind of "stuff" should be taught. If there were a little less ignorance and a little more tolerance, this whole "issue" wouldn't even exist.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Canton Observer and an eccentric newspaper. His touchtone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 2124.

Not a fair fight

Thank you for placing me among the elite. And to think I had always perceived myself as pure, unadulterated peasant stuff.

I found Jeff Counts point of view in the Jan. 28 issue very interesting, but believe I have identified a flaw in your major premise. As I understand your rationale, forest lands plus natural predators equal balance of nature. The concept has merit. Your application is suspect.

Let's accept your statement: "Dogs are nothing more than a natural replacement for wolves, foxes and coyotes who once roamed the landscape feeding on birds and animals." When predators multiply to the degree a species outstrips its prey, starvation restores equilibrium. Does your dog subsist entirely on a diet of mourning doves, or does an occasional infusion of puppy chow skew nature's balance?

Then, there's the matter of size. I am not aware that the "self-appointed aristocracy" has suggested banning dogs from the Manistee National Forest or any other large wooded area. I believe your pet may run joyously in many of the state's forested areas — even bait bears.

Can you really equate the forests of Elizabethan England or colonial America with a postage stamp memento of Plymouth's long gone days? Does putting Miller Woods against uncontrolled urban predators, well-fed pets and racing trail bikes, constitute a fair fight?

Come on, Jeff, admit it. The fence is a step toward the goal you advocate: maintaining the balance.

P.S. The woods is 10 acres, not 17.

In support of the underdog. Make that woods. Jackie Troutman, Plymouth

Vote for Mayflower

Let's take a vote on saving the Mayflower Hotel. One local Plymouth paper raised the question, "How can the community help?"

The answer is simple, vote with your dollars. Lunch at the fast food franchise costs \$3.50, so if you would like to keep the hotel spend \$5 for lunch there and often. It's better, healthier food and an atmosphere that is irreplaceable. If you eat dinner at the Roundtable and/or the hotel once a month then make it once a week for awhile.

Ask your friends and relatives visiting for the weekend to vote for the Mayflower Hotel instead of the Red Roof Inn. I did and was pleasantly surprised to hear my friends say it was one of the finest hotels they had experienced in Michigan.

If you haven't stayed at the hotel you may be surprised at their reasonable, competitive rates. Or splurge with the honeymoon (Starkweather) suite; it is a delightful anniversary idea.

Everywhere I go in the community people are saying what a loss it would be if we didn't have the hotel... the heartbeat of downtown Plymouth. Well, stop wishing and start voting with your business patronage.

There is no problem the Mayflower family can't solve if the business is good — so see you at the famous Mayflower Hotel. It is simply good business for the community to do business in the heart of downtown Plymouth.

Tom Goebel, Redford Township

Fenced woods

Many thanks to the Plymouth-Canton School Board members who listened and listened and listened at three recent board meetings as they reconsidered whether to give a natural area a little more protection from the ravages of civilization.

Kiwanis has patiently waited three years

while we tried the alternative of an ordinance, daily patrols, neighborhood education, and increased communications. Problems increased, especially those of dogs and bikes. Kiwanis and Friends of Miller Woods will share the cost of a strong, low-maintenance fence. It will be set back behind trees and edge-growth, barely visible, and Friends will encourage the natural growth to further obscure it.

Biologists have found that the special spring wildflowers gradually return to their former glory when dogs are fenced out and low-nesting birds have greater success with an occasional fox instead of many neighborhood dogs.

As always, Friends will continue to invite all of the community to our guided tours and meetings. Or you can go anytime: the gate is always open for you to visit, to study, to enjoy historic Miller Woods.

Emily C. Kemnitz, president, Friends of Miller Woods, Plymouth

Cable troubles

As a Public Access Volunteer for Omnicon, and Plymouth Township resident, I take an interest in the current contractual negotiations between Omnicon and our local governmental units.

My experience with the Canton Omnicon offices has shown the entire staff to be diligent and dedicated. Many of the staff work exhausting long hours, covering events in our community such as pancake breakfasts that begin early in morning, or election coverage, which runs late into the night. These handful of Omnicon employees are to be commended for their willingness with a limited staff and equipment, to provide training, equipment, support, personnel to serve the interests of this area.

One can't help but get the feeling that they are dealing with an old-fashioned "Mom and Pop," "Let us help you" operation when working with the people at Omnicon. They always do their best and go the extra mile to assist you in your endeavor.

But Omnicon is far from a small, "Mom and Pop" operation. It's big business. How big? For example, my one household is paying \$23 a month for basic cable service, times 12 months, equals \$276 a year. Multiply that by the 35,000 customer households Omnicon claims to service. That's over \$9 million — \$9,660,000 in gross income to be exact.

As any businessman knows the cost of doing business is high. Omnicon pays \$500,000 in fees and \$290,000 in Canton taxes, plus its 64 employees' salaries. Let's estimate that the average employee makes \$15 per hour, some less, others with a technical background slightly more, that would still leave a profit figure somewhere in the ball park of \$7 million.

It is conceivable that Omnicon is in a position to get competitive; hire additional personnel, upgrade programming and studio operations, and purchase more equipment.

My role behind the camera taping the township meetings is to communicate what is happening with our government to local taxpayers. I have recently learned that Omnicon continues to feel it cannot provide equipment or personnel for live coverage of the township meetings, but rather that Plymouth Township is prepared to pay a person(s) to ensure coverage.

In light of Plymouth Township's present budget crises, I fail to see why we, the taxpayers would be asked to add people to the township's payroll, when Omnicon could be providing this service? Last time I checked, Plymouth Township was not in a million dollar profit position, as is Omnicon. Are our township elected officials protecting the taxpayers to ensure that we are receiving the maximum service for our dollars?

Plymouth Township is in a position to cancel Omnicon and bring in any one of several other cable companies willing and able to meet local consumer demands. That's called healthy com-

petition. It ensures that the consumer gets the most for his money.

It is Omnicon's responsibility to meet the needs and expectations of the community which they service, not the local governmental unit. It is the government's responsibility, representing the taxpayers, to contract the most services at the least cost to the consumers. So far it's not happening — perhaps it's time to start to negotiate with someone other than Omnicon.

Julia A. Hoglen, Plymouth Township

Information questioned

In reference to the letter printed on the Opinion page on Jan. 21 written by Mr. Bill Cox, I believe his "statistics" are inaccurate and unable to be supported by any scientific or medical literature. His claims of increased breast cancer risk, pelvic infections, and psychiatric consultations are simply not true.

Having a first trimester abortion is considerably safer than bearing a child, with less than 1/2 of one percent of women experiencing any type of complication. No medical or nursing organization has ever stated that "life begins at conception." Organized professional groups such as the American Nurses Association, the American Medical Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Public Health Association have all issued position papers reaffirming the safety of abortion and their support of a woman's right to choose.

There is an exhaustive body of literature on these subjects from credible health professionals and organizations, none of which support Mr. Cox's assertions.

Mr. Cox's letter is a perfect example of the type of misinformation that the anti-abortion groups want in an "informed consent" document.

Cheryl L. Bord, R.N., Plymouth

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you agree with the president's family leave plan, which allows men and women time off from work when there's a new baby in the family?

Yes.

Kami Speck
 Canton

I'm undecided.

John Temeiko
 Canton

If it's paid, no. The economic ramifications might cause problems.

Dennis Marr
 Ann Arbor

Yes. I do.

Mike Michalski
 Wayne

We asked this question at Baker's Square in Canton.

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Reason: Delegates to a Con-

Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, joined Dunaskiss, Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, and prime sponsor Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County, to give

Mat Dunaskiss
State senator

But Dunaskiss predicted Con-

In either event, simple majorities of the legislatures of 38 states (three-fourths) must ratify the proposed amendment to make it the supreme law of the land.

■ The resolution is "automatically rescinded" if the Supreme Court holds that Congress cannot call a Con-Con for a limited purpose.

Phillips said it was "unlikely the forces limited government, Biblical values and limited intent" could withstand the onslaught from "the radical Left (which) has virtually unchallenged dominance over the nation's media."

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Observer mat tourney

The Second Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road (between Warren and Ford roads).

Farmington is the defending team champion. Fourteen other schools are entered in the tourney including Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Redford Catholic Central, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and the host Cougars.

Defending individual champions include heavy-weight Jason Peterson (Garden City) and 171-pounder Jason Krueger (Redford CC).

The tournament will also feature defending state champion Mike Reeves (Westland John Glenn), who suffered his only loss last season at the Observerland meet on a disqualification.

Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. For more information, call GC athletic director Bob Propp at 421-8220.

Sportsmanship Week

The Western Lakes Activities Association has designated the week of Feb. 8-12 as Sportsmanship Week.

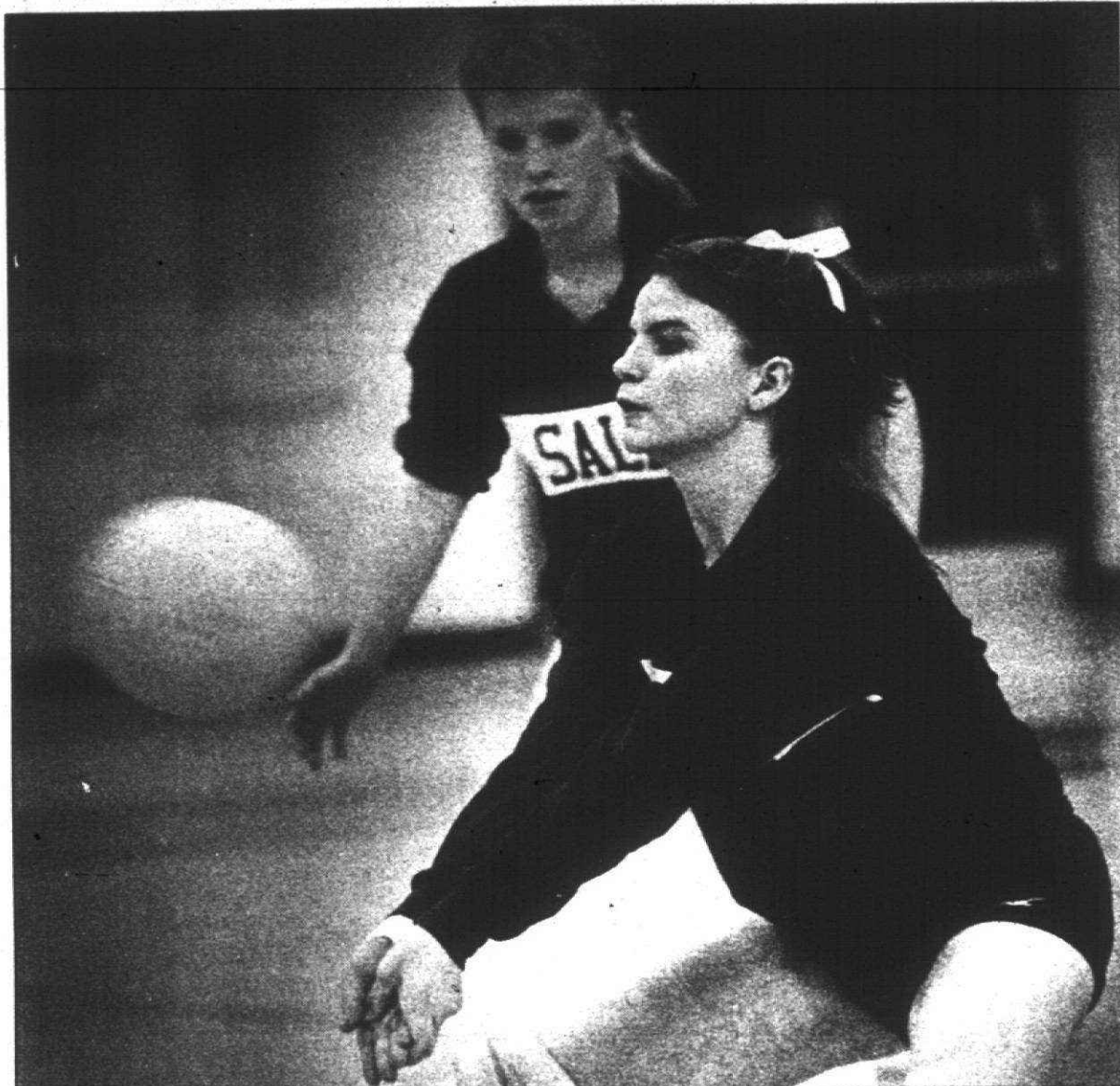
Each of the 12 schools that make up the league will be emphasizing the value of good sportsmanship through a variety of activities.

Daily announcements will contain quotations related to sportsmanship; letters will be sent to different groups such as cheerleaders, students, student-athletes, parents and fans.

Announcements will also be read at athletic events, and 1,000 "Be A Sport" buttons will be distributed in each school.

It's the desire of the administration and athletic directors that all parties realize athletics are an extension of the classroom. For everyone to receive their full benefits, all parties must display good sportsmanship at athletic contests.

Seniors guide Rocks over Chiefs



Senior leader: Jenny Garvey is one of four seniors on the Salem volleyball team who are credited with the team's continued success.

Plymouth Salem is unbeaten in three volleyball matches with rival Plymouth Canton this year, the latest win occurring Monday in a Western Lakes contest.

By DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



Quality seniors are a common denominator among successful teams, so it's no surprise the Plymouth Salem volleyball squad has

four good ones.

The Rocks, who boosted their season record to 21-8-3 Monday with a four-game victory over visiting Plymouth Canton, are on course for a record-breaking season.

This is the fourth year of co-coaching by Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety, who have created a competitive program at Salem.

Seniors Caryn Tatterton, Cyndi Platter, Jenny Garvey and Jenna Stanton are the first four-year players during the Gilles/Suffety era, and each represents one reason the Rocks are doing so well this year.

"Before the season, I thought, if we could win 25 matches, we'd be happy," Gilles said. "Now I think we can surpass last year's school record of 32 matches."

"It has a lot to do with the four seniors coming through the program. The kids have grown up so much, even since their junior year."

Tatterton, who is the setter and also a solid hitter, was the only one of the four who played a lot last year.

Platter, who has blossomed into an outstanding hitter/blocker, hit mainly from the outside. Garvey played back row and Stanton was a spot player.

"Cyndi is now probably one of the

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Plymouth Invitational next for Salem, Canton gymnasts

Plymouth Salem will attempt to win its third consecutive gymnastics championship Saturday in the Annual Plymouth Invitational at Plymouth Canton High School.

"We'll be down one (gymnast), so it will be a little more challenging," Salem coach Johanna Anderson said. "Hopefully, if everyone hits their routines, it should be an easy meet for us."

"We have a loaded lineup, so we're not short of girls. If someone is out, there's always someone else to put in. We have a lot of depth on this team."

The top-ranked Rocks will have to get along without senior Kim Miller, who will be competing in the Wolverine Classic at the University of Michigan.

But Salem won last year without Miller, who was doing only club gymnastics then, and team depth is why the Rocks have won the past two invites and are ranked No. 1 in the state.

Salem demonstrated the latter Monday when it whipped host Walled Lake Western without Miller, who was preparing for the weekend event.

The Rocks scored 140.4 and boosted their dual-meet record to 6-0. The Warriors posted a 114.15.

Courtney Gonyea had the best score on vault (9.0), bars (8.8) and beam (9.45). She was second in

floor exercise (9.35) behind teammate Alycia Sofios, who had an Observerland best of 9.5.

Sofios was second on vault (8.7) and beam (8.8) and third on bars (8.7). Melissa Hopson tied Gonyea for first place on bars (8.8) and was fifth on beam (8.2).

Salem's Sarah Makins was second on floor (9.4), third on beam (8.75) and fourth on bars (8.5). Stefanie Angiulo placed fourth on beam (8.7) and Kristen Atkinson fifth on vault (8.0).

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None of their top gymnasts competed all-around Monday, but the Chiefs still had a lineup strong enough to win their seventh dual meet in eight attempts. Canton scored 131.1 and visiting Ann Arbor Huron 125.75.

"We shifted the lineup to get some qualifying scores, particularly on vault," Canton coach John Cunningham said, adding Kim Lewke was the only top vaulter entered in that event. Adrienne Brenner and Katie Demey were among the others who got another vault score.

"As we get down to the more important meets, we're going to be a nice, solid team, and the reason is a lot of (girls) are getting to participate and all are doing well. Kari Jackson did her first floor

routine tonight (7.8) and got a regional qualifying score."

Lewke was first on vault (8.6), third on beam (8.3) and sixth on bars (7.0).

Kim Rennolds finished first on beam (8.65) and floor exercise (9.1), and she was second on bars (8.6).

Jenny Tedesco had the top bars score (8.8), was the runner-up on beam (8.4) and tied with teammate Kim Nowak for second on floor (8.85).

Nowak also was fifth on beam (7.8), Jackson fourth (7.9) and Brenner fifth (7.85) on vault and Mindy Sofen sixth on floor (8.1).

The No. 6-ranked Chiefs hope to do as well in the Plymouth Invitational as last year when they finished second behind Salem. The Rocks scored 142.1, Canton 140.5.

Other state-ranked teams that will be competing are Freeland, Rochester, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, East Lansing, Holt and Rochester Adams. All of the WLAA teams are entered.

"We can't touch Salem, but we're within range of all the others," Cunningham said. "Salem will be first, and six teams score within range of each other."

The meet starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues until about 5 p.m. There will be competition in Division I and II. Admission is \$3.

Johnson signs with Lakers

By STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Grand Valley football coach Brian Kelly received an unexpected phone call last week from Wayne Memorial coach Chuck Howton.

Howton was shopping around his tailback Bruce Calhoun and Kelly couldn't wait to see the prospect in person.

"Kelly said he'd love to have Bruce Calhoun," Howton said.

So Calhoun, Wayne's second all-time leading rusher, made a recruiting visit late last week and decided to sign a national letter of intent to attend Grand Valley. Calhoun was one of several Ob-

serverland players who signed letters Wednesday, the first day of the signing period. See chart.

Kelly was surprised to hear from Howton because, like several Division II coaches in the state, he thought Calhoun would end up at a Division I program.

Calhoun made an official visit to Western Michigan in early January but never received a scholarship offer from the Broncos. He also scheduled visits to Bowling Green and Toledo but each visit was canceled by the coaching staffs at both schools.

"Three days before my visit to Bowling Green the recruiter called and told me they already

signed two running backs and that's all they were going to sign," Calhoun said. "I was going to go to Toledo the next week but they called and said the same thing."

Calhoun said he doesn't regret the way he was treated, he only wishes he scheduled earlier visits.

Howton said Grand Valley "got a steal," in Calhoun, a 6-foot-1, 195-pounder who runs a 4.6 40-yard dash time. Calhoun also carries a 3.8 grade point average and scored a 20 on his ACT test.

"I've had other people sign Division I who didn't have his talent," Howton said. "He's such a

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Stevenson star selects Madonna

BY BRAD EMONS
AND C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITERS

Playing close to home for a team that's a contender for a national title was pivotal in Julie Martin's thinking. Which is why the Livonia Stevenson volleyball standout decided to spurn offers from NCAA Division I schools like Florida State, Illinois State, Western Michigan, Ohio University and Toledo to accept a scholarship from Madonna University, an NAIA team.

"It's one of the biggest steals of the year," said Stevenson coach Lee Cagle, who also coaches Martin in the AAU Crusader Volleyball Club at Madonna. "She's almost untouchable because she hits the ball so hard inside of 10 feet, and she's almost always 1 1/2-to-2 feet above the net."

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"Her blocking at this time is incredible. This year she's also serving well and playing back row. She's become more than a one-dimensional player. She should be considered for all-state first team."

The 6-1 Martin, together with Patty Diamond, has led Stevenson to a 24-4 record. Martin has over 300 kills this season, with a 430 kill percentage.

Still, volleyball wasn't the only factor in her decision. "It's a real good school," Martin said, then added, "I know they have a good volleyball team. I know the coach (Jerry Abraham) and know the (Madonna players) real well."

Martin's signing should help offset some notable losses to

graduation for Madonna. Gone are all-district selections Elena Oparka (also a third-team NAIA All-American) and Tonia Smith, both outside hitters. Also gone is outside hitter Melissa Marr.

The biggest loss, however, could be Dana Finley, Madonna's two-time NAIA District 23 most valuable player who's also been an All-American twice. Finley, a middle hitter, is considering switching schools because her husband, who's in the military, has been stationed near Washington, D.C.

If Finley returns, Madonna could be ranked in the NAIA's pre-season top 10.

Abraham could not be happier with Martin's decision. "She's a major, major recruit," he said. "She's very similar to Dana (Finley), an impact-type player. She has that kind of po-

tential, to come in and help right away."

"As far as pure hitting and net play, she's one of the best in the state. She's a smart player who's improved dramatically the last three years. And she's developed as an all-around player."

After referring to Martin as a dominant player, Abraham said, "In my opinion, she's the top middle hitter in the state."

Now she's coming to a program that has improved every year since Abraham started it five years ago, its only drawback coming at tournament time. Madonna has never qualified for the NAIA Tournament.

If Abraham can pick up a couple more notable recruits — and Martin's signing should only aid that effort — that last goal should be realized.

Kennedy scoring big after leave of absence

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Kennedy's final year of collegiate basketball will be an abbreviated one.

Too bad for Albion College. Not so bad for everyone else in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Kennedy has been tearing the league apart since returning from an internship with the U.S. Infor-

mation Agency in Washington, D.C. The 5-6 senior point guard from Redford (Livonia Ladywood HS) leads the MIAA in scoring, averaging 18.5 points a game. She's also averaging nearly six rebounds and over four assists per game.

All this after missing the entire pre-season and the first six games while interning. Obviously, the time off didn't hurt her game

much. "I played at Catholic University," Kennedy explained. "I tried to stay in shape as best I could."

Which was beneficial for the Britons, who struggled without her. Albion was 1-5 before Kennedy returned in mid-December; since then, the Britons are 6-5.

"It was kind of one of those Catch-22 things," said Kennedy's coach, Sally Konkile, of Kennedy's

internship. "As a coach, I missed having the MVP of the league in the lineup, but she's here for an education."

"She's one of those people who can step right in and help." "And where does Kennedy help most? "Her scoring ability," answered Konkile, then added, "But we missed her leadership the most. We have players who can pick up the (scoring) slack X4043

Playoffs long shot for Madonna basketball team

A week ago, the season still seemed full of promise for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

After Tuesday, hopes had suddenly become very slim.

The Lady Crusaders lost a pair of NAIA District 23 games in a four-day span, losses that could cost them a berth in the four-team playoffs.

Saturday at Aquinas College, Madonna battled but couldn't overtake the Saints in absorbing a 66-60 loss.

That evened the Crusaders' district record at 4-4 — a setback, to be sure, but they were still in the playoff hunt.

Until Tuesday.

A trip to Concordia College proved disastrous. The Cardinals were winless in eight previous

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district games, but they rolled to a 22-point first-half lead and hung on, defeating Madonna 71-64.

"The girls just did not come out prepared," said Madonna coach Bill Potter, whose team is now 10-14 overall (4-5 in the district).

"We stunk, actually."

"That probably cost us a playoff berth."

To regain what they've lost in the two road defeats, Madonna may have to pull off a major upset, like tonight when the Crusaders host district-leader Spring Arbor at 7 p.m.

There were few bright spots for Madonna at Concordia. One was

Stephanie Niebauer, who scored 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. No other Crusader reached double figures in scoring; Mary Bieniewicz had nine points and Dana Sevech scored six, with 10 assists.

Beth Connon's 21 points led Concordia (5-17 overall); Kim Miller had 15.

Madonna missed 16 layups, shot a dismal 36 percent from the floor (24-of-66), and committed 23 turnovers, according to Potter.

The Cards were 31-of-72 from the field (43 percent) and had 17 turnovers.

Still, Madonna had a chance late in the game. With five minutes left, the Crusaders were within 56-52 — but they fellowed that with a miss and a turnover.

The effort against Aquinas was better, but the result was the same. The Crusaders had a chance, trailing by two in the closing minutes. But they missed two layups, two free throws and committed a costly turnover on their last four possessions.

Niebauer's 21 points was best for Madonna. April Blanton and Stephanie Creley chipped in with eight apiece, while Sevech had four points and 10 assists.

Sam Reenders led Aquinas with 22 points. Nikki Turtle contributed 12.

Madonna now trails the second-place Saints by three games in the loss column. University of Michigan-Dearborn and Tri-State University are also in the playoff picture.

SC men cagers slip; women end streak

SC SPORTS

Well, there was no one coming to Schoolcraft College's defense. Certainly none of the Ocelots did Saturday at Oakland CC. The Raiders went ahead by a bunch early and just kept pouring it on, burying SC 116-76 in men's basketball.

"We played absolutely no defense," said SC coach Dave Bogataj, whose team slipped to 5-16 overall, 1-9 in the Eastern Conference. "They just outplayed us, anywhere and everywhere. When you're out there, you've got to play defense."

"It just wasn't pretty."

Unless, of course, you're an OCC fan. The Raiders stayed alive in the Eastern Conference last night, improving their conference record to 8-3 (12-9 overall).

Balance keyed OCC's onslaught, which resulted in a 60-39 halftime lead. Seven Raiders reached double figures in scoring, led by Willie Payne's 20 points (and 13 rebounds).

Ray Moreland and Bill Knight had 15 points apiece, Craig Martin and Bill Thurston netted 14 each, Troy Coleman scored 11 and Mark Galbraith had 10. Knight added 10 rebounds, and Randy Hicks finished with nine points and nine boards. Point guard Kevin Woodmore did a commendable job quarterbacking the OCC attack, dishing out 10 assists. He also had five steals.

For SC, Mohammed Abdallah scored 21 points, LaMonte Fondren totaled 19, Steve Whitlow had 18 and Vince Turner got 10. No one had more than five rebounds for the Ocelots, who were outboarded 49-31.

Another key factor for OCC was its lack of turnovers, according to coach Lynn Reed. "We only had 13," he said. "That's our best for the year. And we had excellent teamwork, with 28 assists. I thought we passed the ball well, and we rebounded well."

SC quickly reassumed control, stretching its lead back to six. Still, the Lady Ocelots were never able to pull away. A Jody Dora three-pointer with 45 seconds left trimmed SC's lead to five, but the Lady Ocelots answered by making three free throws to pull away.

The win was the Raiders' 10th in their past 12 games. SC slipped to 5-16 overall, 1-9 in the conference.

Senior forward Brian Paluk led CC with a game-high 30 points, including eight-of-11 free throws. Junior guard Andy Kummer added 10 points.

CC led 17-8 after one quarter and by as many as 10 or 12 points most of the way. The Shamrocks' lead was 27-21 at halftime before U-D pulled closer after three quarters, 39-36.

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The Vikings, who led 18-9 after the first quarter and 42-17 at halftime, remained undefeated at 12-0 overall and 6-0 in the WLAA.

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The Chiefs were led by seniors Owen Crosby and Al Hollingsworth, who scored 12 and nine points, respectively.

CC upsets U-D; Canton tumbles

The Redford Catholic Central basketball team pulled off a major upset Tuesday night in the Catholic League's Central Division, beating previously undefeated University of Detroit-Jesuit 57-54 at home.

The win moves CC to 4-3 in the Central Division, 6-7 overall. U-D fell to 6-1 in the Central, 9-2 overall.

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SALEM 65, N'VILLE 58: Junior forward James Head scored 24 points to lead the No. 10-ranked Rocks. Mike Stone tossed in 18 and Brandon Stone 16.

Salem, 5-1 in the WLAA and 11-1 overall, has an important league game Friday at Walled Lake Central. The No. 7 Vikings are 6-0 in the WLAA and 12-0 overall.

PCA 65, BETHESDA 54: Plymouth Christian Academy got some revenge Tuesday in its win at Warren Bethesda.

The Eagles avenged an earlier 69-60 home defeat and improved to 4-9 overall, 3-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Bethesda is 4-9 and 2-5.

Senior forward Jason Neil led the victors with 26 points and eight rebounds. Chris McCoy and Ryan Bigelow added 12 points each for PCA, while Ryan Thomason chipped in nine assists and four steals.

Jacques Smiley paced Bethesda with 23 points.

AGAPE 75, ZOE CHRIST 64: Plymouth Agape's Brandon McKeely dominated the second overtime Tuesday during a thrilling victory at Zoe Christian of Warren.

Agape rallied from a nine-point deficit with 3:00 left in regulation but missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, which would have won the game.

Zoe forced a second overtime on a three-pointer with two seconds left. But the second extra session was owned by McKeely. The 6-foot-5 junior scored 10 of Agape's 12 points.

McKeely finished with 40 points and converted 23 of his 30 free-throw attempts. Pete Muench added 15 for Agape (7-6). Chris Bank led Zoe (6-6) with 14 points.

BASKETBALL

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSN. STANDINGS		AMERICAN DIVISION	
1. Lakers	7-0	1. Rockets	7-0
2. Nets	6-1	2. Pacers	6-1
3. Celtics	5-2	3. Spurs	5-2
4. Pistons	4-3	4. Suns	4-4
5. Rockets	3-4	5. Warriors	3-5
6. Kings	2-5	6. Knicks	4-3
		7. Hawks	2-5
		8. Hornets	1-6
		9. Bucks	0-7
Lakers 28, Celtics 22; Rockets 30, Kings 20; Nets 36, Pistons 18.		Jazz 62, Kings 43; 76ers 65, Celtics 48; Nets 52, Blazers 49; Bulls 38, Lakers 32; Magic 50, Pistons 49; Rockets 67, Hornets 54; Knicks 63, Sonics 50; Spurs 65, Warriors 50; Suns 56, Hawks 30; Pacers 72, Bucks 44.	
GIRLS AA LEAGUE		BOYS AA LEAGUE NATIONAL DIVISION	
1. Lakers	3-0	1. Knicks	3-1
2. Pistons	2-1	2. Celtics	2-2
3. Kings	1-2	3. Nets	2-3
4. Celtics	0-3	4. Rockets	2-2
		5. Bulls	2-2
		6. Blazers	1-3
		7. Hawks	1-3
		8. Jazz	0-4
BOYS B LEAGUE NATIONAL DIVISION		AMERICAN DIVISION	
1. Jazz	7-0	1. Kings	4-0
2. 76ers	7-0	2. Pistons	4-0
3. Celtics	5-2	3. Lakers	3-4
4. Magic	4-3	4. Pacers	3-4
5. Pistons	3-4	5. Sonics	1-3
6. Lakers	3-4	6. Spurs	2-2
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SPORTS SHORTS

SOCCER OPENINGS

The Canton Bulldogs of the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League still has positions open on their spring roster. Players born after Aug. 1, 1978, are eligible. For information, call Mike Shirley at 451-1470.

BASEBALL SHOW

The Canton High School Baseball Parents Club will have its Second Annual Sports Card Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 6-7 at East Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will feature hourly 50-50 raffles and a free card giveaway each day. Autographs will be signed by former New York Yankees pitcher and two-time World Series champion Bill Stafford and former Detroit Tigers great Billy Hoft.

All proceeds will benefit the Canton High School baseball program. For information, call 455-3564.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

Registrations for the Canton Soccer Club spring season will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 5, at the Canton Parks and Recreation Office.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible. All new participants must bring a birth certificate and social security number when they register.

For information, call Watson Zardowski at 459-0927.

BODYBUILDING

Madonna University will offer a winter term course, "Working with Weights,"

Recruits

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hard-working person, I was appalled he was not getting a bigger rush from Division I schools. (Division I schools) are trying to hook up the best players they can early and Bruce made the mistake of putting his visit off."

Calhoun said Kelly told him there's a good chance of playing next fall at Grand Valley.

"He said he didn't even think about talking to me, that I'd be going to Division I, so it's a great plus for me to go there," Calhoun said. "He's given me the opportunity and I'm going to go for it."

I've had other people sign Division I who didn't have his talent. He's such a hard-working person, I was appalled he was not getting a bigger rush from Division I schools.

Chuck Howton
Wayne Memorial coach

Grand Valley also signed a pair of former Observersland players who have played the last two years at Grand Rapids Junior College: quarterback Eric Stover (Westland John Glenn) and tight end Ryan Johnson (Plymouth Salem).

Another top running back from Observersland, North Farmington's Todd Anderson, will attend either Yale or Princeton.

Two first-team Observer players signed with Division I schools: Jason Facione, a linebacker from Livonia Franklin who committed early to Central Michigan and Joe Suhajda, a lineman from Redford Catholic Central who is headed to the Air Force Academy.

Suhajda made a visit to West Point and said he turned down several offers to visit schools in the Big Ten.

"West Point was more beautiful and attractive but I didn't like the climate," Suhajda said. "I like the discipline and being in a controlled environment (of a military academy)."

CC linebacker Joe Herman, another first-team choice, said he wasn't signing a letter Wednesday but is headed to the University of Toledo. Herman said Toledo coaches promised him some scholarship aid but how much was not yet determined.

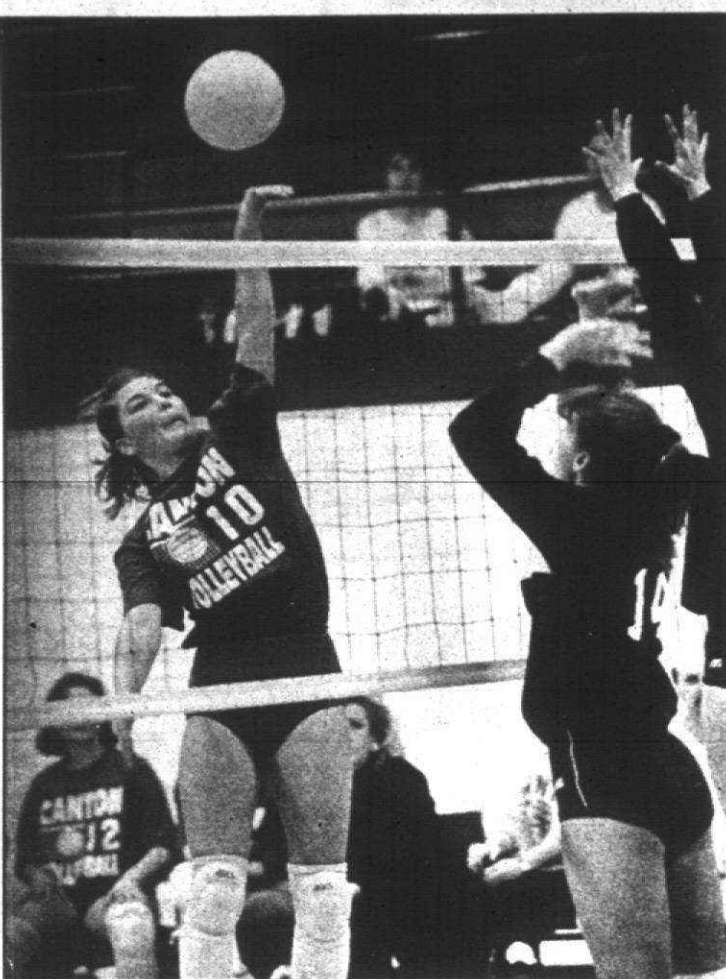
Another CC player, lineman Aaron Babicz, didn't draw much interest from Division I schools despite being named Dream Team by one state-wide newspaper. Babicz, a 6-2, 245-pound lineman, signed with Hillsdale.

"No one wanted to take a chance on someone my height, but I have no doubts I could have played Division I," Babicz said.

WHERE THEY'RE HEADED

Central Michigan
Jason Facione, lb (Franklin)
Toledo
Joe Herman, lb (Redford CC)
Air Force Academy
Joe Suhajda, lineman (Redford CC)
Hillsdale
Dan Leblau, line (Franklin)
Joe Herman, lb (Redford CC)
Key Smith, wr (Harrison)
Saginaw Valley
Mark Satter, line (Garden City)
Grand Valley
Bruce Calhoun, rb (Wayne)
Phil Nemak, line (Redford CC)
Eric Stover, qb (Glenn/Gr Rapids)
Ryan Johnson, te (Salem/Gr Rapids)
Northwood
Dan Leblau, line (Redford CC)
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Killer Karrie: Canton's Karrie Drinkhahn spikes the ball at the Salem defense for a possible kill Monday.

Fishing clubs providing needy community service



BILL PARKER

but many of today's fishing clubs are concerned about more than simply wetting a line and catching a fish.

"More and more clubs are getting involved in community programs," explained Joe Zawislak, president of the Four Season's Fishing Club, based in Livonia.

"Some clubs are getting involved with handicapped people or youth programs, trying to get people out to enjoy the resources. Sportsmen are really a different breed of people. We lie like hell (about the ones that got away), but deep inside we have big hearts."

And those big hearts are the reason Four Seasons recently received certificates of appreciation from the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Today's Living Concept for their contributions to members of the respective organizations.

Four Seasons members sponsored a pair of unique outings over the summer in which they took members of each organization fishing.

"Last year was the first time we did anything like this and it went over really well," Zawislak said. "We plan to have these outings every year. We want to get these people out of the house and let them enjoy the outdoors."

"We tossed the idea around the table that we wanted to do something for the community and decided to put these things together."

The first outing was at Belle-

ville Lake with members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Four Season's member Paul Brown, a member of PVA as well as the equal access committee of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs organized the event.

"I think everyone enjoyed it. We got able-bodied people together with wheel-chair people and had a lot of fun," Brown said. "It gave everyone a better understanding of each other and let them share in equal access."

Later in the summer, Four Seasons members took a group of about 40 mentally and physically impaired individuals on a fishing trip to Newburg Lake. The event was a joint effort between Four Season's and Today's Living Concept.

"It went like clockwork," Zawislak said. "Bob Slazinski was instrumental in setting it up and everyone from the club really chipped in and made it work." Livonia mayor, Robert Bennett, even made a special appearance at the outing.

Those unselfish anglers from the Four Season's Fishing Club realized there are people in the world who enjoy the outdoors just as much as they do, but don't have the luxury of access upon demand. We could all learn something from their actions. Why not take a day or afternoon and spend some time on the water with someone less fortunate than ourselves. A little camaraderie can sure go a long way.

Fish Michigan
Since we're on the topic of fishing, a recently released book of lake maps would make a great addition to any angler's fishing gear. Noted outdoor writer Tom Huggler has just completed his ninth book: Fish Michigan — 100 Northern Lower Michigan Lakes.

The book is the second in a series of books examining the fishing opportunities awaiting anglers in Michigan. Like its predecessor, Fish Michigan — 100 Southern Michigan Lakes, this book is a

Volleyball

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dominant players in the league if not the area," Gilles said. "Garvey is a 5-foot-3 hitter, but he pounds the ball."

The Rocks also were tied for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 5-0 record heading into a Wednesday showdown at Walled Lake Central. Canton dipped to 2-3 in the WLAA and is 16-6 overall.

Salem won the first game 15-2 but did an about-face in the second and lost 15-0. The Rocks regrouped to win the next two, 15-9 and 15-7.

"We've been doing that a lot this year," said Suffety of the comeback, "and a lot has to do with having that base of four seniors. We've been getting good leadership."

The second-game collapse was a sharp contrast with the first. Salem had only one kill in the second game, by Platter for a sideout.

"We couldn't get the momentum back if we had a mask and a gun and tried to steal it back," Suffety said. "They would capitalize on our errors, and we didn't do anything to reduce our errors."

"The only thing we were going to do was end the game. That's the nice thing about volleyball; you get to end one and start a new one."

Canton was ahead early in the third game before the Rocks got it with again. "Then we started moving our feet, getting in better

position and anticipating better," Suffety said.

Platter led the Rocks with 13 kills. Tatterson had 14 kills and 50 assists from 57 sets. Jamie Viaw added five kills and Stanton four.

Karen Gundry served 10 straight points, including three aces, in the last game, and Stanton chipped in four aces during the match.

Garvey was the leading passer and was 13-of-14 receiving serves, and Tatterson was 12-of-15 on attack reception.

"It's no secret; it's a matter of making good passes," said Suffety of the reason for Salem's win. "If you make good passes to the setter and get good attacks, the opponent has to dig the ball. If the ball is coming at you with velocity, it increases the chance of error."

While the Rocks made only five serving errors, Canton struggled with that aspect of the game, and a lack of consistency there prevented the Chiefs from maintaining momentum.

"The girls communicated and had a good-serving (second) game," Canton coach Jacqueline Getz said. "That was really a factor for us. We work hard on defense and when we miss our

serves it causes our momentum to drop."

Michelle Metzger led the Chiefs with 13 kills and also had three blocks. Tina Schafer was second with eight kills, and Ndu Okwumabua had four solo blocks to lead the team.

Laura Cianci made 13 digs and Karrie Drinkhahn nine. While the Chiefs had trouble with their passing, Angela Fountain did a good job of getting to the ball, according to Getz. Shawn Champlin entered in two pressure situations and showed a lot of poise, she added.

"Metzger played well offensively by at the net, and I thought Tina Schafer played well," Getz said. "She's been a key, consistent player this year. We probably didn't get as many hits from (Schafer), but that goes back to our passing and it just wasn't there to make the set to her."

The Chiefs, who previously lost to Salem in the finals of the two Plymouth tournaments, hope small steps will enable them to take a giant step later.

"We've played a little better each time we've played Salem," Getz said. "We've improved some of our game each time and, hopefully, when it all counts in the tournament we'll put it all together."

Schoolcraft field strong

Twenty-two teams are entered in Saturday's 20th annual Schoolcraft College Invitational volleyball tournament.

Action begins at 9 a.m. with elimination play beginning at approximately 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Pool A features defending tournament champion and Class A runnerup Temperance-Bedford, along with Farmington Hills Mercy, Westland John Glenn, Grand Blanc and East Kentwood (rated No. 4 in Class A).

Pool B pits Livonia Stevenson, rated No. 3 in Class A, against Livonia Ladywood.

The top two teams in each pool advance to the quarterfinals.

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SWIMMING RANKINGS

LIVONIA STEVENSON assistant coach Greg Phil is compiling the weekly list for best area boys swim times. Observersland coaches in Livonia-Westland, Redford-Garden City, Plymouth-Canton and Farmington can reach Phil by calling 524-3816 (leave message on machine).	JEFF BUCKLER (Stevenson) 23:09 Scott Brown (Farmington) 23:15 David Brock (Salem) 23:30 Mark Campbell (Churchill) 23:31 Chris Arnold (Canton) 23:45	JOHN CARLSON (Churchill) 4:59.30 Mike Orrs (Canton) 5:01.86 Jon Reed (Farmington) 5:03.17 Aaron Berlin (Salem) 5:06.27 Chris Teeters (Stevenson) 5:06.88 Eric Peterson (Stevenson) 5:10.67 Brian Green (Redford CC) 5:13.20
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY Livonia Stevenson 1:40.88 Plymouth Salem 1:42.80 North Farmington 1:50.21 Plymouth Canton 1:43.53 Redford Catholic Central 1:47.77 Westland John Glenn 1:47.77	JEFF BUCKLER (Canton) 2:38.50 Daryl Balos (Canton) 2:38.00 Woody Thomas (Salem) 2:33.16 Justin Richardson (Salem) 2:12.80 Mark Strohmer (Harrison) 2:11.45 Chris Oudizdale (Salem) 1:56.59 Chris Arnold (Canton) 1:57.43 Richard Muri (Churchill) 1:50.30 Matt Brown (Stevenson) 1:51.35 Mike Redington (Stevenson) 1:50.75	200 FREESTYLE RELAY Livonia Stevenson 1:31.51 North Farmington 1:32.76 Plymouth Salem 1:33.32 Catholic Central 1:37.43 Farmington 1:38.60
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SWIMMING

style relay: Gordy Gatewood, Jeff Buckler, Alex Goecke and Chris Teeters (Stevenson), 1:35.52; 100 backstroke: Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson), 57.49; 100 breaststroke: Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson), 1:08.65; 400 freestyle relay: Canton (Mike Orrs, Joe Foster, Craig Shestehz and Jeff Clark), 3:27.08.

Overall dual meet records: Canton, 2-4 overall; Stevenson, 6-2 overall.

Stevenson's next meet: 7 tonight at home vs. Farmington.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 tonight at home vs. Novi.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 4
Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5
Luth. Westland at G. Lippert, 7 p.m.
Lutheran North at Grandville, 7 p.m.
Red. Thurston at D.H. Grandville, 7 p.m.
Northville at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Westland Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Wyandotte at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
Birm. Boro. at U.D.-Jen. 7:30 p.m.
Birm. Boro. at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 6
Oakland CC at St. Clair CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 4
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 4
Liv. Stevenson vs. Bloomfield Lahser at Detroit State Club, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5
Liv. Stevenson vs. Bloomfield Lahser at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Birm. Boro. at Oak Park Community Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6
Redford CC vs. Windsor (Ont.) at Redford ice arena, 8 p.m.
Liv. Churchill vs. St. Helix-Lathrup at Southfield Civic Center, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 7
Redford CC vs. Allen P. Cabani at Wyandotte's Yack Arena, 2:30 p.m.

RANKINGS

These unscientific rankings are compiled weekly by the Observer sports staff. School eligible to be rated must be located in Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Farmington, Redford and Garden City.

BOYS BASKETBALL
1. Redford Bishop Borgess.
2. Wayne Memorial.
3. Westland John Glenn.
4. Plymouth Salem.
5. Redford Catholic Central.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Livonia Ladywood.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Livonia Churchill.
5. Redford Thurston.

BOYS WRESTLING
1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Westland John Glenn.
3. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Redford Catholic Central.
5. Garden City.

BOYS HOCKEY
1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Livonia Stevenson.
3. Livonia Churchill.
4. Livonia Franklin.

BOYS SWIMMING
1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Livonia Stevenson.
3. Redford Catholic Central.
4. North Farmington.
5. Livonia Clarenceville.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Plymouth Canton.
3. Redford Catholic Central.
4. Westland John Glenn.
5. Livonia Clarenceville.

Sports State

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

1992-93 HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS

CATHOLIC LEAGUE Central Division

W L W L

U.D. Jesuit 5 1 9 2

Bishop Borgess 5 2 9 3

Catholic Central 4 3 6 7

De La Salle 3 4 7 8

Brother Rice 3 4 6 8

Notre Dame 0 7 4 8

C Section W L W L

St. Florian 7 0 11 2

M.C. Rooney 5 2 6 6

Oakdale Catholic 3 4 3 11

Moore Catholic 3 4 3 7

St. Agatha 3 4 3 8

Immac. Concept 0 7 1 9

METRO CONFERENCE West Division

W L W L

Granbrook 4 1 6 6

Lutheran West 4 2 8 6

Clarenceville 4 2 7 4

Lutheran N West 3 2 6 4

Lutheran Westland 0 6 2 10

WESTERN LAKES Western Division

W L W L

Harrison 5 1 10 3

Ply. Canton 3 3 4 8

Northville 2 4 7 5

W.L. Western 2 3 6 8

Liv. Franklin 0 6 1 10

Liv. Churchill 0 6 1 10

Lakes Division

W L W L

W.L. Central 6 0 12 0

Wayne 6 0 10 1

Ply. Salem 5 1 11 1

North Farmington 3 3 6 6

Farmington 3 3 6 6

Liv. Stevenson 1 5 4 7

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN

W L W L

Woodhaven 3 0 10 3

Dearborn 2 1 6 7

Diesel Ford 2 2 4 4

Redford Union 1 3 1 8

Garden City 0 4 1 11

TRI-RIVER

W L W L

Allen Park 8 0 12 0

Taylor Kennedy 6 2 8 3

D.H. Grandville 4 2 6 4

Ply. Canton 4 2 6 4

Taylor Thurston 4 4 4 6

Red. Thurston 2 6 3 3

D.H. Grandville 1 7 2 10

Melvindale 0 7 0 11

WOLVERINE

W L W L

Wayne 9 0 12 1

Belleville 6 0 12 1

Wyandotte 6 0 12 1

Dtn. Fordson 4 5 7 6

Monroe 2 5 4 10

Lincoln Park 2 7 2 10

Trenton 0 9 0 10

Southgate 0 9 0 10

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Oak Christian 6 0 10 1

ON THE
MARQUEE

Southfield Syphony

Southfield Symphony Orchestra will present a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at Congregation Shaare Zedek in Southfield. Guest soprano Linda Thomas will perform "The Four Last Songs" of Richard Strauss. She will be the featured soloist in Mozart's "Solemn Vespers" when the orchestra combines with the Ford Motor Chorus. For tickets, call 354-4717 or 851-7408.

Cabaret concert

The Julius Chajes Music Fund Concert Series and Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit will present a cabaret concert starring Alexander Zonjic and friends, with special guest harpist Jane Rosenson, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Refreshments will be served; tickets \$15; call 661-1000, Ext. 342.

Family luncheon

The Jewish Community Center with Tedd E. Bear Productions is offering a family luncheon theater featuring a performance of "Beauty and the Beast," Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at the center in West Bloomfield. The cost is \$12.50 per person. For information, call 661-1000, Ext. 335.

Musical auditions

Open auditions for singers, dancers and actors for "A Little Night Music," to be presented by the Jewish Community Center with Nancy Gurwin Productions beginning March 20, will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. For information and audition appointment, call Nancy Gurwin 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 354-0545 or 352-2797.

Livonia Symphony

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present a concert featuring the music of Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Liszt, Ortolani and Gould, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 in the James P. Carli Auditorium at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Call 458-6575 for ticket information.

Children's tale

An Arbor Goodtime Players will perform an updated, humorous version of "Cinderella" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Meadowbrook Community Center in Garden City. Cost \$4 per person includes brownies and drinks. Tickets must be purchased in advance; call 525-8846.

Meadow Brook

Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite" opens 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 for a four-week run at the Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For times and tickets, call 377-3300, or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Marlo Thomas stars
in profound comedy

Performances of "Six Degrees of Separation," at the George Burns Theatre continue through Feb. 14. For ticket information, call (800) 589-8000 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.



KEELY WYGONIK

A young black man cleverly invades the lifestyles of the rich by assuming the guise of Sidney Poitier's son. It doesn't sound like material for a comedy, but Marlo Thomas, who is starring in John Guare's "Six Degrees of Separation," with John Cunningham, assures me it is.

"You're laughing the first 40 minutes, and getting clicks about life," said Thomas. "There are many surprises. You don't know what's going to happen."

Thomas plays Ouisa, and Cunningham is her husband Flan, an art dealer. The show, playing at the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts in Livonia through Feb. 14, is set in New York.

"She's a woman who thinks she has a perfect life, yet she and her children have no relationship. They are a couple who haven't taken their emotional temperature in years," said Thomas. "They are great anecdotes — people who feel tragic when something happens, then it's a joke the next day. They distance themselves from pain."

Paul (Ntare Mwine), who attends their daughter's school, comes into their lives, and changes them forever. He brings imagination and spirit.

If the story sounds familiar, maybe it's because you remember hearing about a charming well-dressed teenager who told people he was Sidney Poitier's just-mugged son. He talked his way into the homes of prominent Manhattan residents and stole from them. One of the people was Guare's friend.

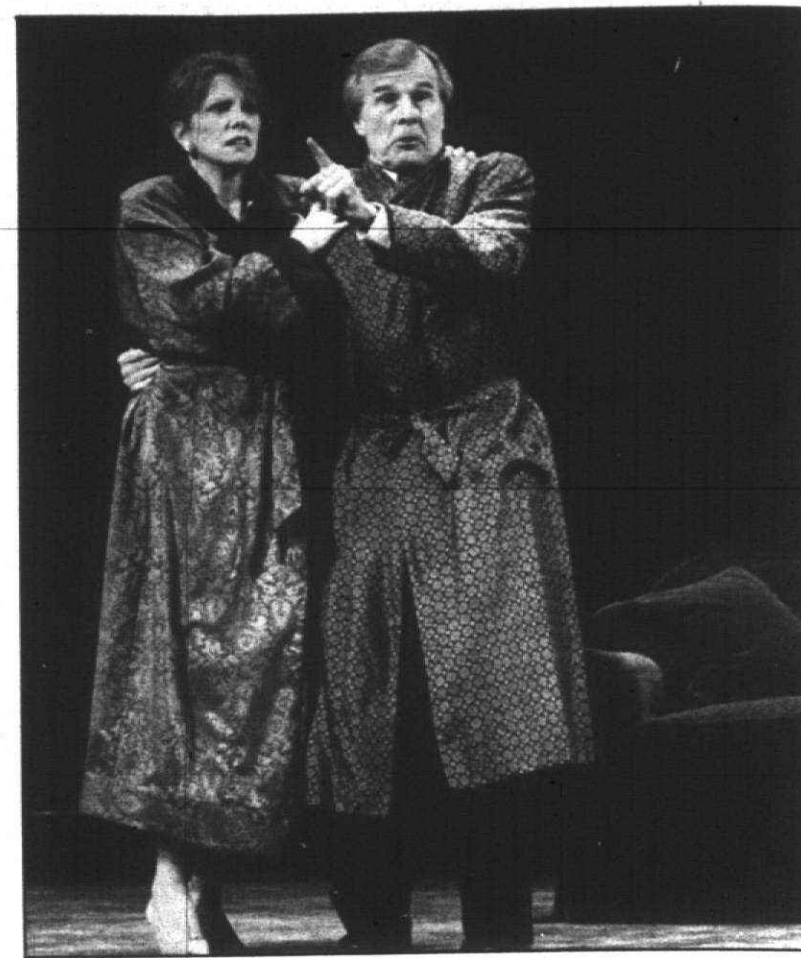
But the story isn't about him, it's about trust, faith, relationships, race, and the connections between them. The play scrutinizes such serious social situations as white liberal guilt, the gulf between generations, alienation and the need to belong, loveless family relationships, upscale greed, the power of education, and celebrity-mania. There are 17 people in the cast.

"John Guare is a brilliant writer," said Thomas. "This play is a plea — let's respect life, let's be aware of how we're separated from each other, and realize it's not important."

One of Ouisa's lines in the play is "I read somewhere that everybody on this planet is separated by only six people. Six degrees of separation. Between us and everyone on this planet."

It's possible that someone in the audience at the George Burns Theatre has a connection to Thomas. The daughter of the late Danny Thomas, Marlo was born in Detroit at Grace Hospital. Her sister-in-law lives in the Detroit area.

"My early childhood memories are about my father working, and now I'm coming home to work. I've never done theater here. It's an emotional homecoming," said Thomas. "There's also a connection to George Burns, he's a family friend, who encouraged Marlo Thomas to pursue her acting career."



Funny show: Marlo Thomas as Ouisa and John Cunningham as Flan in "Six Degrees of Separation."

When I was thinking about becoming an actress, George Burns said show business is the greatest life in the world. But my father thought I would be hurt if I didn't make it. He said, "After he saw me working on stage in London he knew I would be OK."

In "Six Degrees of Separation," Thomas said the audience will have a good time, look at themselves and their relationships, and have something to think about. "I really love theater," she said. "I get a chance to stand on stage and tell a whole story from beginning to end. It's a thrill to hear the audience laugh."

Lots of surprises in PSO chamber concert

BY KRIS SPENCER
STAFF WRITER

When you have a tough act to follow, do something entirely different. Such an adage describes the Plymouth Symphony Society's latest presentation. Following its great success with "The Nutcracker," the group opted for a smaller, more intimate chamber concert Jan. 29 at the Plymouth-Canton Little Theatre.

The program focused on individual and small group performances, including members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and winners of the Youth Artist Competition, a yearly event sponsored by the symphony society.

The concert was marvelous in its variety of musical styles ranging from Bach and Beethoven to Scott Joplin and Swiss folk melodies, and in its

variety of instrumentation. There were the sweet sounds of the piccolo, the fluttering of harp strings, and even the raspy belch of the alphorn.

Nicole Berry (piano), Dan Anderson (violin) and Wendy Stuart (cello), played Beethoven's "Trio in E-Flat, Op. 1 No. 1." Considering the piece's somber mood, it seemed an unlikely choice for an opener. Nevertheless, the group played splendidly.

Next came Susan Bozell, youth competition first-place winner, with a rendition of Hue's "Faniaise." A flutist for six years, and senior at Plymouth Salem High School, Bozell tackled the piece's Debussy-esque ambience about a hitch.

Then in a program full of twists came the biggest surprise. Jeffrey Ash took the stage with his 11-foot, pipe-shaped alphorn. Accompanied by a

travogue-style slide show, Ash played Swiss folk melodies of stoic charm. Despite a few sour notes, the performance added considerably to the concert's diversity.

Ash was followed by another surprise, trombonist Michael Rumbell, Charlene Wilson, Matthew Tropman, and Jeffery Parker, (tuba) played Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer." After hearing the tune on one-too-many music boxes, it was fairly refreshing to hear this seemingly authentic vaudeville rendition.

Deborah Rebeck Ash (flute), Amy Kuras (cello) and Ruth Myers (harp) brought Faure's "Pavane" to life, ending it with a sense of profound longing.

PSO principal cellist Derek Snyder played Bach's "Suite No. 5 in C Minor." He injected the piece with life,

and gave it an emotional quality that I can only describe as timeless.

Second place youth competition winner Shizuo Kuwahara played Jeanine Reces' "Chanson et Passepied" on alto sax with piano accompaniment. The Novi High School senior thrilled the audience with his truly cutting-edge sound. He has the potential to be another Charlie Parker, and I expect to hear more from him.

The program closed on a whimsical note with Michele Groff Kelly (piccolo), Annette Sievert Mechling (piccolo), Sue Pockington (flute), Deborah Rebeck Ash (alto flute), and Amy Kuras (cello) with Smetana's "Dance of the Comedians," from "The Bartered Bride." The performance lived up to its lighthearted origins.

Delightfully inept cast funny in 'Play On!'

Performances of the Farmington Players production of "Play On!" continue through Feb. 20 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. For ticket information, call 553-2955.



MARK S. CARLEY

Memo to all my community theater friends: One night, during the next three weeks, take a break from rehearsals, skip out to the Farmington Players Barn and have a hearty chuckle at your own expense.

"Play On!" a farce by Rick Abbot, should amuse audiences from all walks of life, but will be especially funny to those of us who trod the boards for fun (and no profit).

Mr. Abbot must have extensive theater experience. His script abounds with those little details which all groups seem to share, whether it's the goofy set builder, those messy little impromptu romances, or the almost universal addiction to coffee.

As our story opens, an unnamed amateur theater troupe is struggling through rehearsals of an absolutely dreadful murder mystery by a local playwright. In typically stingy community the-

ater fashion, the group has chosen this dog in order to avoid paying royalties.

Director Geraldine Dunbar (Cynthia Tupper) is exasperated by a host of familiar headaches including forgotten lines, intracast squabbles and technical glitches. Compounding her misery is nitwitted playwright Phyllis Montague, played by Paula Myers. This would-be Agatha Christie continues to re-write her abominable script right up until opening night.

By Act 2 Ms. Dunbar and her cast have managed to stumble their way through dress rehearsal, which only serves to convince them that they cannot possibly be ready to open the following evening.

Act 3, opening night, proves them right in excruciatingly funny fashion. Lines go astray, props disappear, zippers fly open, and the murderer arrives for the performance stinking drunk. Hearty congratulations go to real-life director Phil Hadley, who choreographs this disaster with great skill, thus achieving maximum hilarity.

Kudos also to a fine cast. In fact it is hard to single anyone in particular out for praise. I'll start, though, with Margaret Gilkes because she reminds me of so many stage managers I have known. Myers is also quite good as the irritating Ms. Montague.

The "cast within the cast," so to speak, is delightfully inept. It takes a lot of talent to act this badly. Especially noteworthy are the awful British accents.

Yes, friends, go and enjoy "Play On!" But be forewarned. It may seem just a little too familiar.

Mark S. Carley is active in local community theater, both onstage and behind the scenes. He is a member of the Birmingham Village Players and Ridgedale Players in Troy.

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Enjoy an afternoon of romance, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at Sweet Afton Tea Room, 985 N.

Mill Street in Plymouth. Traditional lunch complete with British tea, meet local romance authors who will speak about reading, writing and romance, and autograph copies of their latest books. The cost is \$15, call 454-0777 for reservations.

MARDI GRAS Schoolcraft College is hosting a Mardi Gras celebration, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20 in the Waterman Campus Center. New Orleans dinner, Bourbon Street sounds of the Red Garter Band, harmonica virtuoso Peter "Madcat" Ruth and Schoolcraft's Scool Jazz Vocal Group. Cost is \$30 per person. Call 462-4417.

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Omwale African Dancers and Drummers will appear in Southfield's Concert in the Garden Series 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Tickets \$7.50 for concert and continental breakfast or \$4 for concert and coffee. Call 354-4717.

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Deadline for the upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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John R. Long has been appointed president and chief operating officer of Livonia-based Ladbroke Racing Corporation. Long previously held the position of vice president of operations with responsibility for the development of Ladbroke's highly successful Pennsylvania operations that includes Ladbroke at the Meadows Racetrack and the off-track betting system.



John R. Long

Kenneth J. Fulk of Plymouth has been appointed vice president of manufacturing for Ziebart Products Corp., a division of Ziebart International Corporation. Fulk will be responsible for overseeing manufacturing, the warehouse, inventory control and the mechanical department.



Kenneth J. Fulk

Lisa Morris of Livonia has joined the Farmington Hills-based public relations firm of Hermanoff & Associates. In her new role, she will assist on a number of the agency's health care, real estate and other service industry accounts.



Lisa Morris

Attorney **Daniel J. Sliwa** of Dearborn has been appointed chair of the Michigan State Bar law day committee for a second consecutive year.

Sliwa and members of the committee will assist local bar associations, schools, associations and other organizations in the planning and implementing programming for Law Day and Law Week April 25 through May 1.



Daniel J. Sliwa

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Opting out of the toy tangle

■ A mother dissatisfied with choices at traditional toy stores has taken a position with a non-traditional children's product outlet, helping to expand the company beyond its catalog business.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Kids, especially small ones, can be difficult to buy for.

Sure, there are Dr. Seuss books, Playschool toys, Sesame Street items and a few other trusted names parents have come to rely on, but how far can that get you?

One birthday and two holidays? Maybe.

In a world where toys are based on Saturday morning cartoon shows and vice versa, where can a parent find wholesome, honest things to entertain their children?

That's what Ann G. Abrams of Bloomfield Hills wondered, and several years ago she discovered a small company out of California called Music For Little People that promised just that.

"I have two children of my own, and it's difficult to find things for them," she said. She added that while the usual merchandise found in traditional retail outlets have their place, she doesn't believe they are the end all for children.

She was impressed when she was first introduced to the Music For Little People line through a catalog.



JIM JAGDFELD

Tired of toys: When it comes to expanding children's horizons, some people find toys can only go so far. After discovering alternatives for her own children, a Bloomfield Hills mother has struck out on her own to bring them to others.

Here was a small mail order company that sold products not meant just to keep kids busy and out of mom's hair, but to teach and expand their horizons.

When she discovered Music For Little People was launching a new effort late last year — direct marketing via Family Entertainment Consultants putting on home shows — she signed up and now sells the company's products in her spare time.

Local origins

Music For Little People was founded in 1985 in Redway, Calif., as a home based mail-order business selling musical instruments and audio recordings for children.

Founders Leib Ostrow and Linda Dillon-Ostrow, originally from southeast Michigan, launched the company in response to a shortage of quality music for their own children.

The company has quickly grown to more than 60 full-time and up to 60 part-time employees with sales upwards of \$10 million in 1992. That does not include its burgeoning force of independent consultants who sell the company's products at customer's homes.

Music For Little People has diversified with two record labels, Music

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Optometrist organizes club for consumers to buy frames

BY R.J. KING
SPECIAL WRITER

The recent surge of frame discounts and two-for-one promotions by national eyewear chains left Dr. Roy Wilson, founder of Eyes & Optics in Farmington Hills, on an uneven playing field.

Because national chains have sizable advertising budgets and buy in large volumes, they can afford to lower frame prices to rock-bottom levels in hopes of attracting price-conscious consumers.

An independent like Wilson finds it difficult to compete against such marketing efforts. But if there were a way frame prices could be dropped without resorting to cutbacks in service, an independent optometrist would have the best of both worlds — low prices and steady revenues.

So taking a page from warehouse outlets, Wilson began lowering frame prices via a buyer's club. For an individual membership fee of \$25 per year, a customer can select among frames which are on average 50 percent below retail prices.

"The amount of advertising by the chains is staggering, while at the same time you're left to wonder what kind of service people are getting," said Wilson, a Livonia resident.

But a spokesperson for The Eyeglass Factory, which is based in Redford Township and operates more than 20 outlets in metro Detroit, said because many customers already arrive with prescriptions for lenses in hand, the only advice they need is on frames.

"On average, our doctors spend between five and 10 minutes with customers in need of an exam," said the spokesperson, who asked not to be named. "We feel that is enough time for people to get the right prescriptions."

Wilson has found a groundswell of support for his buyer's club. Up and running since October, the club already has more than 100 members. To promote the club, Wilson, a 1988 graduate of the College of Optometry at Ferris State University, has advertised, printed flyers and modified his display units.

Families of three or more can join the club for an annual fee of \$65. Like individual memberships, there is no limit on the number of frames purchased in a given year within a family.

"When we started the buyer's club, we initiated a program where our price tags list the retail price, and right below that, the buyer's club price," said Wilson. "On some of our higher-end designer frames, people can see a cost difference of between \$58 and \$100."

"What we're trying to do is break the mold that everything has to be on sale," said Wilson.

Of the 1,000-plus frames available at Eyes & Optics, Wilson said designer frames account for between 60 and 70 percent of total units sold. The 1,200-square-foot office, located near the corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty, has two employees.

One of the most popular frames of late, said Wilson, is a pair once known as granny glasses, where lenses are small circles set in wire frames so thin they all but disappear. The look has recently shown up on the fashion runways of Paris and Milan.

"The designer frames really became big in the 1980s, and they've just grown from there," said Wilson. "However, there is a move away from big, plastic glasses, and now people want designs which are smaller, more elegant."

Key labor aide to refocus skills

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

As chief of staff to the U.S. secretary of labor, Livonia native John Schall managed day-to-day operations for the department of 18,500 government employees. But as a political appointee of the Bush administration, Schall is looking for a new job.

Although still in Washington, Schall is packing up his D.C. condo with one eye on Michigan politics.

"I'm trying to figure out what to do," said Schall. "Beginning Monday, I'll be a consultant to

Governor John Engler's office on job training and job issues."

Schall was on the White House domestic policy staff for the first half of the Bush years. In August, 1991, Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin offered Schall the chief of staff post on recommendation from his White House boss.

During the long campaign, Martin was often on the road, leaving Schall to manage the department, he said.

"Job training and retraining was one of the highest priorities in the Bush administration," he said. "And it will continue to be

in the Clinton administration. The Democrats agree with this."

"Although there was a lot of controversy during the campaign, now the consensus among economists is that the economy is growing. Unemployment nationally is at 7.3 percent. In Michigan, the rate is 7.9 percent."

"It won't drop quickly. During the 1990s and into the next century, the economy will change quickly but unemployment will stick upwards. General Motors will continue to downsize. Job retraining will be really important."

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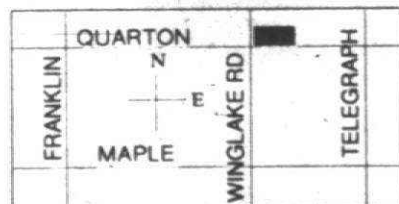
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EARTHA DEYAMPERT

1993 offers challenges for males

Men in child care.
Men teaching in kindergarten classes.
Men assisting with weekly play groups.
Fathers helping with home work.
1993 is now here and with its arrival comes new challenges for males in our society. Children need men more than ever to take a pro-active role in their lives. We as a society must seek ways to help men become more comfortable and competent, as they assist in the development of our children.
Children of all ages are the benefactors when they experience positive involvement of both males and females in their daily lives. For too long men have been in the background developmentally as it relates to interacting with children. Because of the changes the family has undergone in the past it is now important that roles for men, women, fathers, mothers and other concerned adults be redefined.

In the past roles of males and females were easily identified. Dad was the bread winner while Mom kept the house and raised the children. This we called the traditional family. With Mom at home and her being accessible to the children made it very easy for Dad to be a distant parent.

Distant parenting was the norm across the nation but now with more women in the work force, than ever in the history of our country, with single parent households and males that are raising children alone for many reasons, it is imperative that both males as well as females understand the developmental needs of children.

Men must be empowered to assist children in their many stages of development. Children have little understanding as to whether men or women should cook, change diapers, clean house, prepare snacks or give cough medicine. All children know is that they have needs and these needs must be satisfied.

Men are finding this new role of nurturing children to be uncharted waters. Some men have referred to this role of primary caregiver as "going where no man has gone before." A male friendly environment needs to exist, if our children are to experience the sense of safety and confidence when in the care of men.

Men have proven they can be excellent caregivers, when equipped with the proper tools and knowledge. The role of male caregiver in our society is not a new role, but we are finding more men placed in the position of primary caregiver due to divorce, death, drug abuse, incarceration, employment, unemployment family emergency, etc.

Support of these males in primary caregiver positions is the responsibility of us all. A well-prepared male approaches the responsibility of caring for children with confidence. It is important that males in the role of primary caregiver are aware of support services available in their communities.

One of the many new exciting opportunities for men to get involved in the lives of children is in the field of child care. The Learning Tree Day Care Center of Livonia is one of many pioneers, hiring male caregivers to work with young children. Men at the Learning Tree express a sense of satisfaction working with the early childhood program. The children at the Learning Tree seem to be very please to have both male and female teachers at the center.

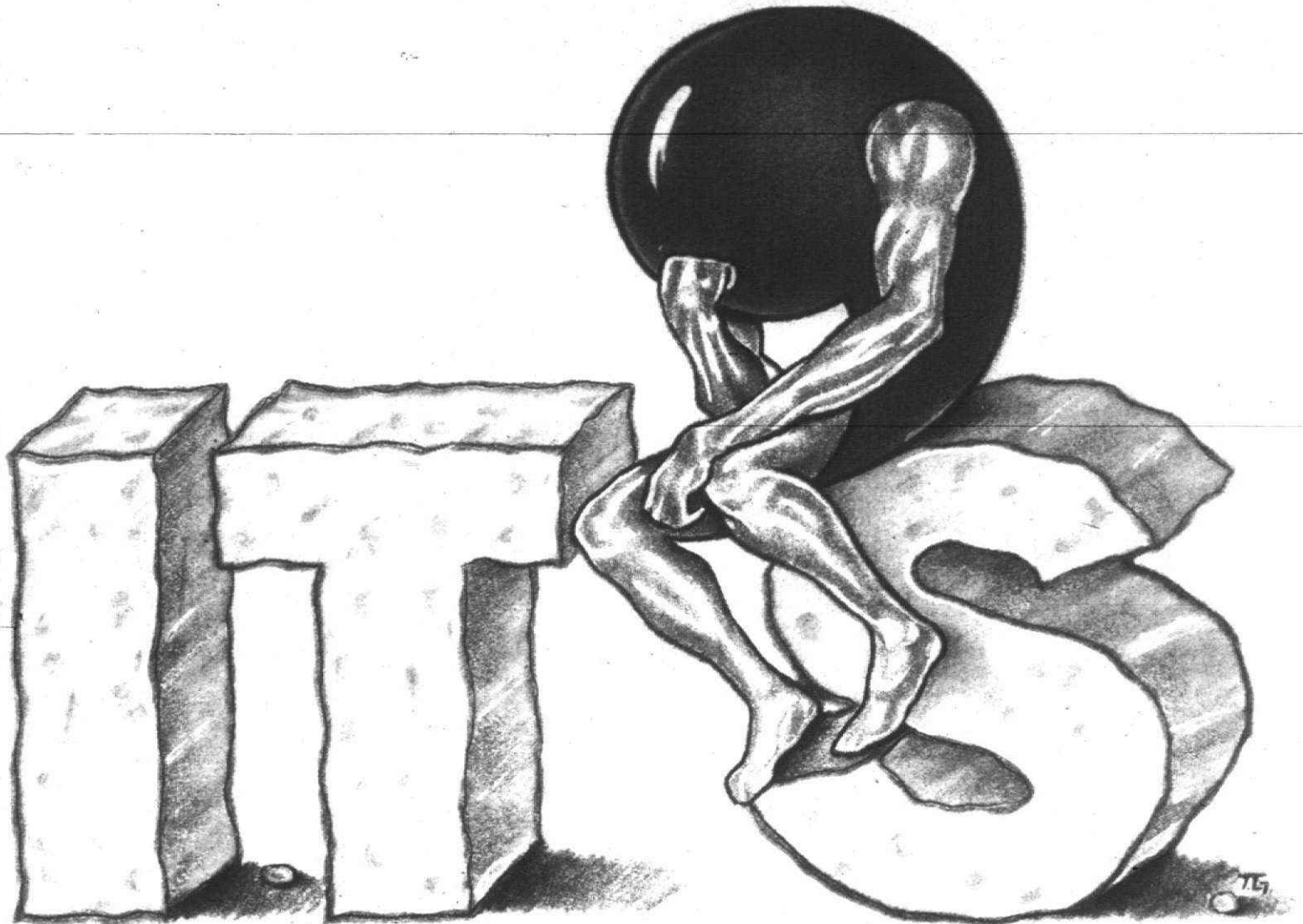
There are more men being hired in child care, Head Start programs, elementary schools and community-based organizations than we have experienced in the past. This movement to include men in the lives of our children must continue. The more opportunities males have to work with young children, the greater their experience will be, thus creating a balanced environment for children to develop.

There are many ways men can get actively and positively involved with on behalf of children. First, let children know you care; talk with them and listen to their concerns. Build their self-esteem by sharing every day tasks like reading with them. Use positive discipline and teach non-violent conflict resolutions. Help them to express their feelings and encourage your groups, block clubs, unions, churches, fraternities and service clubs to sponsor activities for children and youth.

The 4C Wayne County Men and Children Campaign can assist groups with getting men in their communities more involved in the lives of children. For more information, call 782-7224.

And men, your positive involvement is vital to the healthy growth and development of children. Men and children need you!

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mail box number 1883, on a touch tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



about apostrophes

Remember those confusing grammar rules like the apostrophe? Looks like where it may have come from explains why it's easily misunderstood.

BY JAMES RADEBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

It took awhile, but after 12 years of public education I mastered the apostrophe.

That's that little thing that stands in when part of a word is lopped off and shoved up against another word, as in could've, should've and didn't.

Or, when it's followed by an s, it can show possession. If I were to say John car, you'd look at me funny. If I said John's car, you wouldn't.

The tricky one, of course, is its versus it's. Since the 's shows possession, it should be it's handle, right? Wrong. It's its handle. Its, being a possessive pronoun like his, hers or theirs, doesn't need an apostrophe. It's, on the other hand, is one of those words created when two words are shoved together. It means it is.

But anyone reading this already knows that, right? Right?

Well, whatever. I'm not picky. But I have been wondering lately why we use the 's to form posses-

The chip off the grammar block

sives. Does the apostrophe stand in for a long-forgotten word or part of a word that once denoted possession? And what about the s? No one I've asked has been able to tell me.

I've also wondered whether... excuse me, do I hear someone snickering? Hey, I know most of you don't care a wit about the 's, but we use it countless times a day and I can't help wondering where it came from. It's not so trivial compared with some of things some people wonder about. While typing this, I've been listening to my coworkers speculate about the authenticity of Dolly Parton's breasts and whether Princess Di can openly take a lover (I hear they are and I hope she does).

But as I was saying, I've also wondered whether the 's is unique to English. The only other language I know anything about is French, and the French don't use an 's to form possessives. They say the car of John, only they say it in French. With eight hours of company time to kill, I decided to see what I could find out.

My search began at the Livonia

library, where a harried woman at the reference desk tried to be helpful.

"I don't know where to look it up, it's such an unusual bit of information," she said.

I tried the Encyclopedia Americana, which says the apostrophe, along with the exclamation point and quotation marks, came into use with the proliferation of printing in the 17th and 18th centuries. But it didn't address the possessive.

Unsatisfied, I called Madonna University, hoping someone on the English faculty could help.

"Oh, that is a good one," a woman in the public relations office said. She'd have someone get back to me, she said.

Did I detect a note of sarcasm? Anyway, nobody called back.

So, I tried the University of Michigan and hit pay dirt. The PR office put me in touch with Richard W. Bailey, an English professor and author of "Images of English," a book that examines people's attitudes toward the language over time.

"Ah," he said, sounding scholarly. "I can answer this."

Bailey, a Birmingham resident, said that since apostrophes often stand in for omitted words or letters, it's commonly supposed that that's what the apostrophe in the possessive is doing. Dabblers in etymology like to think that Shakespeare's book is a contraction of something like Shakespeare his book, Bailey explained.

"That's entirely wrong, please understand," he added.

Though he makes no claims to being an expert on the ancient history of the language, Bailey said that forming possessives with an S sound goes way back in spoken English. Modern German, English's cousin, also forms possessives with the S sound.

Use of the apostrophe to set off the S in written English simply became conventional in the 18th century, Bailey said. So, the "Encyclopedia Americana" was right as far as it went.

Why the ancient predecessors of German and English formed possessives with an S sound is the ultimate question, I guess, but it can wait for another day.

So, if you've read this far, congratulate yourself. You've learned more than you would have wondering about Dolly's bosom.

Parents find that hugs beat slugs

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

No one can discount the stories of child abuse. On any given day, you can find such a horror story in the newspaper. People shake their heads in disbelief, wondering how parents

can do such awful things to their children and what can be done to stop it.

Sandra Murphy has an answer — a relatively new program for parents being offered through the Out Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect which teaches parents how to

"Be a Hugger, Not a Slugger."

With a small cadre of volunteers and financial support from Target Stores, Murphy's program focuses on the alternatives to managing a child without hitting, slapping or shaking. "We've found that by far parents

don't want to hit their children. But they don't know what to do," Murphy said. "Through this program they are offered constructive ways of handling such situations."

"Be a Hugger" utilizes a video presentation and discussions to address problems every parent faces. The video includes four vignettes of common situations that take the group to the point where the parent becomes physical. The tape is stopped and the parents with the help of a trainer like Dorothy Murphy talk about the situation and come up with solutions.

Sharing feelings

What the parents discover during the discussions is that other parents are "experiencing the same things, the same feelings," Dorothy Murphy said.

A few pointers:
Eilene Adler works with a group of parents at Wilson School in Westland on how to "Be a Hugger, Not a Slugger."



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"Most parents want to do the best for their children, but none go to school to be good parents," she added. "Parents don't think of spanking as an assault, but it is very assaultive. We look for alternatives to spanking and there are alternatives."

Using a variety of information, including a "Be a Hugger, Not a Slugger" kit she got at a national convention on child abuse and neglect, Sandra Murphy came up with the local program, then applied for a Target grant. The retailer gave \$5,000 last year and bumped it up to \$6,500 this year.

A part of the first grant was to train the presenters but demand for the program was such (14 programs, 250 parents between February and June) that the training had to wait. Now, she has five people to help with "Be a Hugger."

"I've been with this for five years and I've learned that support for parents is very fragmented and there's not enough resources for parents to become better parents," Murphy said. "If we continue spending money to treat families or support families who are abusive, families at the other end who are really struggling will get nothing to support them."

The Target funding helps cover the cost of copying the videos and materials like the Parent Survival Kit that includes tips on how to stop such things as report card reflex, winning ways with children when eating out and 12 alternatives to lashing out at children. There's also a small packet of Hershey kisses and a note pad, promoting the "Be a Hugger" theme.

The video vignettes cover such daily occurrences as a crying infant, the toddler who decides to explore the cupboard under the kitchen sink while dad is reading the newspaper and a daughter who won't clean her room.

Court of St. Brigid applications sought

Irish eyes will be shining later this month when the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians present their 29th annual Court of St. Brigid pageant.

The pageant will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Hibernian Hall, 2424 Grand River, west of Telegraph Road.

It's open to young women who are practicing Catholics of Irish descent between the ages of 17 and 22. They also must be single

Richness of group

What parents discover is that they have a lot to share with group members.

"The sharing that goes on between the parents is the richness of the group," Murphy said. "Parents need to hear that they're not the only ones facing this issue. Such discussions help to diffuse the situation while giving them something to think about."

Murphy and her volunteers have presented the program before Head Start parents and at PTAs gatherings in communities as close as Westland, Redford, Livonia and Plymouth and as distant as Hamtramck and Gibraltair.

"We ask the parents to do an evaluation before they leave," Murphy said. "We ask them how we can improve and for the most part, they say that they need more of it. When you put people together in this program, you can't believe the tremendous amount of sharing that goes on."

The "Be a Hugger" program goes hand-in-hand with the purpose of the Out Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. It is to identify parent needs and then develop programs to meet those needs, Murphy said.

"My observation is that the family has become more isolated from the extended family and neighbors," said Murphy. "They have become disconnected and the people are not around that once were readily available."

"We have to start realizing that families need help, that we don't have a microchip that makes us instant parents. Even the whole idea of getting help as a parent is new."

For more information about "Be a Hugger, Not a Slugger," call Sandra Murphy, executive director of the Out Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, at 728-3400.

Change reflects traumatic experience

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene: The slant of my handwriting shifted to the left a little over a year ago. I'm r a t h e r surprised no one questioned the change.

Most everyone I know has handwriting that slants to the right, as "21" years. I'm wondering what you think this may reflect?

Except for signatures, I usually print 100 percent of my writings. I also use contractions, symbols, homonyms and "fudged" words a great deal when writing friends: 4 x-am-ill, eye off-10 rite let-hers dat R moore lyke puss-sills then come-ewe-nick-aye-shun. Sum peep-hole un-deer-stand dis az ez-illy az eye rite it. Udders R. Sym-plea B-fudd-old. y dis moore two pick-toe-grahams den writing. (Proper english writing that is.)

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I'll probably have a new hobby. Many thanks! J.P., Northville

I enjoyed this letter so much I wanted to share it with my readers. I can't help wondering if the writer can recall what was happening to him at the time his handwriting changed from a right slant to a left slant. The research suggests he was probably experiencing something of a traumatic nature at the time.

In graphology, handwriting with a right slant leans toward people emotionally and away from the writer. The left slant pulls back from people and toward the writer. This suggests a cautious nature with regard to being hurt again.

In adult handwriting, a change to back slant indicates hurt or rejection of some type. Youngsters, however, especially girls, sometimes switch the slant of their handwriting as a fast-type thing. Usually, it does not last very long. So I'll leave it to our writer to confirm or deny this research.

For more accuracy, it would also be helpful to know when and why he started to print. The change of slant and switch to printing are both significant changes from the handwriting style he was taught in early life.

Printing often relates to a mechanical or art aptitude. It can also be related to a desire/need to be understood by others.

This man was raised in a home where discipline and traditional values were instilled. His intelligence, creativity and versatility cannot be missed. He was probably a very good student.

Our writer is a good worker, conscientious and demanding of himself. Vitality rides on his firm pressure. He appears to have a preoccupation with details. He leaves little to chance. This overemphasis of the trivial may cause him to make mountains out of molehills at times.

His memory is retentive. It is conveniently useful in saving time and effort in retrieving information.

Outwardly, he appears cool and unflappable. He thinks before he acts and it would not be easy to disturb his self-control. Often he has strong opinions. Once his mind is made up he can be rather steadfast.

Although our writer is emotional, it appears he may be holding back his true feelings, not wanting others to know him intimately. Or he may be having difficulty getting in touch with them.

I would really appreciate hearing some objective feedback from this unique young man.

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His job is as varied as the sports

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Variety is the primary appeal of Tom Willette's job.

"It's something different all the time," said Willette, assistant recreation director for the City of Plymouth. The changing sports seasons mean that his job changes throughout the year, with basketball and coed volleyball the current sports.

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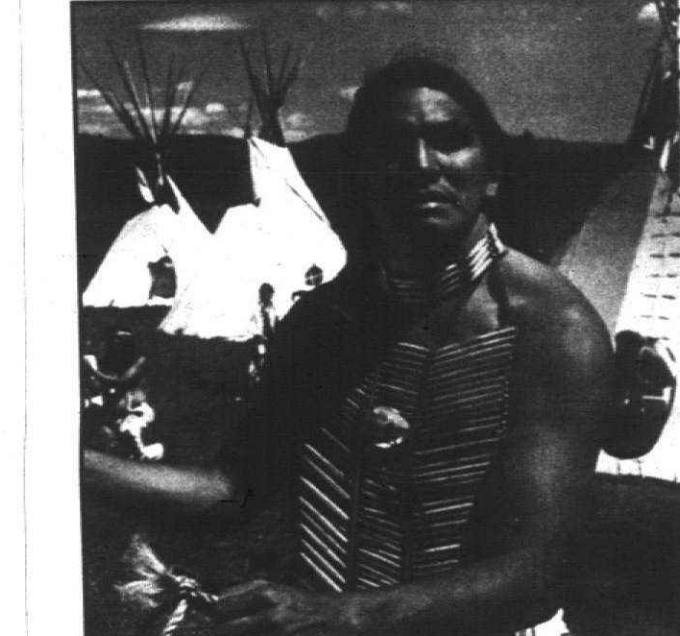
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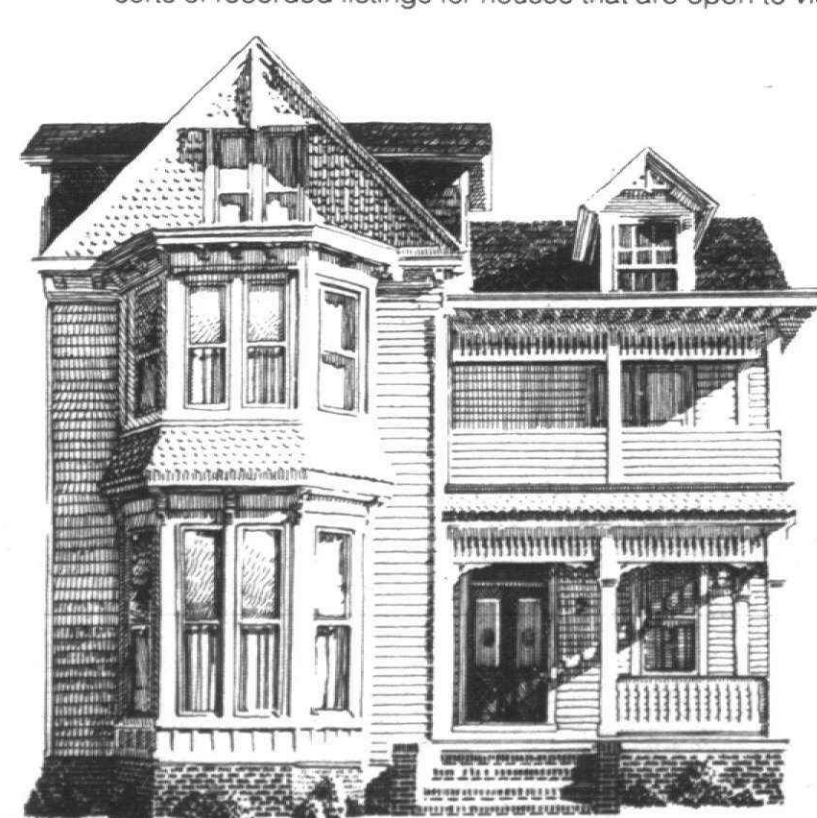


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Christ's message takes on a multi-media look

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Films and plays like "The Last Temptation of Christ" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" stirred controversy among the religious community. But the interactive play "Jesus Was His Name" headed for The Palace of Auburn Hills in May has captured the faith of area religious members.

"My impression was very positive," said Richard Buckenmeyer, pastoral associate of St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Redford. "I really believe that the multi-media presentation has the potential of being very effective in communicating the message of Jesus in renewing one's faith."

The Rev. Kent Hajduk of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Southfield agreed.

"From what we were shown, it's going to be based on the four gospels and it's not going to be like 'Jesus Christ Superstar,'" said Hajduk who along with Buckenmeyer attended a recent presentation at The Palace. "I was very impressed from what we saw and what we were told."

"Jesus Was His Name" combines live theater and 70mm film on an 80-foot screen and a live 58-member cast to tell the story of Jesus, according to the Gospels of the New Testament. Actors on the stage interact with events occurring simultaneously behind them projected on the screen.

It depicts 34 episodes from the Gospels including The Sermon on the Mount, The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, The Court of Herod, John the Baptist in the desert, Gethsemane and the Crucifixion. The words of the script are those of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Buckenmeyer said this way of storytelling will appeal to all religions.

"It's very sensitive to the ecumenical movement; it's one way for us to try to work together as Christians," he said.

"Jesus Was His Name" was conceived and directed by Robert Hossein, the original creator of "Les Miserables" in Paris. The production is underscored by the fervor of Hossein's religious faith and by his determination to use the most advanced and creative technology available. That technology includes the use of a soundtrack instead of live spoken words. Three narrators with atmospheric music will be used instead.

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Performances for "Jesus Was His Name" are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, May 18-20, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, and 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Discounts of \$3 off \$20 and \$15 tickets for groups of 15 or more are available through The Palace Group Sales Department at 377-0100. Children 12 and under and seniors 62 years or older receive \$2.50 off \$20 and \$15 tickets.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the following Thursday's edition.

BAHA'I DISCUSSION
"Beyond Malcolm X: A New Race of Men" will be the topic of a discussion at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the Detroit Baha'i Center, 17215 James Couzens, Detroit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 442-2527 or 861-4125.

CHURCH WOMEN
Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will hold a international student day carry-in casserole luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. Exchange students will be provided by Dan DiComo of the Rotary. Participants should bring a casserole to feed three. For reservations call Joan Patterson at 591-1842 by Tuesday, Feb. 2. Babysitting also will be available.

QUEST SPEAKER
Missionary Becky Lyons, on furlough after 11 years of work in Brussels, Belgium, will be the guest speaker at the Livonia Assembly of God, 33015 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. Lyons works with the International Christian Academy in Brussels. Students come for four continents, representing several different countries and language groups.

ANNIVERSARY
Bethel Baptist Church, 29475 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, will celebrate its 19th anniversary Sunday, Feb. 7. The well-known Templetones Quartet will sing at the 10 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. People attending will receive a 19th anniversary souvenir pen. For more information, call the Rev. H.L. Petty at 525-3664 or 261-9276.

FAMILY MATTERS
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will present a video discussion series, "The Family Matters," 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays during February. The topics will be "Working Parents," Feb. 7, "People with Aging Parents," Feb. 14, "Parents of Teenagers," Feb. 21 and "Single Parents," Feb. 28. The series is free but a \$2 per session donation would be appreciated. St. Andrew's is at 26701 Joy Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call 274-3820.

VOYAGER SINGLES
Voyagers Singles, a group for people 45 years and older, will attend the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Carpooling will be from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Those driving direct should meet at the ticket office at 2 p.m.

The group also will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the church. The guest speaker will be Linda Mlynarek, administrator of the Botsford Continuing Health Care, who will discuss choosing and arranging home health care, long-term care and skilled nursing services. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 591-1350.

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That same evening, St. Paul's will hold its annual Elder's Dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant. All active and inactive elders are invited to attend. Outgoing elders from last year's Session will be

given a special gift of appreciation. For more information, call 422-1470.

SUNDAY SEMINAR
Newburg United Methodist Church will hold its First Sunday Seminar at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Nick Berar will be the facilitator. Single Place also will be offering a growth workshop, "Co-Dependency," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the church. Ed Humenay will be the facilitator.

There is a \$24 donation requested for each of the workshops. To register, call 349-0911.

VALENTINE'S DAY
Several couples at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland will celebrate Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, by renewing their wedding vows during a Congregation Wedding at the 10:30 a.m. service. The special service will be performed by the Rev. Raymond Zipp.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Couples with strong marriages can improve and deepen their relationship through a marriage encounter weekend. World Wide Marriage Encounter will have a marriage encounter weekend Friday through Sunday, Feb. 26-28. For more information, call 349-8195.

A.C.T.I.O.N.
A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministries provides support and practical help for people who are unemployed or changing careers. Meeting are at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Ward Presbyterian Church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. Sessions are sponsored by the Congregational Care Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 422-1826.

SUNDAY MORNING
Single Place Ministries holds a Sunday Morning Gathering 10:45 a.m. Sundays in the library/lounge of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. The gathering is for Christian singles of all denominations as a time of fellowship, sharing and growing. The topic for January and February discussion is "quality friendships." For more information, call 349-0911.

BIBLE STUDY
Those interested in breakfast and informal Bible study can find both at 8 a.m. Saturdays at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville. For more information, call 348-8576.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP
Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesdays of the month. For more information, call 525-3664 or 261-9276.

Question: What does America want from us?

It is a good idea to reaffirm the theme of brotherhood in the period between the celebration of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. It was the dream and hope of both the founder and the preserver of our republic that in this land all men and women should enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty and should regard each other as brothers and sisters.

The ideal of human brotherhood has not yet taken firm hold in the spirits of mankind. Something more is required than merely assigning one week in the year for its observance. What is needed is a deeper understanding of what America asks of us.

I have always been fascinated by bridges and walls. On this theme, they are among the most fruitful and inspiring symbols of human speech and thought.

Prejudice, intolerance, racial and group hatred are tragic walls which people build around themselves. Our age has unfortunately witnessed the erection of many such forbidding walls — walls that divide and separate the peoples of this earth. The poet Robert Frost said it well: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall. Before I build a wall, I'd ask to know what I was walling in or walling out, and to whom I was like to give offense."

The fomenters of group antagonism are still active in the world today. Even in our own country. Wherever there is unhappiness, discontent or unrest, these racial and religious bigots swarm out of their dark holes, creep over the land, and sow the pernicious seeds of suspicion and hate.

Sometimes even good and respectable citizens build walls around themselves, which are effective blocks to mutual understanding and good will.

They build walls of social exclusiveness and snobbery. In the sight of God, there are no first families, no aristocrats, no distinctions of rank — only children of the earth whose brief careers may be made bright by the cultivation of the heart and mind. Who may find a measure of happiness in life by helping one another in goodness and love. This, in the eyes of heaven, is to earn distinction and honor.

Our shared heritage of faith urges men and women to be the builders of bridges rather than of walls. Life abounds in tragic chasms and gulfs which separate us, in deep rivers of sorrow and pain. We must learn to build bridges across them and these are more difficult to build than walls.

There are many other areas where we should be building bridges, among them the problems of the aged, health care, the drug problem and the recession that has wreaked havoc in the lives of so many Americans and has brought them to the brink of frustration, want, need and despair.

When thousands of workers are laid off in our state, words are inadequate to describe the catastrophic impact this has on the lives of their families and the true human cost of the recession. While the new administration and Congress seek solutions for our economic problems, life must go on for those who are concerned about their daily bread and keeping a roof over their heads.

We must be builders of bridges rather than of walls. Charity, compassion, sympathy, magnanimity are such bridges. So is friendship, tolerance and brotherhood. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" is the noblest and most enduring of all bridges ever devised.

Let's catch the next boat. There is no next boat. We would do well to heed the admonition of an ancient sage: "You are not obliged to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

Robbi Irwin Groner is with Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. If you have a question or comment for him, dial 953-2047, mailbox number 1862, on a touch-tone telephone.



Different styles: While Judas asks the Pharisees what he will get for handing over Jesus to them, a 70mm film image of the latter appear on a screen behind the characters in "Jesus Was His Name."

DIA events highlight Black History month

Renowned painter Benny Andrews will lecture on the genesis of his art 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The lecture, "Benny Andrews: An American Painter," is being presented during Black History Month by the Friends of African and African-American Art and the National Conference of Artists/Michigan Chapter. After the talk, Andrews will sign his book, "Between the Lines."

The slide-illustrated lecture will take place at the DIA Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3 for the general public and free to members of the Friends of African and African-American Art and the National Conference of Artists. Seating is limited. For ticket information, call 833-2323.

The presentation is part of the DIA's Sunday at Two series, which focuses on works and artists featured in special exhibitions and the DIA's permanent collection.

Also to commemorate Black History Month, Michael Kan, curator of African, Oceanic and New World Cultures, will give a gallery talk on "Kuba Royal Masking Traditions" Sunday, Feb. 28.

The program is free with museum admission (suggested: adults \$4, children \$1, members free).

The Friends of African and African-American Art will also host a black tie preview of an exhibition of Andrews' collages and drawings 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Sherry Washington Gallery, 1274 Library in Detroit. Tickets are \$50 and are available by calling 833-0247.

Salt is vital staple in nature's diet



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

As we examine our daily diets and the types of food eat, studies suggest we need to limit our intake of salt. Salt cannot be eliminated from the diet because it is broken down into sodium and chloride which are used in many bodily functions. Each time a nerve sends a message in your body, sodium is used during that electrical transmission.

Because salt is so basic to all living things, many of the animals we see also use salt. While driving along I-75 recently, I noticed two fox squirrels along the shoulder of the road. In most cases they would have run away

from the shoulder because of the danger posed by the cars. These squirrels, however, just sat there and ate. They looked nervous because of their vulnerable location, but they needed the salt used to keep our roads cleared of snow more than they needed to leave.

Animals that eat only plant material - herbivores - need to supplement their diet with salt. They do not get salt in the concentrations that they need from just plants. Carnivores, or animals that eat other animals, get a sufficient supply of salt from their prey.

Many people are familiar with farmers providing their cattle with a mineral, or salt lick. Some people that enjoy watching deer will put a salt lick out to attract them. If these animals are not getting enough salt in their diet they will sup-

plement it by feeding at a concentrated source.

A handful of small songbirds also have a curious appetite for salt. Crossbills and siskens can be seen a long the roadside pecking salt. Scientists have even baited a trap with pure salt and were successful in capturing these birds.

Migratory birds that spend much of their time near the water have another situation regarding salt. Instead of not enough, they have too much. Water birds like cormorants, ducks, swans, pelicans and shorebirds that breed in freshwater areas, winter in saltwater areas along the oceans.

Though waterbirds ingest saltwater regularly, they do not die from its high concentration. There is a gland in the skull between their eye and bill which secretes the excess salt from

their blood. A highly concentrated solution of salt is then excreted from the nostrils.

This filtering system maintains the proper level of salt in their blood even after drinking the concentrated ocean salt water.

Something as common as salt, that we often take for granted, is necessary for all forms of life. If an animal does not have enough of it then it must seek it out the best way it can. Antlers shed by deer are rarely found in the forest, despite the thousands of deer in the state, because the multitude of rodents, like mice, need to eat them for the minerals they provide.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

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BOB SKLAR

Project's mission: to promote the arts

The arts help make a community whole. Recognizing that, Supervisor Tom Yack is moving quickly to appoint Canton's first arts council, dubbed Project Arts. It'll fill a void created by dissolution of the Canton Community Foundation's arts council in 1991.

Canton is one of southeast Michigan's fastest-growing townships. But the rise in community volunteerism hasn't kept pace with the crush of development over the past two decades.

"Unlike in more-established communities like Plymouth, Livonia and Ann Arbor, we don't yet have a volunteer infrastructure of community-based organizations in place providing the extras that make a community a community," Yack said.

He sees township government stimulating volunteer initiatives like arts programming, then "backing away and letting the people involved advance their opportunities. We've made a commitment to do that."

As a signal of that commitment, township trustees budgeted \$5,000 "to begin the process of creating a group to initiate and encourage cultural activities in Canton," Yack said.

"That may not be a lot of money but it does show a level of interest and commitment among every township board member," he added. "It demonstrates each one in their own way is dedicated to the arts."

Yack soon plans to solicit residents with a background in or appreciation of the arts to serve on Project Arts.

Kim Scherschligt, Canton resource development director, is drafting a set of bylaws so the volunteer board can plunge right into its first charge: planning cultural events to supplement recreational programs at the new outdoor amphitheater in Heritage Park.

Community center in works

The board also will begin developing arts-oriented programs for a future community center near the amphitheater. The \$13-million multipurpose center will offer banquet, meeting, exercise, senior citizen, dance, leisure, and arts and crafts facilities. It's on course to open in 1995.

"I must admit I wanted an arts group in place well in advance of having this new cultural resource so it could assist in planning and programming arts activities," Yack said. "There's a number of objectives we'd like to accomplish other than typical recreation and banquet goals."

For example, Project Arts might decide that a dinner theater, fine art gallery, art rental gallery or hall of fame should be integrated into the center's design plans. Or it might assist in expanding the fledgling Canton Liberty Fest Fine Art Festival, develop joint programming with the Plymouth Community Arts Council or lay the groundwork for a poet, artist or philosopher in residence.

"It'll take a while for a group like this to understand its role and develop itself to take on the kinds of responsibilities, from a programming standpoint, that we'd like it to assume," Yack said.

"Besides," he added, "the more people we involve in arts programming, the more people will get excited. And that's a plus for everybody."

Foundation earns plaudits

Yack had high praise for the Canton Community Foundation's arts council, which operated from 1989 to 1991. "It made a valiant attempt to stimulate interest in Canton toward the arts. In fact, it sponsored the first commission of a piece of art work in Canton in a long, long time."

"We support the supervisor's efforts completely," said Foundation executive director Bill Joyner.

The arts council was perhaps best known within the arts world for commissioning nationally renowned Canton sculptor Joe DeLauro to create "The Storyteller" for the Canton Public Library. The 26-inch-high sculpture is dedicated to the spirit and vision of Native Americans.

In 1990-91, the Foundation ticketed \$10,000 for the arts. That year included an exhibition of DeLauro's work as well as the unveiling of "The Storyteller."

That same year, the arts council sent 300 elementary students to a University of Michigan touring opera production, hosted a 50-piece art show for 30 artists at township hall, sponsored a play-a-thon so two Canton piano teachers could showcase their students' skills and helped Canton songwriter Larry Kneeshaw promote his tribute to Desert Storm, "Desert Strength."

It also donated \$600 to the Plymouth Community Arts Council for a series of color postcards of Canton scenes by Canton photographer Sondra Farmer. The cards typically are used to promote activities in Canton.

As Joyner aptly put it: "The arts transcend generations. They should play an integral role in everyone's life. Appreciation of the arts defines quality of life. A society that turns its back on the arts turns its back on itself."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects. To leave a message, call 953-2113.



Feelings: "I want them to feel, not just see," Lena Massara says about viewers of her artwork. Her one-woman show in the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery spotlights her paintings, pastels, mixed media, collage and assemblage.

She strives to stir emotion via art

■ Lena Massara's artistic integrity and energy shines like a new diamond in a one-woman show of paintings and mixed media in the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



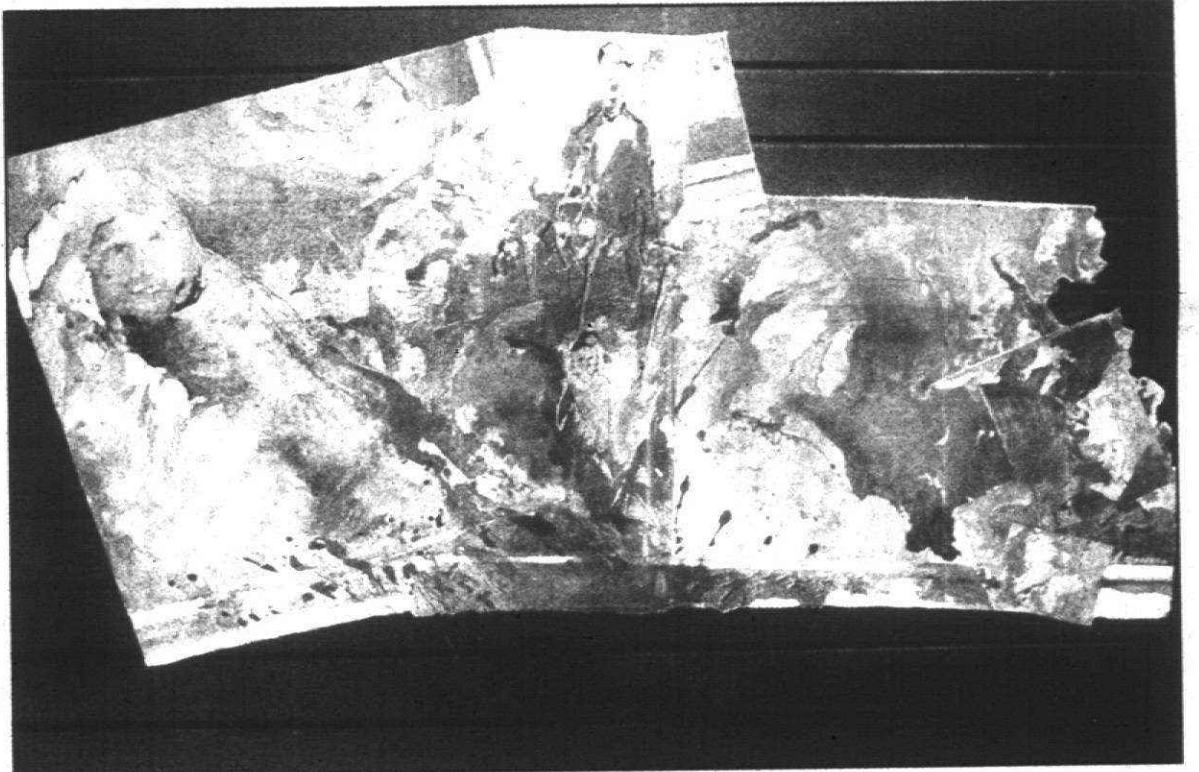
Violet rivers of sand kindle the imagination, leading the viewer up the path and into the emotion-filled painting by Farmington Hills artist Lena Massara.

Livonia Arts Commission presents the Wyeth-like landscape, "From the Top," plus 29 more acrylic paintings, pastels, mixed media, collage and assemblage, in a one-person exhibition to Feb. 20 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery.

Massara will give a gallery talk and tour, answering questions about the materials and techniques she uses in her work, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the library's second-floor gallery.

Created in the tradition of representational abstraction, although non-objective abstracts also

See MASSARA, 3D



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Beginnings: Using an abstractly built canvas her husband Greg created, Lena Massara, in this darkly colored expressionistic painting, speaks of the plight wrought on Native Americans.

Romance writer to sign copies of new book

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Silver and Sapphires," Shelly Thacker's third romance novel, will appear on bookshelves, appropriately, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Fans of the Redford Township author will not be surprised to learn that the trade journal, Romantic Times, has already given the novel February's coveted KISS award.

The sweeping tale, published by Avon, moves along at a blazing pace, taking readers from a Maharajah's

glittering palace, to a ship on the high seas, to a desert island, to the silken drawing rooms of 18th-century London.



Shelly Thacker

sort of a grown-up version of

"Aladdin," says Thacker, who recommends "Silver and Sapphires" especially for readers "who would love a romantic getaway to a tropical island but can't afford the plane fare."

During February, you can meet Thacker at the following locations, where she'll be signing copies of the new novel:

■ Friday, Feb. 12, 6-8 p.m. — B. Dalton, Livonia Mall.

■ Saturday, Feb. 13, 2-4 p.m. — B.

Dalton, Westland Mall; 6-8 p.m., B. Dalton, Wonderland Mall, Livonia.

■ Sunday, Feb. 21, 1-4 p.m., Sweet Afton Tea Room, Plymouth (For ticket information on this event, call 454-0777).

■ Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6-8:30 p.m., Livonia Civic Center Library (Sponsored by the Greater Detroit Romance Writers of America, this event will include many other area romance writers.)

Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. For details and reviews of musical performances, please turn to the Entertainment section.

■ SILVER SCREEN SUCCESS

Livonia fine artist and sculptor David Messing was elated to see much of his scenic art in the Danny DeVito flick, "Hoffa," starring Jack Nicholson as the fiery Detroit labor leader.

"I was surprised how much stuff I worked on was in the movie," said Messing, who teamed up with Aaron Dytyniak of Wayne about a year and a half ago to pursue a new career in scenic art.

Much of what they did in "Hoffa" involved making objects look older so they reflect a desired time period.

Art Beat

Messing headed a crew of artists that helped create two key sets: the U.S. Senate chamber in the Detroit Public Library and the Hoffa residence in Indian village, both 1930s vintage. Their scenic art also provided the backdrop for the produce terminal shown in the movie.

"Fortunately, the sets we did looked great. I was real proud of them."

"They didn't zero in on what I did, of course, but it was fun to see our designs just the same. A lot of film winds up on the cutting room floor."

As for what he thought of the movie, Messing, who operates Art Store and More in Livonia,

said, "I loved it, although some of the language was kind of rough."

■ ARTISTIC WOMEN

The third exhibit of Wayne County-based "Women of Artistry" runs through Feb. 28 in the showcases on the first floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road.

Artists Susan Argiroff of Livonia, Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of Plymouth, Julie Giordano of Northville, Carol Lynn McCreedy of Westland and Norma McQueen of Garden City are taking part. They're showcasing watercolors, acrylics, oils, charcoals and marbling 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Dillenbeck, who operates D&M Art Gallery in Plymouth, founded the group in 1991 to spotlight investment-quality artwork by local women artists.

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CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Continuing—Livonia Arts Commission presents a one-woman show by mixed media artist Lena Massara of Farmington Hills through Feb. 20 in the Art Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Massara will conduct a gallery talk and tour, answering questions about materials and techniques she uses in her work 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the second-floor gallery. The 30-piece exhibition consists of acrylic, watercolor, pastel, collage, assemblage and mixed media artwork. In 1990, she was honored with the Farmington Arts Commission's artist-in-residence award. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Farmington Road and Five Mile.

The third exhibit of "Women of Artistry" runs through Feb. 28 on the first floor of the library. Observer artists Susan Agrof, Sharon Lee, Lenbeck, Julie Giordano, Carol Lynn McCreedy and Norma McQueen are showcasing watercolors, acrylics, oils, charcoal and marbling.

LIVONIA CITY HALL
Continuing—A one-man show by Royal Oak artist Greg Aylesworth hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission continues through Feb. 26 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall. An instructor in the graphic design department at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit since 1988, Aylesworth works in pastel, watercolor and oil. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Farmington Road and Five Mile.

WORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY
Continuing—"Imagined Alternatives: War or Peace?" Michigan and Ontario artists, including Connie Lucas of Canton. Sculptures in wood, stone, metal, oils and watercolors, sketches, calligraphy, photography and montages. To March 11. 33 E. Adams, on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Continuing—Royal Oak printmaker Douglas Semian takes part in a group exhibition along with the likes of Louise Nevelson, Jim Dine, David Salle, Bruce Houston, Douglas Bulka, Peter Lodato and Steven Sorman through Feb. 28. The show officially opens 5:30-8:30 p.m. as part of First Thursday festivities, Feb. 4. First Thursday is the effort of 10 downtown Birmingham galleries striving to accommodate art lovers by coordinating openings, lectures and extended gallery hours on the First Thursday of the month. Semian, an assistant professor of art at Madonna University in Livonia, received his M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills in 1973. His work can be found in the collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Brooklyn Museum, Toledo Museum of Art and Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday except for First Thursday till 8:30 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. 538 North Woodward, Birmingham.

ATRIUM GALLERY
Continuing—Jeanne Ozment of

Farmington exhibits 18 new realistic and abstract watercolor, acrylic, collage, and mixed media artworks through Feb. 28 at the gallery. Her style contains a misty quality that gives the viewer the feeling of constant discovery. Paintings by Northville artist Charles Aime are also featured through the end of February. His 36-by-48-inch acrylics on canvas offer an exciting representation of the prehistoric drawings from the Lascaux caves. Aime is an instructor at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. 109 N. Center at Main, Northville.

TIMARRA GALLERY
Continuing—Vibrant, spirit-brightening watercolors by artist/architect Louis G. Redstone continue on display as part of a two-person exhibition with pastels by Joan Rosenblum. Born in Grodno, Russia, in 1903, Redstone is founder and director of the architectural firm Louis G. Redstone, Inc. now celebrating its 56th anniversary. The author of five books, including Art in Architecture, championed the cause of incorporating art into a building's design. Redstone received his master in urban design degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday and Monday-Wednesday by appointment. 111 N. 1st Street, Ann Arbor.

O.K. HARRIS/DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Thursday, Feb. 4—A new laser-cut steel sculpture by famous pop artist Tom Wesselmann, including nudes, still lifes and landscapes, will be displayed through Feb. 27. Opening reception 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 433-3700.

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
Thursday, Feb. 4—A retrospective exhibition by Ken Graning, showing 25 years of advertising and editorial illustration, plus personal paintings and graphics, continues to Feb. 19 in the gallery in the School of Architecture and Design. Reception 8:30-10 p.m. Thursday. Graning now works at his studio in Bloomfield Hills. He has produced commercial art work for a broad range of nationally known clients, including CBS Fox Video, Ford Motor Co. and GM. His editorial work has appeared in major magazines like Playboy and Discover. He has taught illustration at the Center for Creative Studies for more than 14 years. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Thursday, Feb. 4—"Alice in Wonderland," an exhibition of original art, prints, lithographs and sculpture by the Lewis Carroll books. Opening 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Featured will be the art work of Michael Hague, Jane Breskin Zalben, Helen Kunic, S. Michelle Wiggins, F. Morgan and others. The sculpture of "Alice in Wonderland" characters are by Anita Flord. During February, the gallery hosts a special exhibit of original illustrations and sculpture inspired by Carroll's "Alice" in conjunction with the world premiere concert performance of "Wonderglass," a new opera by Susan Botti being presented by the American Artists Series 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in the Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N.

Woodward, Birmingham, 647-7040.

UM-DEARBORN
Friday, Feb. 5—"Diversity and Style: African American Artists," an art exhibition of original paintings and sculpture presented by the University of Michigan-Dearborn Fine Art Associates in the Meridian Library. A free opening reception will run 7:30-10 p.m. African American artist Ed Clark, who gained prominence in New York and Paris in the 1960s, will be guest speaker. The exhibition of works, featuring nine artists, is on loan from the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery in Birmingham. It runs to March 7. On Evergreen, south of Ford Road, Dearborn.

SISSON GALLERY
To Feb. 5—"Ideas and Material," a ceramic exhibition probing the impact of the material on the idea behind the artwork. In MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

THE SCARAB CLUB
To Feb. 6—"The annual printmaking and works on paper exhibition," "Saundra Wood-Celebration '93" is exhibited in the Lounge Gallery. Weed, a writer, lecturer and instructor at Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College and Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, presents mixed-media paintings and works on paper celebrating the joy of creativity and the sharing of friendships. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Farmington, adjacent to the Detroit Institute of Arts, 831-1250.

THE SYBARIS GALLERY
To Feb. 6—"Living Treasures, a special tribute to 12 artists who represent the finest group of craftsmen working in their respective media. They are senior members of the craft community who began working more than 40 years ago and continue to express their esthetic vision today. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, 544-3388.

FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY
Saturday, Feb. 6—"Paintings by Bebe Lee will be featured in his first one-man show in Michigan through March 13. He paints on wood using oil paint, plaster, graphite and tape. His works have been referred to as lyrical whispers. Born in Hong Kong, he lives in New York City. The gallery is at 796 N. Woodward in Birmingham.

KOCHIPILLI GALLERY
To Feb. 6—Realistic paintings by Don Jacot. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-1905.

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To Feb. 6—An eclectic exhibition of fine antiquities. The objects are of varied media and many different cultures, including Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Near Eastern and pre-Columbian. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 540-1600.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Saturday, Feb. 6—"Games," an installation by Emily Brock, and the architectonic glass sculpture of Cissy McCaa will be exhibited through Feb. 27. Opening reception to meet the artists 8 p.m. Saturday. Brock's installation is a new direction in her sculptured environmental studies. The gallery is in the Triatri Building at 32255 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Call 851-9090.

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Massara from page 1D

are presented here, Massara dazzles the viewer with her artistic integrity and energy.

"I hope they get the feeling I try to convey—the motion, space, wind. I want them to feel, not just see," Massara said in an interview at the gallery. "It's just the usage of a technique. I want feelings."

Fascinated by texture, Massara works in layers to build color and surface on an unpainted canvas. A rickety fence rambles through the old tree in "Dunes Edge." The acrylic diptych, with its windswept and wayward look, sends a chill up the spine.

"I work in layers. I felt that was the only way I could get that wild look on the dunes," Massara said. "It's push, pull, the light, the dark, the warm, the cool."

Artist Audrey DiMarco of West Bloomfield helped Massara hang the show.

"I think what identifies Lena's paintings is the dark background and pulling all this out in light," DiMarco said, pointing to the branches in the recent pastel, "Dusk's Glow."

All through the wide range of media here, Massara's palette shines in shades of violet, blue, and rose.

"I think I have favorite colors I relate to. I reach in for the same color combinations—the pastels—over and over," Massara said.

Growth lies at the heart of Massara's art. She renders her latest work in pastels on experimental surfaces. Like most of Massara's art, three pastel landscapes on sandboard mix a variety of media

over a base of watercolor. "I want to see how far I can expand. I'm also using the dry pigment. I find that using dry pigment gives them added intensity, gives it that added depth," the versatile artist said. "I'm still into the acrylic on paper, though."

"Floating Away," an acrylic on watercolor paper, lifts the viewer up, and away, Massara's spatial organization is key to achieving the floating effect.

"They had the dinghies lined up and I wanted to break them up, give them their own environment," she said.

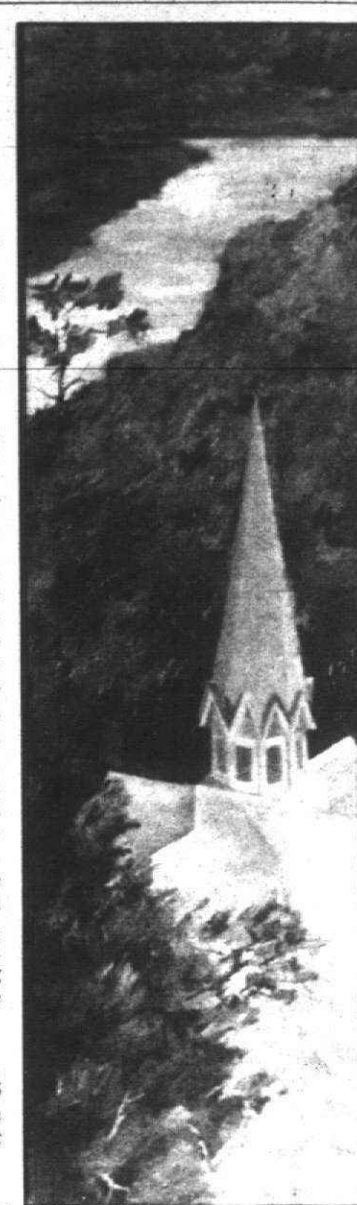
Assemblage in the show uses found objects retrieved from computer boards and jet airplanes.

Massara has been painting for more than 25 years, 16 of them seriously.

In 1990, the Farmington Area Arts Commission honored her with their artist-in-residence award. She has exhibited her work at Lawrence Street Gallery in Pontiac, Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, Scarab DiMarco said, pointing to the Club in Detroit, Edge Joppich's Bay Street Gallery in Northport, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and at the Bald Head Island Invitational in North Carolina.

"I'm very impressed with the quality of the work," said Livonia arts commissioner Jack Olds. "It's a very versatile exhibit. I think the public will enjoy seeing the many different faces of the artist."

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library is at Farmington Road and Five Mile.



Awe-inspiring: A pointed steeple leads the eye into the subtle painting of a church overlooking a bluff.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Three decades of photographs focusing on "Rock and Roll Superstars As Seen Through The Camera of Frank Pettis" were exhibited during the Michigan Music Lovers Expo at the Ferndale Community Center in mid-December.

The one-day exhibition by the Redford Township photographer included more than 50 color images

Capturing the fancy of unsung terrier heroes



BOOK BREAK
VICTORIA DIAZ

in the style of Chuck Berry. Obviously a Scotch terrier ahead of his time, nobody appreciated his music in those backward days.

Or maybe you remember the infamous canine Bo Jangles (also known as "The Dog") who died of crime quickly spun out of control and, in 1981, he grew a little too smart for his own good and signed his own death warrant.

If none of this rings a bell, you may want to check out a "A Scot Gallery Eccentric" by Tom Roy, 1978, his life of crime quickly spun out of control and, in 1981, he grew a little too smart for his own good and signed his own death warrant.

Roy, who also draws the zany, single-frame comic, "The Pitts," for the Detroit Free Press, can't quite say why he chose to put together this odd little history featuring Scotch terriers and their mythical realm. No, he's never owned a "Scottie," and he's only just "a smidgen Scotch" himself. About the closest he can come to

any explanation for what he calls "The Dogs" is that he always has had a soft spot in his heart "for all things British."

But "A Scot Gallery Eccentric" is not really something you explain, anyway. It's something you experience.

A Detroit-area native, Roy attended the Center for Creative Studies after graduation from Redford Union High School in the late '60s. Following a stint as a freelance illustrator, he owned his own television graphics company for awhile, returned to free-lancing, and now, in addition to his off-hours "cartooning," works at a TV graphics firm in Southfield.

"The Pitts" debuted in the Free Press last March. It was an outgrowth of numerous sketchbooks he had put together over the years in his at-home basement studio in Lathrup Village.

"Gallery" was also conceived via the sketchbooks. "I had 10 or 11 sketchbooks that contained all these tiny, short stories, along with the sketches," says Roy.

When Bill Haney, publisher at Momentum, got a look at the books, he quickly expressed special interest in publishing "The Dogs." After some reworking of the already existing pen-and-ink sketches, plus an addition of two or three new canine characters, "A Scot Gallery Eccentric" was born.

A few of Roy's terrific terriers and their stories were inspired by "real people," he admits. Most notable of these is probably Fergus McThomson, born in 1945 and still very much alive. An ardent jazz fan "born in a rock 'n' roll world," he wrote "the definitive fiction that drove the final

nailed in the coffin of popular cultural trends."

He is modeled on Roy's editor, Tom Ferguson.

In the future, we may see other shaggy dog story-pictures from Tom Roy. Or we might see a series on Sherlock Holmes and a comically glib Watson instead. Or the misadventures of a hapless farmer and his strange herd of radioactive cattle. Or something called "Some of My Best Friends Are French."

For now, though, we can smile at the definitely eccentric "Gallery." Some of the advance publicity for these dogs' tales called them "a breed apart."

Michigan historian William Anderson will autograph copies and read from his most recent work, "Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography" at Borders Book Shop in Novi at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The program is especially for children 4-9. It will include African musical instruments, dance, and African storytelling techniques. Register in person or call 347-0780.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia tracks the books and literary industry. You can leave a message for her on a touch-tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

Photographer chronicles 3 decades of rock

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Three decades of photographs focusing on "Rock and Roll Superstars As Seen Through The Camera of Frank Pettis" were exhibited during the Michigan Music Lovers Expo at the Ferndale Community Center in mid-December.

The one-day exhibition by the Redford Township photographer included more than 50 color images

of the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, The Who, Tina Turner, Chuck Berry, Faces with Rod Stewart, David Bowie, Bob Seger, Grand Funk, Alice Cooper and the Amboy Dukes with Ted Nugent.

There is also a special display of 16 photos featuring Kiss in Pettis' first one-man show. In 1970, he was staff photographer for the Eastown and later did promotional photographs for Capitol Records. In the 1980s, he produced the local cable music show, "Music Monitor," spotlighting local bands live in the studio. Duran Duran and the Straycats were just two of many featured performers.

Pettis is an award-winning photographer who won Best of Show, first place and the People's Choice Award for a three-dimensional image that captured the work of nationally known Detroit

artist Tyree Guyton. Assembled with found objects, Guyton's "Heidelberg Project" turned an eastside Detroit neighborhood into a work of art. Always looking for a creative edge in his photographs, Pettis found a winner in Heidelberg.

For more information on purchasing the 16-by-20-inch rock and roll color prints on Kodak paper, write Pettis at P.O. Box 40295, Redford, 48240.

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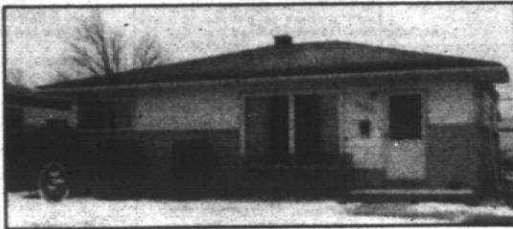
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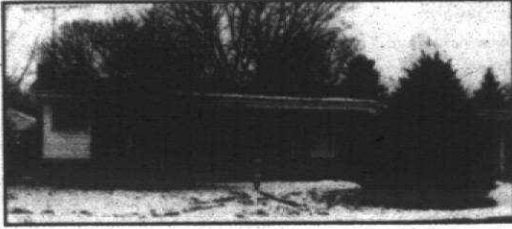
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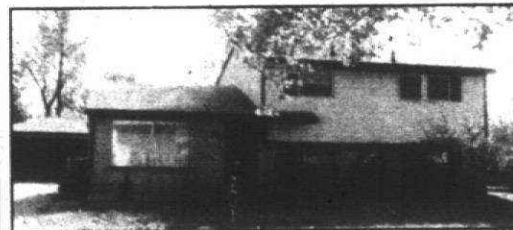
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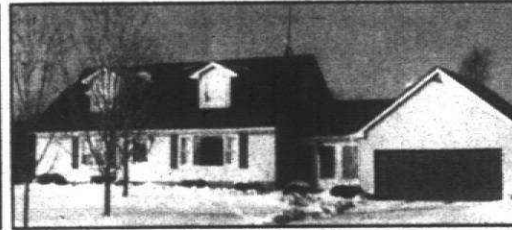
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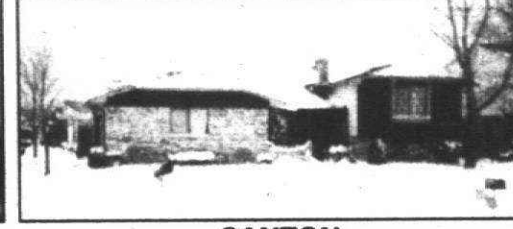
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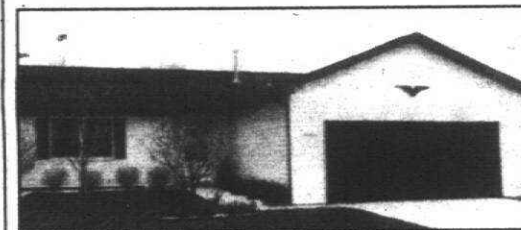
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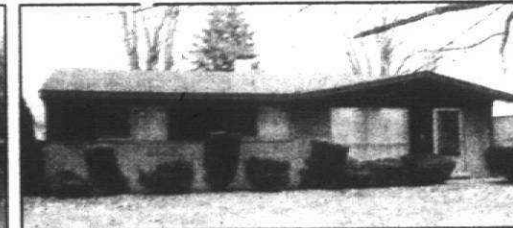
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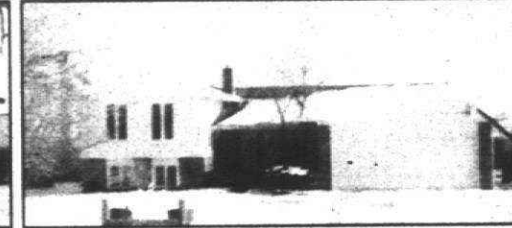
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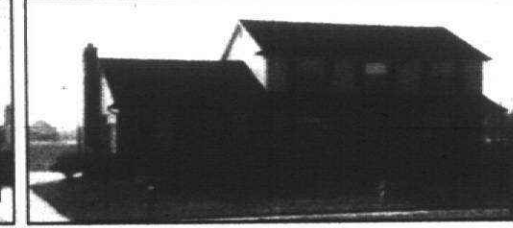
GREAT CORNER LOT. This 3 bedroom Ranch boasts of a spacious living room, country kitchen, remodeled bath, three bedrooms, 2 full baths, master suite, 1st floor laundry, huge decking, 24x22 attached garage. \$72,900 326-2000

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**

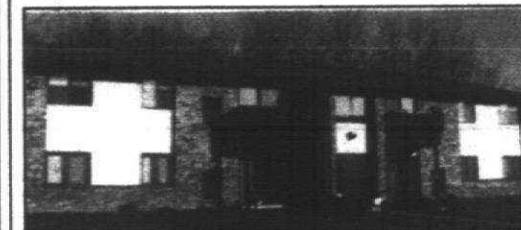
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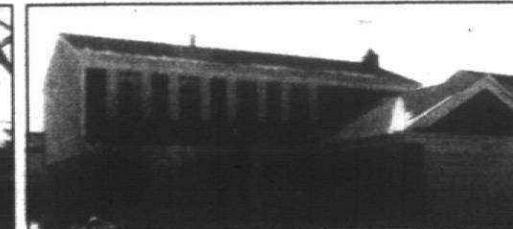
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Contractor president

Tom Huff has been elected president of the greater Detroit chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, based in Southfield. Huff is vice president of operations, central U.S. division, of Perini Building Co. He has worked 30 years in the construction business.



Huff

The local chapter of AGC was founded in 1916. Educational programs, labor relations services and government affairs programs are some of its services.

VP at Campbell/Manix

William M. Oakley Jr. of Livonia was promoted to vice president of Campbell/Manix, where he had been chief estimator.



Oakley

Oakley will be responsible for corporate managerial responsibilities and will oversee all estimating activities including a utilization of a computerized estimating program for bids and proposals.

Campbell/Manix is a design/build contracting firm of industrial/commercial buildings.

Masonry officers

Roy Seelbinder has been re-elected chairman of the Masonry Institute of Michigan, based in Livonia. He is president of R.A. Seelbinder Construction Co., Troy.

Also re-elected were: vice-chairman Mariano "Skip" DiGiovanni, president of Central Masonry & Cement, Rochester Hills; secretary John Robovitsky, president of Robovitsky Construction, Southfield; and treasurer Charles Wilson, vice president of Monte Costella Co., Novi.

Energy efficient homes

Builder Gary Sabo will conduct a presentation on building affordable energy efficient homes from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus.

Sponsored by OCC's Environmental Systems Technology Program, and ENACT, an environmental student association, the program will cover designing, building and financing super-insulated houses. Topics include energy efficient construction techniques, 0 percent down payment options, air quality control, affordable solar energy applications and owner/builder opportunities.

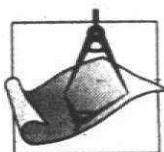
Sabo is president of Future Homes and Parade of Homes-Oakland County. He is past president of the Home Builders Association of Genesee County. He is a four-time recipient of the national "Design for Better Living" award from the American Wood Council.

For more information, call 340-6701. The campus is located at 2900 Featherstone, two miles east of the Pontiac Silverdome.



Additional pride: This historic Birmingham house was made more livable by the addition of a kitchen and laundry room on the east end of the house. The other addition was added to the back of the house and includes the master bedroom. The sloping grade allowed for a garage beneath the addition.

Integrity preserved in more livable homes



During lackluster economic times, builders often turn their attention away from new construction and toward remodeling. But the secret of successful remodeling is to leave the house looking much as it did before the contractor arrived at the site.

BY DALE NORTHP
SPECIAL WRITER

When there's a slump in the economy, one of the industries to feel the pinch is new construction. The excess of the 1980s and the savings and loan fiasco helped to bring it about. As a result there's a glut of office buildings with resultant high vacancy rates. Prospective tenants can now choose

from a wide range of office space available for rock-bottom rents. New housing construction is struggling thanks to uncertain employment, weak income gains and falling consumer confidence.

As new construction becomes more costly, prospective buyers are considering other alternatives. They are looking at more affordable, older

houses in established neighborhoods that have the amenities of in-town living.

The two million-plus houses started each year of the 1970s are now 20 years old and ready for a facelift. Add to this the houses built in previous decades. Some of these houses have the added problem of small rooms that satisfied an earlier lifestyle. Today's domestic dweller has a penchant for space that can be satisfied by building additions on to older houses.

More livable

Two houses in Birmingham are a

visual testament to the feasibility of making an older house more livable with additions. What is particularly unique about these two houses is that they represent two centuries — one of the late 19th, the other the middle of the 20th.

One is in downtown Birmingham. It is a simple, frame structure with gable ends built in 1898. The other is a Georgian-style colonial in Bloomfield Village built in the 1960s. Both have new additions that complement the original structure. Thanks to the care in maintaining the integrity of

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Computer-programmed system automates appliances in home

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Smart House, which uses special wiring to automate household appliances and fixtures, has been hailed as technology of the future.

Intelli/Systems, a fledgling Plymouth firm, provides many of the same services today with computer-programmed system controllers that communicate with adaptive "intelligent" switches over traditional 110 and 220 amp electrical lines.

And all at a much lower price than Smart House, say Larry Oliver and Nancy Austin, a husband-wife team that owns Intelli/Systems.

"We're not changing house wiring. We're adding functionality," he said. "We're putting a high frequency on house wire and switches that can decode and understand."

Oliver, a development engineer at Unisys, is in charge of the technical end of Intelli/Systems, a business sideline for now.

Austin, a former real estate saleswoman, is in charge of marketing and public relations.

"Nobody has to have the house rewired," she said. "That's the good thing about it. You can retrofit new or old."

"We hope to be automating a builder's model," Austin added. "The builder will benefit by making a model more attractive and you (customer) will benefit because there will be a keener interest in how it works."

Controllers programmed to specific automated functions are plugged into electric outlets to bring the system on-line. Controllers can be activated by remote control, telephone lines or "intelligent" electrical switches.

Oliver and Austin have spent up-



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Command agents: Larry Oliver and Nancy Austin, owners of Intelli/Systems, display small controllers which are programmed by a personal computer to automate home appliances and fixtures.

wards of \$5,000 to automate their house for demonstration purposes. That includes controllers, transceivers, switches and remote controls.

Their system can program a furnace thermostat attachment, dishwasher, home entertainment equipment and all lights to kick on and off at specific times. Appliances like vacuum cleaners and hair dryers can be programmed to shut off when the phone or doorbell rings.

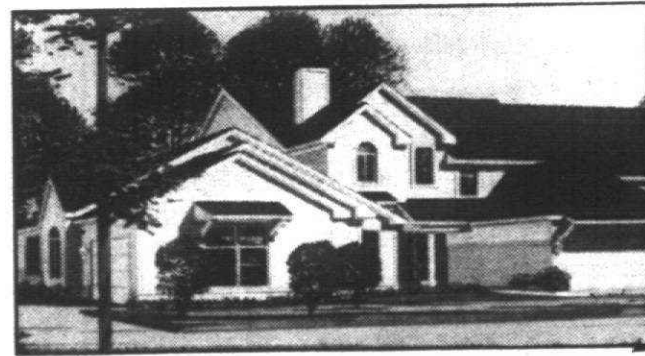
"When guests leave, I push one button and light the front porch, the back porch and light their way through the living room," Austin said. "It's programmed so in five minutes, the outdoor lights go off by themselves."

"I have a button at my bedside that can turn on every light in the house," she said of a security feature.

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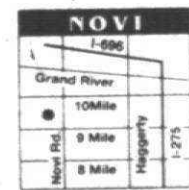
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Additions from page 1F

The owners were spared the comments, "I see you've put a new addition on your house," which immediately says that the addition doesn't fit.

The owners of the Birmingham house fell in love with its domestic charm and simplicity, but they needed more room. They enlisted Birmingham architect Victor Saroki to design an addition that almost doubled the living space. The house has an east-west orientation with additions added to each end. A flat roof, one-story addition containing a kitchen and laundry room was put on the east end of the house. This low-profile approach made the addition compatible with the neighborhood.

The west side of the house has a gable end that overlooks a natural sloping site. The other addition was added to the back of the house and repeats the same gable motif as the original without obstructing it. This addition includes the master bedroom. The sloping grade allowed for a garage beneath the addition, which can be entered on the side.

Compatibility

Because the house is designated as a historic structure, great care was taken to make the additions compatible. Particular attention was given to the decorative wood brackets in the gable of the primary structure that was duplicated for the gable of the west side addition. These additions can be viewed as kindred spirits on the outside that provide all the modern amenities on the inside.

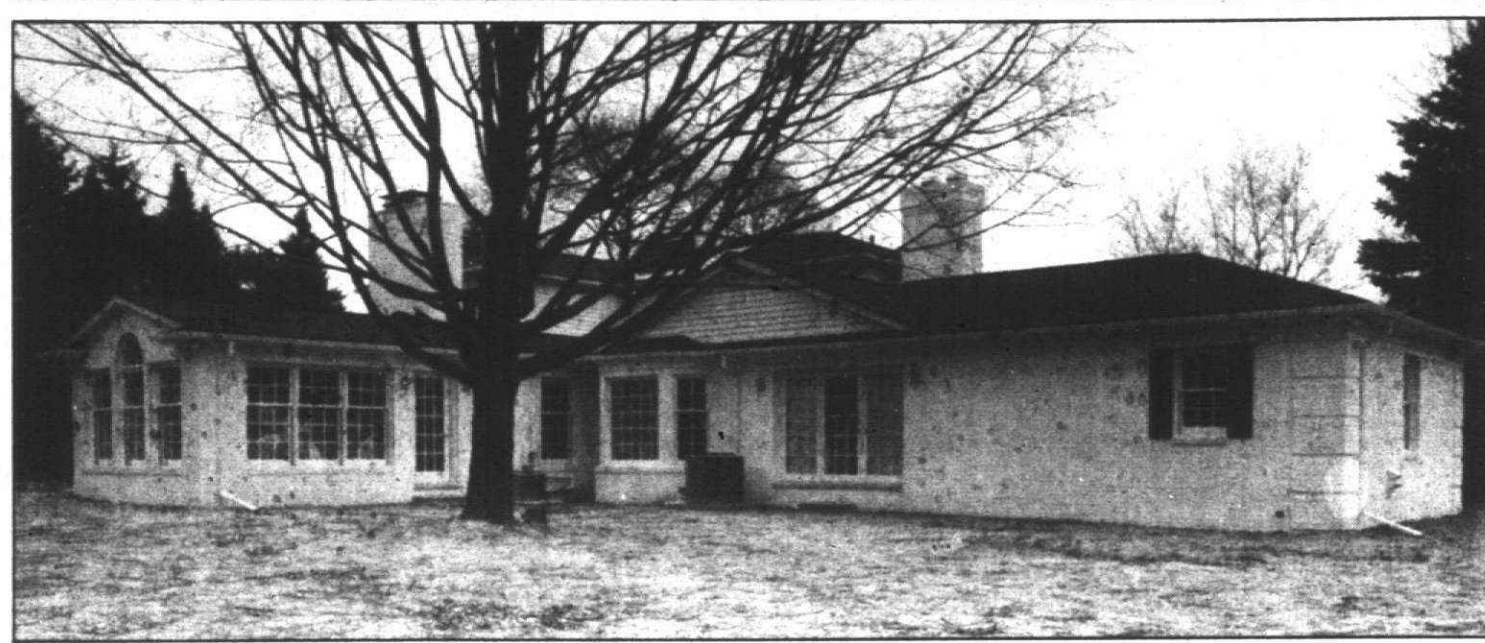
The Bloomfield Village house is a gracious two-story brick Georgian-style colonial. It presented a problem to the new owners who needed additional space.

The matter was resolved by adding 1,100 square feet to the original 3,100. While expanding the space on the interior, the exterior of the house has an added profile. The additions were built by Herbert Conlan, a custom home builder, and designed by Gerald Carter of Custom Home Designs. Here the builder has dovetailed new construction that successfully makes it a visual extension of the original structure.

This house has a north-south axis with the central entrance facing east. The additions were placed on the south and west sides of the house. As with some older houses, the bedrooms were too small. A four-foot brick wall extension was placed on the south end of the second floor to expand the bedroom there.

Brick quoins, which is a corner detail, is repeated in the addition, making it compatible with the original detail on the house. A master bedroom was added to the south end of the house, which also repeats the brick quoins on the exterior corners. The shallow hip roof over the master bedroom visually extends the roof of the living room when viewed from the east.

A conservatory, with windows on three sides, was added to a family room on the west side, or back, of the house. The windows open out onto the yard, taking advantage of the view and western exposure. The gable end of the conservatory repeats the gable over the den with an added bay window, and part of the original bedroom or enlarged master. When viewed from the west side, it's almost impossible to tell where the original house ends and the two added wings begin.



Living space boosted: This Bloomfield Village house, a two-story brick Georgian-style colonial, received an addition of 1,100 square feet to the original 3,100. The central entrance faces east (top). The additions were placed on the south and west sides of the house (bottom). A four-foot brick wall extension was placed on the south end of the second floor to expand the bedroom there. A master bedroom was added to the south end of the house, and a conservatory, with windows on three sides, was added to a family room on the west side, or back, of the house.

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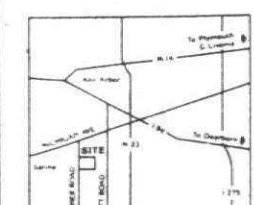
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(AP) — Garbage truck or lawn mower, a neighbor's TV or your kids' stereo, the hum of an air conditioner or clothes dryer. It's a noisy world. But if you feather your nest just so, you can live in relative tranquility.

The goal is to stop the offending sound as close to the source as possible, says designer Nina Hughes.

If the noise is coming from the next room, the goal is to contain it, she says. When the din is outdoors, then windows, doors and exterior walls are the main points of defense.

Hughes sometimes builds a room within a room by erecting walls an inch or so from existing walls. It's the air space between the walls, rather than the sound barrier, that creates the sound barrier. It works to keep sound in as well as to keep sound out, so she recommends it for musicians who must practice many hours.

To cut down on outdoor noises, consider storm windows and sound-absorbing draperies. The more layers you use, the more the incoming sound will be muffled, says Richard Harary, owner of Richard's Interior Design in Greenwich, Conn.

He suggests extending decorative window treatments beyond the window edges and to put special acoustic lining in draperies and roman shades. The linings, available to home sewers and in custom window treatments, include a synthetic material by Roc-Lon, about \$6 a yard, and a

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flannel interlining, about \$9 a yard.

If window dressing isn't enough, consider upholstering the wall. Usually, Hughes says, a layer of Dacron or cotton batting goes next to the wall with a face fabric stretched over it and tacked to wood furring strips. The fabric should be woven loosely enough to allow sound waves to get through. The batting keeps them from bouncing back into the room.

While far from cheap, fabric-covered walls are competitive in cost with traditional wallcoverings in medium and better grades, Harary says. The treatment is also decorative. Harary finds it's particularly effective both visually and acoustically for the wall behind the bed.

If even the slightest noise seems to reverberate in your living space, you may have too many hard surfaces: wood, stone or brick floors; plaster walls; shuttered windows. Sound waves bounce off these surfaces a little like a table tennis ball run amuck. Added complications include water pipes and air condi-

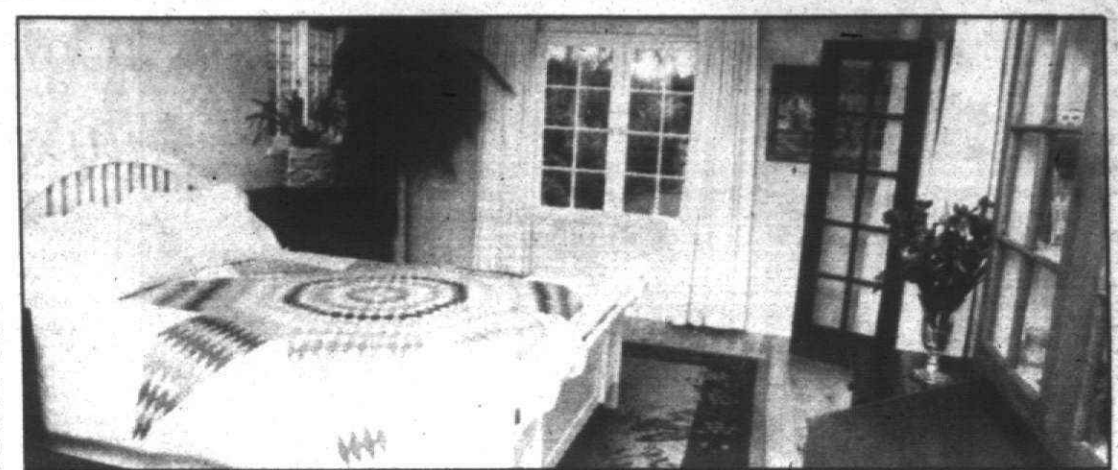
tioners in or near the room.

Minimize noise with sound-absorbing materials such as carpet and area rugs and fabric window coverings. If that's not enough, Hughes says, consider upholstering walls, building a buffer wall or repainting ceiling and walls with textured paint filled with tiny particles that trap sound. A suspended ceiling of acoustical tile is another option, though the look is more suited to utility areas than living areas.

Wood paneling might deaden outside sounds if you leave air space or add insulation between the paneling and the wall, Sam Botero, a New York designer, says.

But Botero is a firm believer in carpet. In one apartment, Botero cut down the noise from a child's room by carpeting the floor, a wall and a platform which held the bed.

For a teenage drummer's room, he carpeted the floor and put the drums on a carpeted platform. The platform cut down the vibrations traveling along the floorboards to other rooms. He also added a dropped acoustical tile ceiling as a courtesy to upstairs neighbors.



Fabric softeners: Drapes on the window and carpeting on a hardwood floor help muffle the sounds that invade this bedroom.

Control noise or it controls you

(AP) — You can learn to tune noise out of your mind, says Dr. Kenneth Roy, an acoustics researcher at Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster, Pa.

"But your body receives it, and there's a stress reaction," he says.

So other remedies are in order. How much noise is too much depends on what you are doing, whether you like the sound and the noise level to which you're accustomed. A noise noticeable in the middle of the afternoon will be annoying in the middle of the night.

Noise is measured on a decibel (db) scale which goes from zero, or

the absence of sound, to about 120 db equal to a 747 jet taking off. Most people are comfortable up to about 65 decibels, with quiet registered at 40 decibels. To sleep, 30 or below is considered within the comfort zone.

In the home, major sources of unwanted noise are appliances, television, sound system, shouting and rowdy play. To ideally deal with the first, replace older dishwashers, refrigerators and clothes washers. Newer appliances have an acoustical barrier such as a sound absorbing material built in. Buy a white noise machine or use a small fan near

the bed or desk to mask sounds from other rooms, such as television or conversation.

Most sound comes into the house through windows and gaps in doors. Weatherstripping is a first step. Give it a try with masking tape. If the noise level goes down, install weatherstripping and a plastic or rubber strip that fits between the bottom of the door and the door sill. Weather-strip windows.

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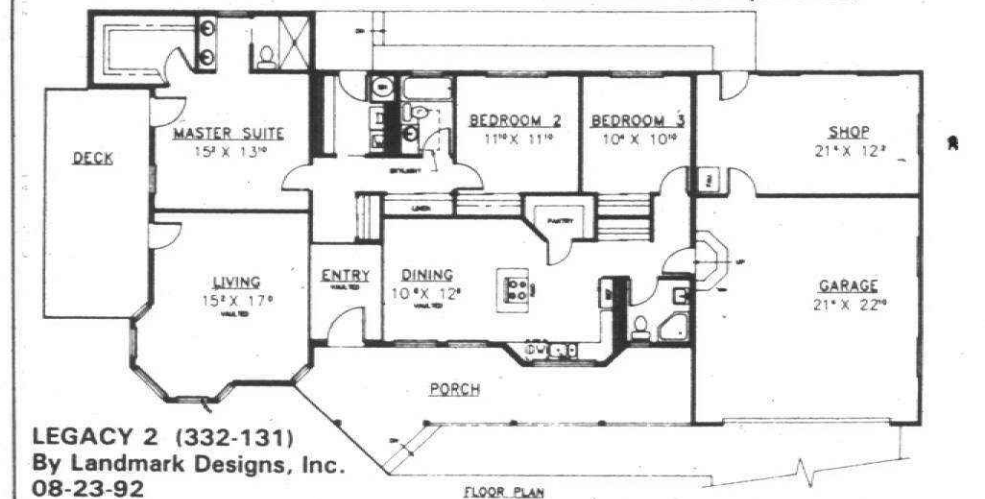
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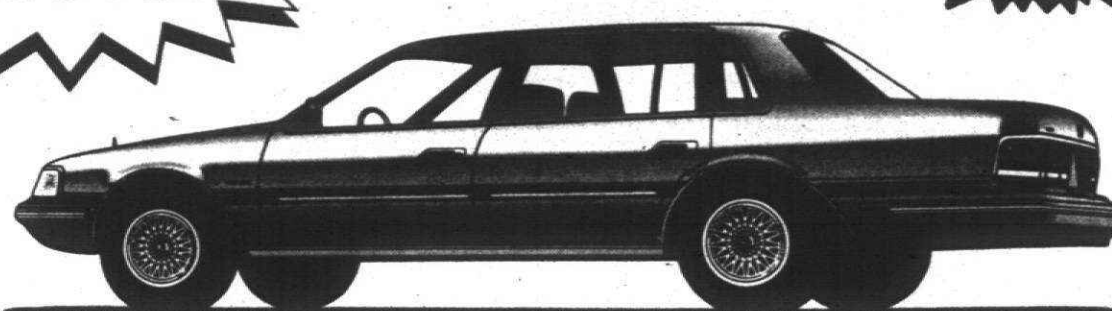
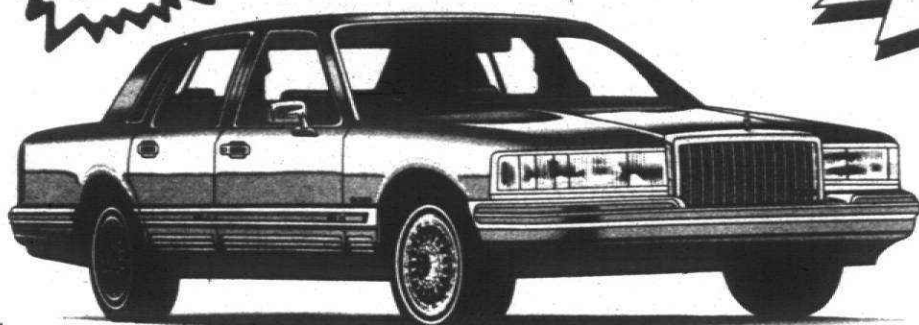
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*Price includes executive package also dual exhaust, aluminum wheels and leather seats.

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Total of monthly payments	'10,310 ⁶⁰

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2.8 V6 EFI, air, 5 speed manual, SLE equipment, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette, power steering, rear bumper. Stock #935044.

LIST PRICE \$11,747

SALE PRICE **\$9599***

GM Opt II Deduct - \$563.85 First Time Buyer - \$400



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LIST PRICE \$13,187

SALE PRICE **\$11,694***

GM Opt II Deduct - \$629.60 College Grad Deduct - \$400



1993 GRAND AM SE 2 DOOR

Air, automatic, power steering, anti-lock brakes, AM/FM stereo, full covers, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette. Stock #930248.

LIST PRICE \$14,544

SALE PRICE **\$11,967***

FTB Deduct \$400 GM Option II Deduct \$703.95 70 Available at Similar Savings



Lease for \$176.67†

1993 GRAND PRIX LE

Air, rear defroster, automatic, 4 speed, power windows & locks, cyclized wipers, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette & more. Stock #930255.

LIST PRICE \$16,739

SALE PRICE **\$14,069***



Lease for \$225.25†

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Stock #930354.

LIST PRICE \$8499

SALE PRICE **\$6852***

FTB Deduct \$400 FTB Sale \$6452*

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Air, 4 speed, automatic transmission, 4.3 V6 EFI, ABS brakes, rally wheels, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette. Stock #935036.

LIST PRICE \$17,531

SALE PRICE **\$14,950***

GM Opt II Deduct - \$849.30 College Grad Deduct - \$400

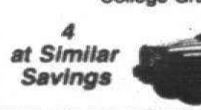


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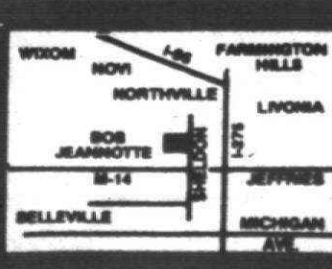
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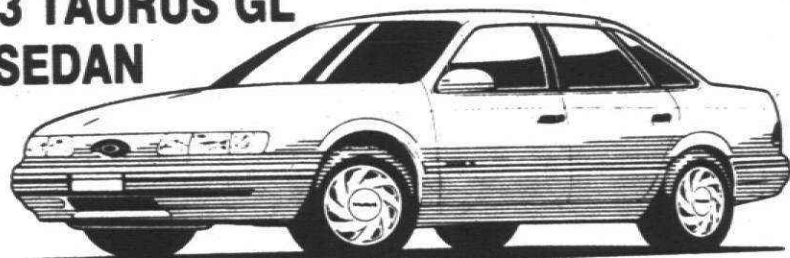
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NEW 1993 ESCORT GT  Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear window defroster, air, tilt, cruise, luxury convenience group, premium sound system, AM/FM stereo cassette, tachometer, instrumentation, 4 wheel disc brakes, sport performance bucket seats, aluminum wheels, rear spoiler, console, light group, cargo area cover, interval wipers. Stock #1149. WAS \$13,682 IS \$10,841*	NEW 1993 TEMPO GL 2 DOOR SEDAN  Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, body side molding, air conditioning, automatic transmission, poly cast wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette, power lock group, floor mats, rear window defroster, tilt steering wheel, light group, console luxury sound insulation package. Stock #11173. WAS \$12,042 IS \$8801*	NEW 1993 FESTIVA GL 2 DOOR HATCHBACK  Power brakes, AM/FM stereo, body side moldings, aluminum wheels, rear window defroster, clear coat paint, console, gauges, courtesy lamps, premium high-back reclining bucket seats, side window demister, digital clock, cargo cover, flip fold rear seat, rear window wiper washer. Stock #11299. WAS \$8334 IS \$7042*

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WAS \$12,053 **\$8686***
IS

NEW 1993 RANGER 4x2 SUPER CAB XLT



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, sliding rear window, rear jump seat, AM/FM stereo cassette, cargo cover, chrome rear step bumper, automatic overdrive transmission, speed control & tilt steering, air conditioning, super engine cooling, limited aluminum deep dish wheels, 3.73 ratio limited slip axle, cargo box light, moldings, spoiler, instrumentation. Stock #11434T.

WAS \$16,609 **\$14,101***
IS

NEW 1993 RANGER 4x4 XLT



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, touch drive electronic shift, tachometer, interval wipers, sliding rear window, AM/FM stereo cassette, console, automatic overdrive transmission, clearcoat paint, power mirrors, body side moldings, cargo box light, dome light, instrumentation, light group, spoiler. Stock #11388.

WAS \$17,237 **\$14,601***
IS

NEW 1993 AEROSTAR XL PLUS WAGON



Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, air bag, 7-passenger with dual captain's chairs, automatic with overdrive transmission, air conditioning, XL trim, privacy glass, electric rear window defroster, AM/FM stereo, convenience group, courtesy lamps, instrumentation, super cooling, interval wipers, fold-away mirrors. Stock #10326.

WAS \$18,993 **\$14,242***
IS

NEW 1993 F-150 4X2



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, overdrive transmission, XL trim, cargo box light, instrumentation, vent windows, power paint, dome light, courtesy lights, moldings, scuff plates, interval wipers. Stock #11529.

WAS \$11,618 **\$10,101***
IS

NEW 1993 F-150 4X2 SUPER CAB PICKUP



XLT Lariat trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, air, power door locks, power windows, V-8 engine, trailer towing package, automatic overdrive, cloth captain chairs, chrome rear step bumper, aluminum wheels, sliding rear window, light group, convenience group, AM/FM stereo cassette, speed control, tilt, vent window, cargo box light. Stock #11356.

WAS \$21,401 **\$16,942***
IS

NEW 1993 F-150 4X4 SUPER CAB PICKUP



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, speed control, tilt steering, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, light group, convenience group, power locks, power windows, automatic overdrive transmission, P265-75R15XL white letter all terrain tires, trailer towing package, electric shift 4x4, touch drive, sliding rear window, forged aluminum wheels, chrome rear step bumper, cloth captain chairs, courtesy lights, vent windows, instrumentation. Stock #11370.

WAS \$23,975 **\$19,117***
IS

NEW 1993 BRONCO



XLT trim, climate control group, air conditioning, rear window defroster, luxury group, privacy glass, outside spare, tire carrier, light group, convenience group, power locks, power door locks, AM/FM stereo cassette, 5.8L V-8 engine, electric 4 speed automatic transmission, P265-75R15 all terrain tires, trailer towing package, electric shift, 4x4 touch drive, forged aluminum wheels, low mount swing away mirrors, speed control, tilt steering, vent windows. Stock #11248T.

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1986 Crown Victoria 4 Door V8, automatic, air, extra clean! \$2995	1988 Tempo 4 Door GL Automatic, air, power steering, power brakes, air, 32,000 miles. \$130⁹⁹ per month	1991 Continental Black with black leather, ABS, dual power, GEO wheels, keyless entry, automatic lamp group, EX series. \$15,995	1992 Taurus GL 4 Door V6, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, cassette, power windows & locks, power seats, console, leather seats, alloy wheels. \$12,500	1990 Jeep Cherokee Laredo 4 Door Red, 4x4, 4.0L engine, automatic, air, power windows & locks, cruise, cassette, alum. wheels. \$199⁹⁹ per mo.	1992 Aerostar XL Plus Package Power windows, power locks, extended, air, cassette, tilt steering, cruise. \$11,995	1991 Ranger XLT Air, cassette, cruise, tilt, alloy wheels, V6. \$7595
1986 Cougar Automatic, air, power locks/windows/seats, tilt & cruise, stereo. \$3995	1988 Taurus LX 4 Door 3.8L V6 engine, automatic, air, tilt steering, cruise, full power, moonroof. \$183⁹⁹ per month	1991 Topaz XR5 Automatic, air, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, extra clean! \$8595	1992 Topaz 4 Door GS, automatic, air, power steering & brakes, cruise, tilt, power windows & locks, cassette, V6 engine. \$9295	1991 Mustang Hatchback 11,000 miles, alloy wheels, air, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power locks, stereo. \$147⁹⁹ per month	1991 Ford E350 Utilimaster Cube Van 460, V8 engine, flat floor, automatic, air, overdrive, cruise, 14 ft. \$10,995	1991 Explorer Eddie Bauer 4x4 Automatic, air, leather, moonroof. \$14,995
1985 Ford Cargo Van V-8, automatic, power steering & brakes, ½ ton. \$2195	1990 Mustang LX Power steering & brakes, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, stereo. \$101⁹⁹ per month	1990 Taurus Wagon GL Automatic, air, power windows, locks, cruise, tilt, V6, loaded, only 35,000 miles. \$8995	1992 Probe GL Calypso Automatic, air, stereo, sport wheels. \$9900	1991 Escort GT "Green," automatic, air, power steering, power brakes, cruise, tilt steering. \$147⁹⁹ per month	1990 Aerostar 4x4 Eddie Bauer extended, 4.0l, automatic, dual air, computer wheel, dual seat bed, loaded, loaded! \$13,995	1988 Suburban Silverado, automatic, air, loaded, power steering & brakes, power windows & locks, cruise, only 52,000 miles. \$10,995
1986 Escort Wagon Automatic, stereo, low miles, air, powr steering, power brakes. \$2995	1990 Tempo 4 Door GL Air, cruise, tilt steering, power steering, power brakes. \$101⁹⁹ per month	1991 Mustang LX 5.0 litre, air, 5 speed, cruise, tilt, cassette, aluminum wheels, airbag. \$9995	1992 Mustang LX Convertible "Green," automatic, air, cruise, cassette player, power windows & locks, 9,000 miles. \$11,900	1992 Tempo 4 Door GL Automatic, air, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt steering, power steering & brakes, stereo. \$136⁹⁹ per month	1991 Ford Club Wagon XLT 8 Passenger, dual air, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt, loaded, tu-tone. \$9995	1991 F-150 XLT 302 automatic overdrive, air, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt, stereo, 2-tone, loaded! \$10,995
1989 Mustang LX Automatic, air, power steering, power brakes, stereo, power windows & locks. \$3995	1989 Crown Victoria LX 4 Door Power windows & locks, power seat, cassette player, wire wheels, clean. \$159⁹⁹ per month	1990 Thunderbird Super Coupe White, 32,000 miles, leather, moonroof, JBL, power windows/locks/seat, cassette. \$12,595	1992 Tempo Red, automatic, air, alloy wheels, power locks, stereo, only 3,600 miles. \$7995	1991 Ford Cargo Van E350 1 ton, automatic, white, great work truck! \$201⁹⁹ per month	1990 Ford Super Club Wagon Wheelchair lift, V8, automatic, air, 40,000 miles. \$8995	1992 Ford F350 "Stake Truck" V8, white, power steering, power brakes, 12 foot body. \$14,995
1987 Sable 4 Door Automatic, air, power steering and brakes, power locks. \$4295	1988 Thunderbird Turbo Coupe 5 speed, air, cassette player, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt steering, red & ready! \$190⁹⁹ per mo.	1990 Probe GT Rear defroster, automatic, air, cassette player, 41,000 miles. \$7595	1992 Crown Victoria 4.6 V8, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, cassette player, power windows & locks, power steering, alloy wheels. \$15,900	1990 Club Wagon XLT V8, automatic, dual air, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt, captain's chairs, 8 passenger. \$233⁹⁹ per month	1991 Aerostar Extended 7 passenger, 4.0 litre engine, dual air, automatic, sofa bed, wheels, trailer towing package. \$12,995	1992 Ford Flareside V8, automatic, air, "Nite Package", cassette, 2 gas tanks. \$13,995
1979 Mustang Automatic, air, power steering, power brakes, stereo, 6 cylinder, 53,000 miles, one owner. \$2295	1989 Lincoln Town Car "Signature Series" ½ Vinyl roof, leather, wheels, all the bells & whistles! \$204⁹⁹ per month	1991 Mustang 30,000 miles, speed, air, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, automatic, red, notch back. \$6995	1992 Thunderbird Gray, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, cassette, power windows & seat, alloy wheels. \$11,500	1991 Ford F150 Pick-up 9,100 miles, 2 gas tanks, stereo, power steering, power brakes. \$166⁹⁹ per month	1987 E150 Club Wagon 2 tone, automatic, air, 8 passenger. \$3995	1991 Ford F350 Supercab Dually XLT Diesel, captain's chairs, air, power windows & locks, power steering & brakes, "chromed out". \$18,995

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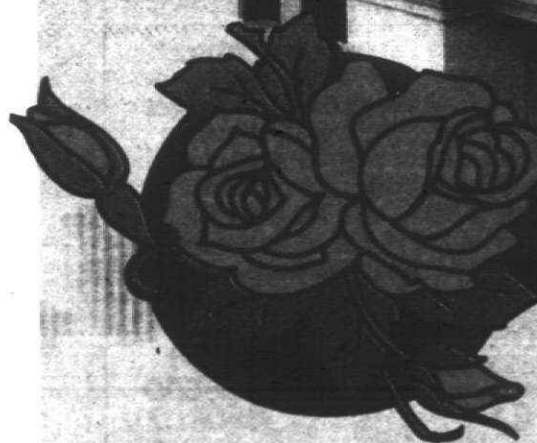
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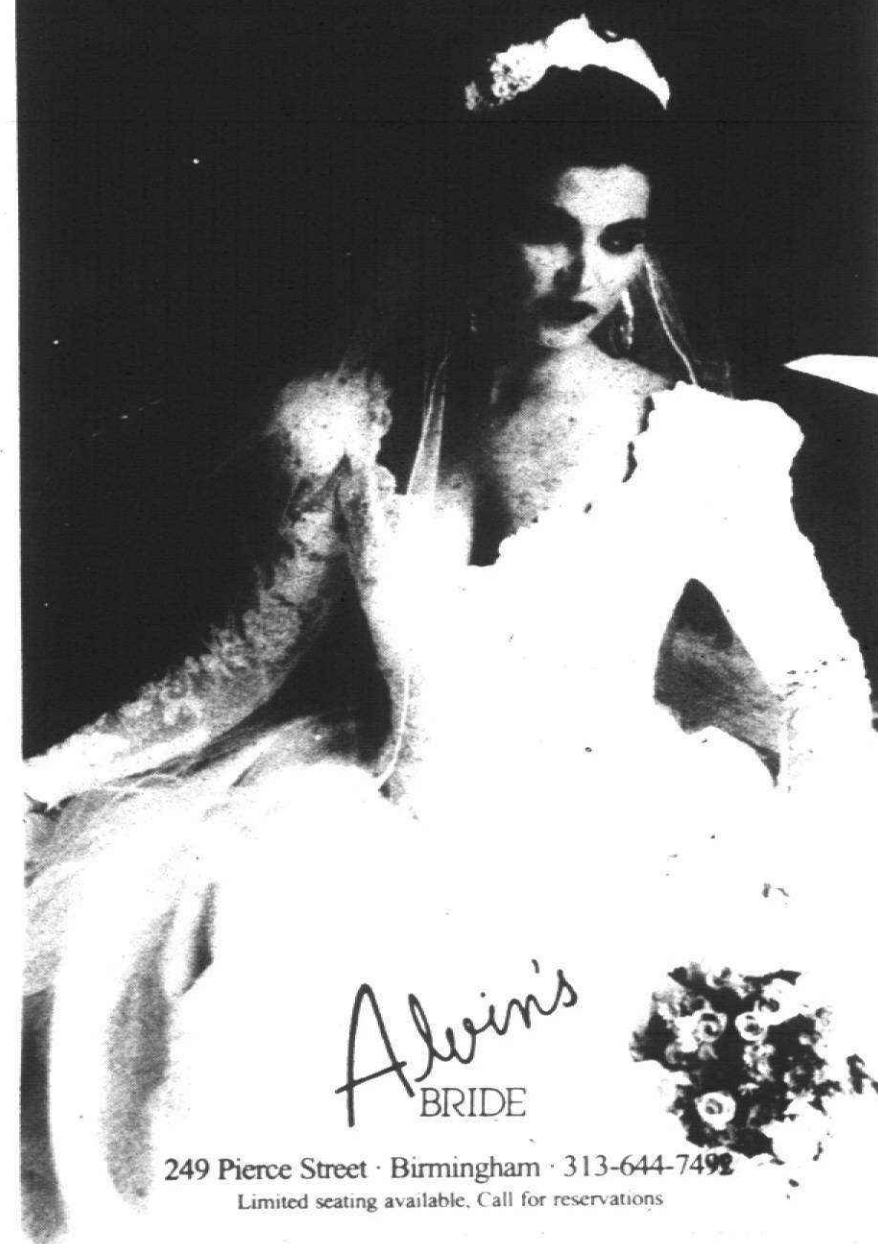
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We serve up a trendy look at fashion styles that promises to help make tying the knot memorable.

—Bob Sklar

Assistant managing editor/special projects

On the Cover: A vision of enchanted beauty on her most memorable day... The classic A-line silhouette gown by the house of Bianchi is the essence of what bridal dreams are made of. Decorative beading accents the garden of Alencon lace bodice. Scallops open the front and back neckline and jeweled bowed cap sleeves. The full skirt and train in polished taffeta echo the soft romance of the rites of spring with a delicate lace garland border. At Pollak's Bridal, West Bloomfield. Photo courtesy of Modern Bride magazine.

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When dreams comes true: Follow your heart in elegant style. A graceful sheer bodice and sleeves embellished with pearls and beaded leaf applique illustrates a rhapsody of love. The full, beaded, princess-bride organza skirt is lavished with bugle beads and pearls. At Lina's Bridal, Plymouth.

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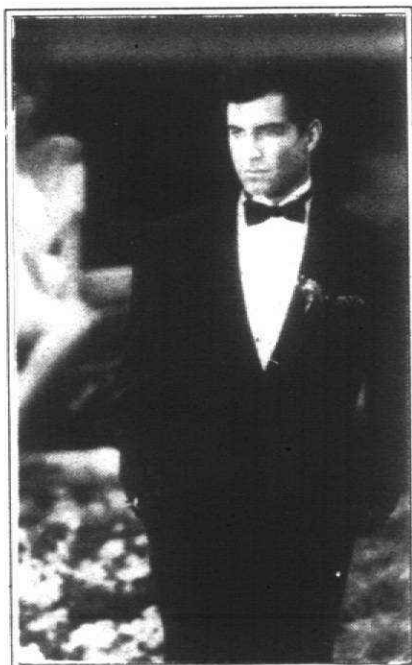
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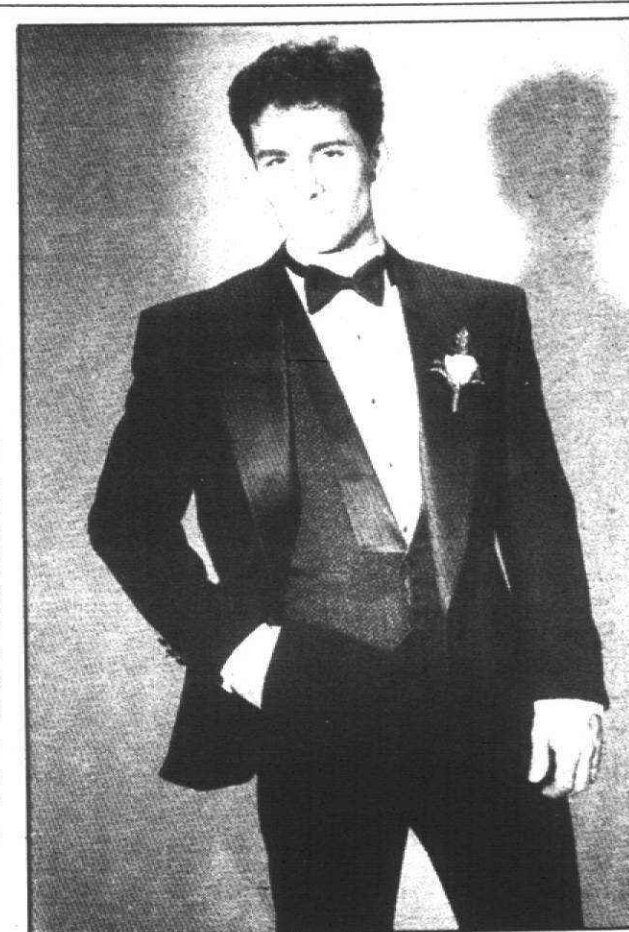
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DENISE LUCAS

The ring's on your finger, the date is set and you have just returned home toting three spring bridal fashion magazines that weigh 40 pounds each. (You're off to a great start). The pages are filled with bridal splendor ranging from short and chic to Renaissance drama

hauling 20-foot cathedral trains. If Shakespeare could just take that "doubt" out of selecting the right bridal gown . . . shopping would not be such sweet sorrow.

Bridal gowns are like potato chips — how can you have just one? They solved that problem in Japan. Brides traditionally don three wedding ensembles on the day they take their wedding vows. But unless you're serving sushi, there should be only one wedding gown in your bridal dreams.

After contacting local bridal experts, it was determined there are four important "W" factors to consider when selecting your bridal attire. Look at your waist, wallet, wedding plans and what's hot before making your wedding gown decision.

Waist

Janice Hayes, Jacobson's public relations director, suggests "anything goes for bridal . . . it's whatever a bride envisions herself wearing.

"What's most important is that the gown feel comfortable and be easy to move and dance in. It should not be too low cut, too tight or too much off the shoulder," Hayes said.

Hayes suggested paying close attention to figure type. To ensure a beautiful silhouette, buy a dress that's fully lined. "If a girl's short-waisted . . . elongate the waist with a drop-waist gown. If top heavy, focus details on the skirt."

The bottom line: enhance your best qualities and disguise problem areas. Ask a bridal salon consultant to make suggestions for your particular body type.

"Once you determine the neckline and waistline, the rest will fall into place," says Jeanine Brown, co-owner of Every Bride and Mother, Birmingham.

Another body tip: select a dramatic neckline to draw the eye upward and away from the hips. And don't forget proper undergarments and shoes to enhance your best features and camouflage figure flaws.

A Cinderella fairy tale: Right, *Tales of love and romance reveal magical enchantment in a Vera Wang off-the-shoulder gown with silk satin bodice accented with rosettes and tulle.*

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Wallet

"Don't buy a dress for the name," says Nanci Hyman of Lina's Bridal Salon in Plymouth. "Look for a quality-made gown in fine fabrics."

"Stay within your budget and take in photos from magazines (and local newspapers)," says Brown at Every Bride and Mother. "This will help the bridal salon find the look you want at a price you can afford."

Wedding plans

Are you planning a formal daytime, formal evening, semiformal or informal affair? Your gown should match the time and location of your day. Don't forget to consider your personality type: romantic, classic, sophisticated, avant garde? Wedding size, location and previous marriages are all determining factors when selecting the style of your bridal attire.

What's hot

"Our brides are opting for simpler, elegant gowns with less bead work and more detail," says Laura Rubin, director at Alvin's Bridal in Birmingham.

Looks to watch for, she says, are portrait collars, tulle, sheaths, silk shantung and longer veils with lace and subtle beading.

"Off the shoulder, lots of A-lines, simpler lines and Juliet caps are what young brides are asking for at Lina's Bridal," Hyman says. "Some trends are even reminiscent of the '60s with modified empire waistlines."

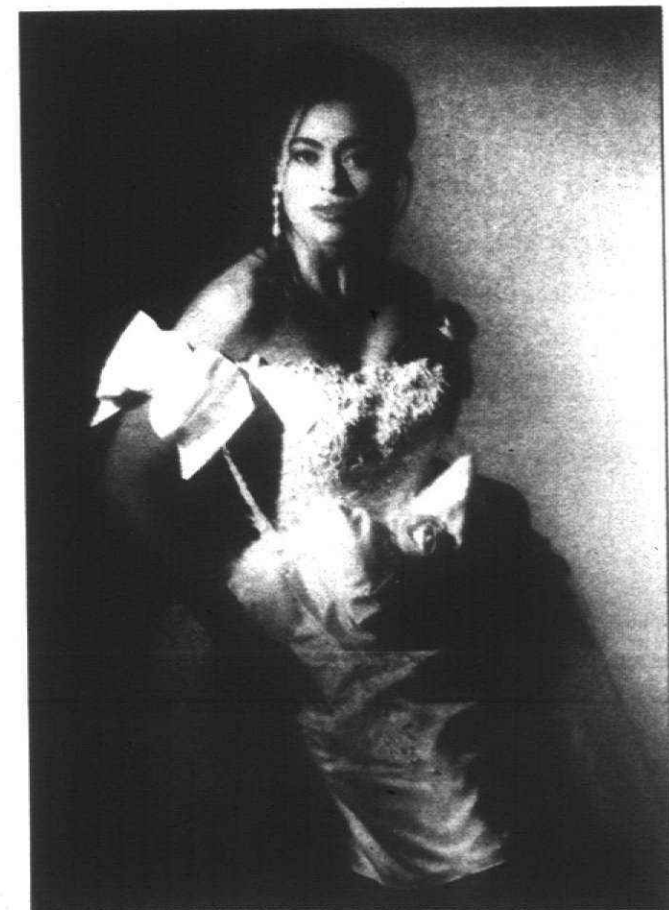
"Overall trends . . . less is more," says Hayes of Jacobson's. "A little beading, a little lace, off the shoulder, brocades are popular and what's really new is short with long over-skirts. It's the best of both worlds and can be worn for other occasions."

Reflections of individual style and the myriad of stylish gowns available will give the '90s bride multioptions when making that final decision of her expression of love.

Remember W-4 (waist, wallet, wedding plans and what's hot).

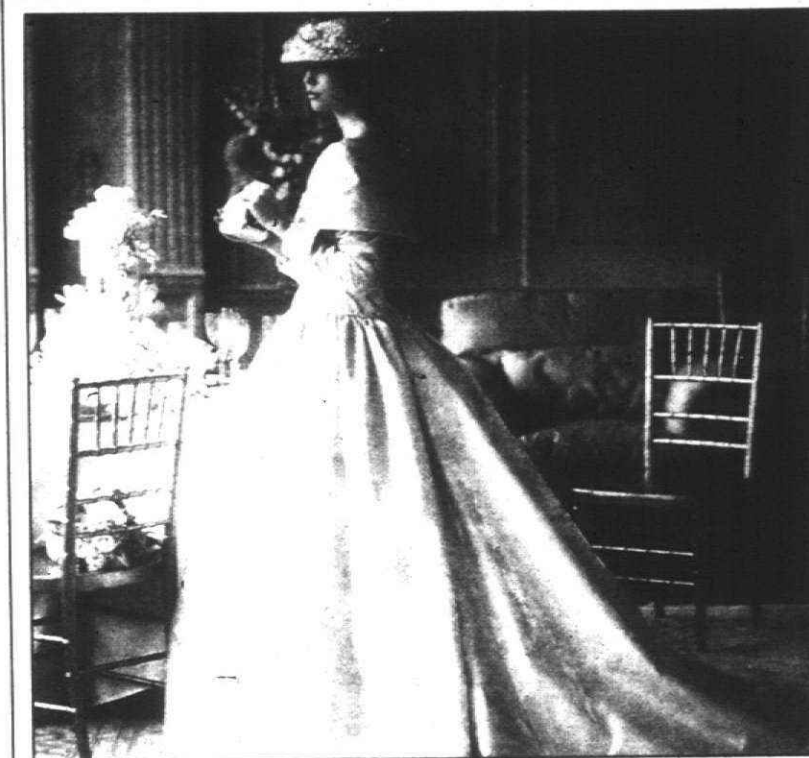
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Imagine the fantasy: Express your fantasy in a silk-faced satin mini with detachable, floor-length tulle skirt. The mini-sheath of Venice lace is adorned with pearls and rhinestones and off-the-shoulder satin rosette bow sleeves. The Ron Lo-Vecce gown displays a removable full tulle skirt with Venice lace and is trimmed with a satin rosette bow at waist. At Jacobson's.

Rhapsody in blue: Timeless elegance for the mothers of the bride or groom. Shirred pleated bodice with open vee back and jeweled bow is showcased in dramatic sapphire. The sequin embellished full skirt radiates elegance in the classic intermission length. A look she will wear today and tomorrow. At Judith Ann, Grosse Pointe.



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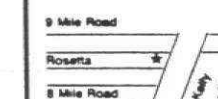
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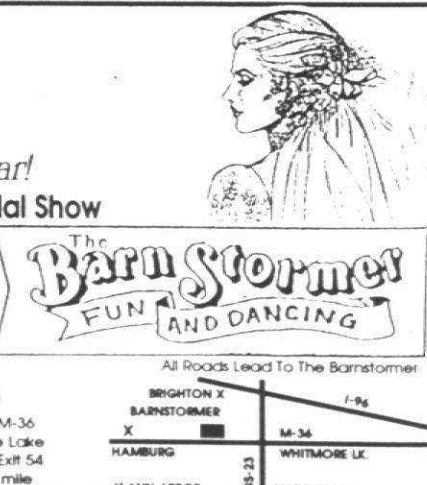
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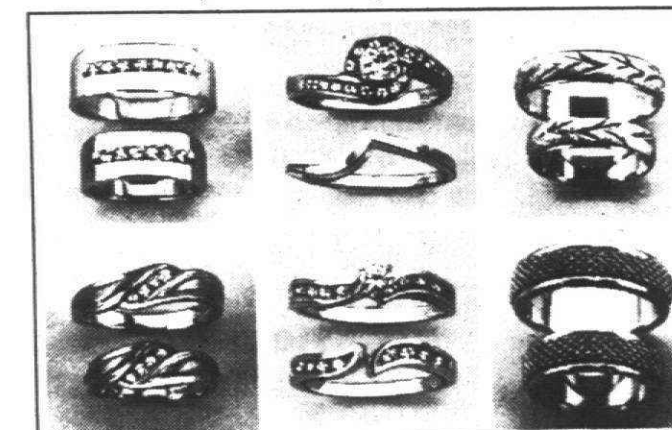
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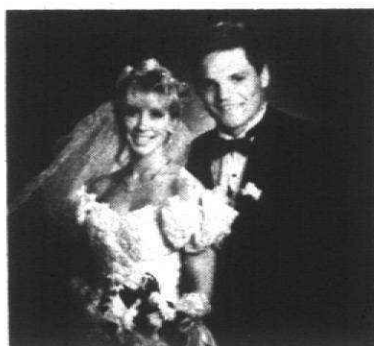
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A bridal headpiece trunk show, Polak's Bridal, West Bloomfield. By appointment noon to 5 p.m.

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Jim Hjelm trunk show, Jacobson's, Birmingham. 644-6900.

Ilissa, Ilissa 2000 and Grand Tradition bridal only trunk show, Lina's Bridal, Plymouth. 455-1100.

FEB. 11-14

Christian Dior trunk show, Elizabeth's

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FEB. 18-20

Galina trunk show, Jacobson's, Birmingham. 644-6900.

FEB. 18-21

Ilissa trunk show, Alvin's Bride, Birmingham. 644-7492. Formal fashion show, 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

FEB. 18-20

Wallentin Bridal Collection trunk show, Lina's Bridal, Plymouth. 455-1100.

FEB. 21

Fashion show, Ellen's Bridal, LTD. Laurel Park Place, Livonia. Noon to 1 p.m. 462-0740.

FEB. 25-28

House of Bianchi trunk show, Alvin's Bride, Birmingham. 644-7492. Formal fashion show, 7 p.m. Feb. 25.

FEB. 25-27

Alyce Designs, formals and mother's gowns trunk show, Lina's Bridal, Plymouth. 455-1100.

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MARCH 4-6

John Bradley for the Couture Collection headpieces trunk show, Lina's Bridal, Plymouth. 455-1100.

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Heights. 12:30 p.m. Tickets, \$6 advance or \$7 door.

MARCH 18-20

House of Bianchi trunk show, Lina's Bridal, Plymouth. 455-1100.

MARCH 20

Crowning Touch bridal headpiece trunk show and custom design, Jacobson's, Livonia. 591-7696.

MARCH 21

Fashion show, Ellen's Bridal, LTD. Laurel Park Place, Livonia. Noon to 1 p.m. Reservations 462-0740.

MARCH 25-27

Bill Levkoff, Watters & Watters & New Image bridesmaids & formals trunk show, Lina's Bridal, Plymouth. 455-1100.

APRIL 18

Fashion show, Ellen's Bridal, LTD. Laurel Park Place, Livonia. Noon to 1 p.m. Reservations 462-0740.

JUNE 1

Brides-To-Be, Inc., Hotel Baronette, Novi. 6 p.m. Tickets, \$6 advance or \$7 door. 790-5500.



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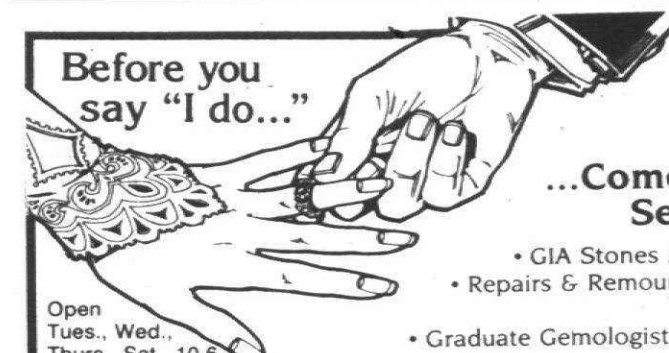
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