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## New plan muddies millage issues



A new state school reform package backed by Gov. John Engler ensures that \$5,000 is spent on each child annually, but muddies the waters for a proposed 4-mill property tax increase on the June school ballot locally.

BY M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

If finalizing next year's budget hasn't given Plymouth-Canton school officials a headache, it will now.

Superintendent John Hoben was among those listening in Lansing Monday as Gov. John Engler outlined a compromise school finance plan that voters may see on the ballot in a statewide June 1 election.

If the measure, which would partly switch reliance for school funding from the property tax to the sales tax, does end up on the ballot, it creates questions about Plymouth-Canton

schools' proposed two-year, 4-mill tax increase.

The district planned to ask voters to approve the increase, plus a 17.74-mill tax renewal, in the June 14 election.

#### Lots of questions

Many questions remain unanswered, say Hoben and Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business, who plan to meet with their attorneys to discuss how to proceed.

What's proposed is as follows:

■ A constitutional guarantee of \$5,000 per pupil in annual revenue.

■ Local school boards would have the power to levy up to 20 mills to fund K-12 school operations. Districts could levy, with voter approval, an additional 5 mills.

■ Additional funding would come from the state. State revenue would be gleaned from an increase in the sales tax from 4 to 6 percent. Property assessments would be constitutionally capped at 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The property tax assessments for 1994 would reflect levels effective in December 1992.

■ The \$5,000 per-pupil expenditure would be indexed to change each year with changes in the sales tax and lottery revenue.

Plymouth-Canton schools would raise, by levying 20 mills, roughly \$40 million, with an additional \$35 million coming from the state to meet

the guaranteed \$5,000-per-pupil expenditure. The district could raise a total of about \$50 million by levying an extra 5 mills.

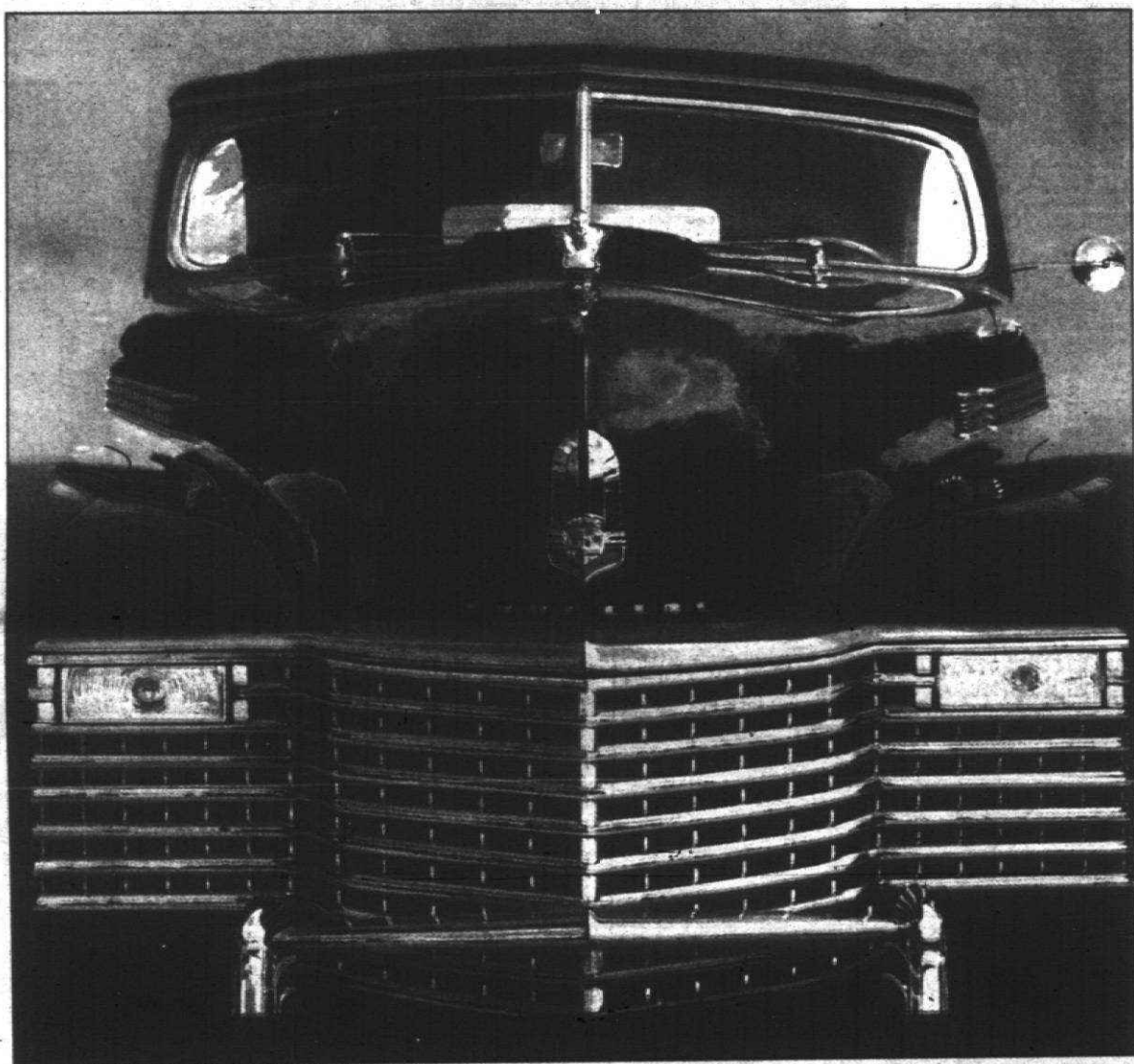
■ Legislation to help contain K-12 operating costs would include requirements to bid out school employees' health care insurance; reform teacher tenure laws; and bid out transportation, maintenance and grounds services. School districts whose teachers strike would lose 1/180th of their state aid for each day of a work stoppage.

#### There's support

Unlike school finance reform packages proposed earlier, Engler's appears to have sufficient support and momentum to materialize, say observers.

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### 'Automobiles and art'



On display: Five pieces of art by Plymouth artist John Krieger, including this rendering of a classic Cadillac, are included in "Automobiles and Art," a fine art exhibition at the UAW-GM Resource Center in Auburn Hills. For a profile of Krieger, please see page 1D.

## Kidnap attempts probed

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Canton police are investigating three reported attempted abductions of children at the West Point Manor Mobile Home Court spanning a six-day period.

"We don't know if any are related," said Canton police Capt. Laura Golles.

Television cameras swarmed the mobile home park Wednesday afternoon after a third attempted abduction was reported as children waited for a school bus.

See ATTEMPTS, 4A

## Busing concerns parents

BY M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials have wrestled for months with how to make ends meet in the 1993-94 budget. Among options they've considered is eliminating bus transportation, which would save about \$1.4 million next year.

Plenty of unsolicited suggestions were offered to the board Monday night at an explosive meeting attended by about 350 people.

Responsible for the standing-room-only crowd in the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater were the district's bus drivers, who distributed fliers last week notifying students and parents that transportation was on the board's cut list.

When school board president Roland Thomas outlined the revised list of proposed cuts, it was evident the elimination of busing was no longer a consideration.

Nonetheless, citizens' comments took two-and-a-half hours, and several individuals spoke to the busing issue.

See BUSING, 4A

## Trustee seeks more services

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

As far as Bob Shefferly is concerned, Canton has come of age.

"We're larger than Plymouth and Plymouth Township. We're more than a bedroom community," said the township trustee.

With more than 60,000 population in Canton, Shefferly believes it's time the area got some things that other honest-to-goodness communities have, such as

its own real post office.

Shefferly wants to form a committee of maybe five to eight residents who will study what he calls essential services. "It's those things that make the community complete and the self-esteem of the community needs it," he said.

Anyone who is interested in working on the community is asked to call Shefferly at 455-1535. When names are collected and those residents contacted, a meeting will be scheduled.

The committee will first determine what essential services are needed in Canton. The next step will be to establish priorities, followed by studying the issues and finding information, some of it from government offi-

cials, perhaps at the state level. A plan of action — ways to get what the township needs — will then be developed.

"It will take some time, but I think it's worth it," Shefferly said. "It's like the tail wagging the dog."

A full service post office is the first thing that comes to Shefferly's mind to top the list of priorities. Transportation service for Canton residents is another important matter. "We have no method of getting people up to Ann Arbor, to U of M (University of Michigan Medical Center). It's mostly seniors who don't have a way to get there," Shefferly said.

Shefferly also would like to see a newspaper office in Canton.



Bob Shefferly  
Canton trustee

## Farmers protest skyrocketing taxes

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Faced with astronomical property assessment increases, Canton farmers Duane and Roger Bordine say they might lose their land.

"What else can we do with our land?" asked Duane Bordine after more than 10 farmers questioned township trustees about some

triple-digit assessment increases.

Township supervisor Tom Yack's response only served to further agitate Bordine and his fellow farmers who live in western Canton.

"Maybe you might put a driving range on it," Yack said.

Bordine stood up, walked to the

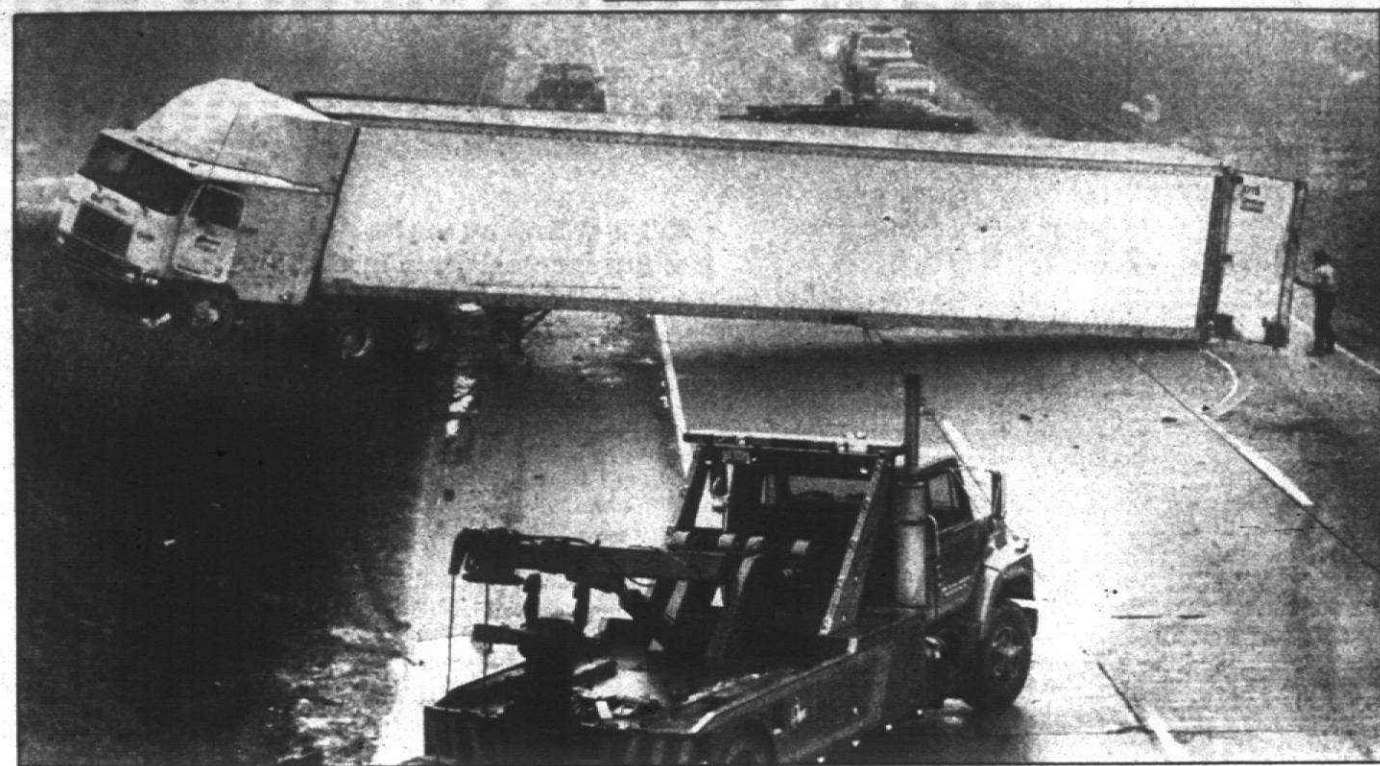
See FARMERS, 4A



Big taxes: Canton farmer Roger Bordine, faced with a huge assessment increase, questioned township trustees on what they do with all the tax money. "Look at all the extra money you're getting from that land."



## Jackknifed



**Long delay:** An 18-wheeler traveling north on I-275 at Plymouth Road jackknifed after the rear axle came loose. The semi-trailer truck blocked traffic on the freeway during rush hour Wednesday morning, according to Michigan State Police. Plymouth Township police blocked the freeway entrance to prevent further backup.

BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Resident reports checkbook theft from her house

A Canton resident complained to police that someone took a book of checks from her house, March 13.

The resident would not have immediately known the checks were missing except that Comerica Bank notified her that someone tried to cash one of her checks for \$600, according to a police report.

The young man who tried to cash the checks got scared and left the bank when the teller began to double-check.

**Larcenies and thefts**

■ A 1989 Ford valued at \$10,000

## COP CALLS

was reported stolen from Brookpark, March 17.  
■ A tool box and tools valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a truck parked at the Mobile Lounge, 39651 Michigan Ave., March 20.  
■ Saws valued at \$2,729 were reported stolen from a truck parked on Michigan Avenue, March 18.  
■ Skates and hockey equipment valued at more than \$700 were reported stolen from a house on Parkway, March 17.

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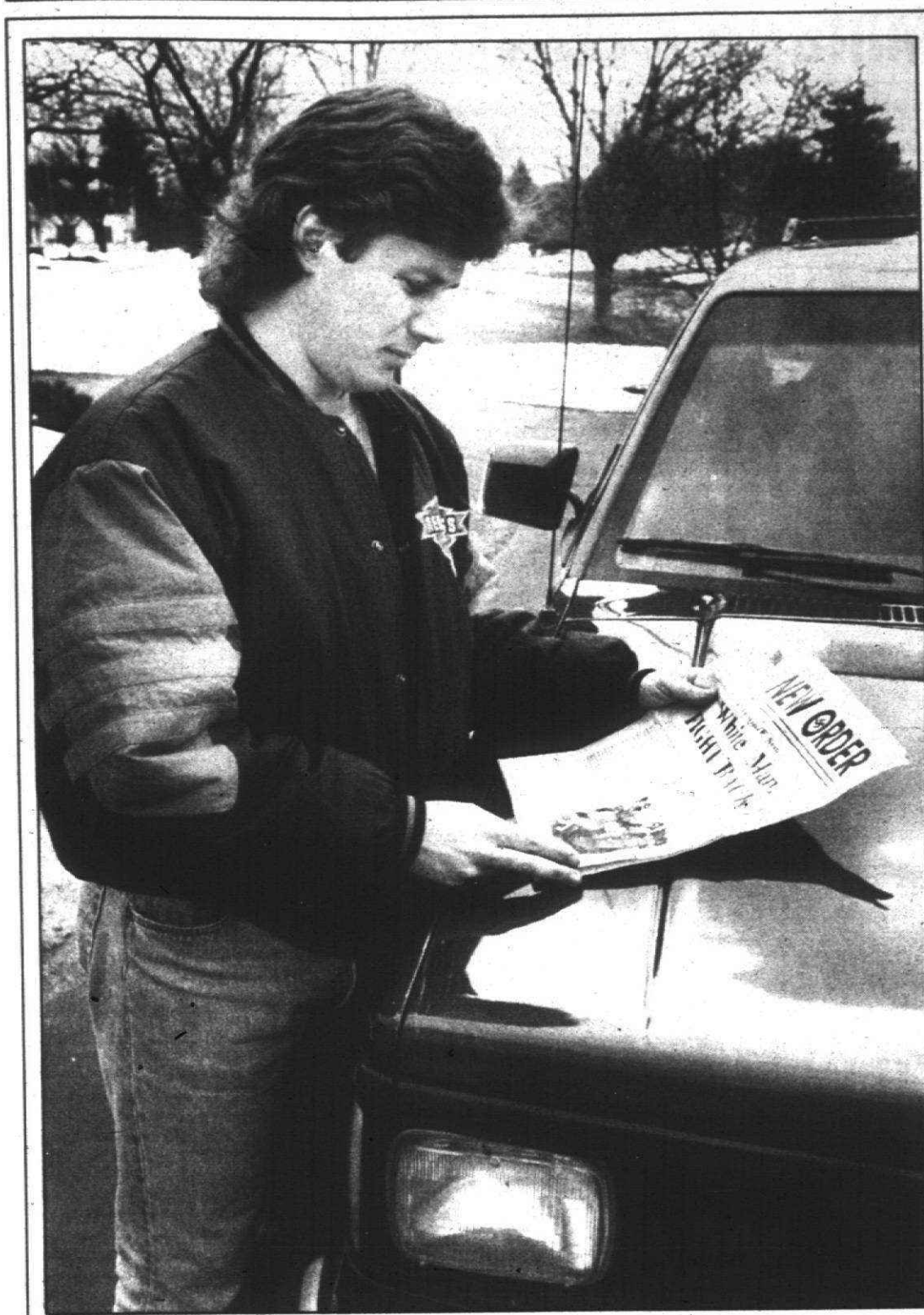
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**Pure stupidity:** That's what Plymouth Township resident Jeff Howell called a copy of the "New Order," a white supremacy newspaper he found on his car at Harvard Square shopping center Sunday.

## White supremacy papers are distributed in Canton

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Howell was disgusted. "I'm very liberal and reading this stuff makes me angry. It's meant to promote violence," said the 29-year-old Plymouth Township resident.

Howell was shopping at Kroger in the Harvard Square shopping center at Sheldon and Ford roads Sunday and walked to his car to find a white supremacy newspaper on his car.

"It was on a number of cars about 40 copies altogether," Howell said of the two-page paper called "New Order," with a swastika through the 'O.'

Howell then made a complaint at the Canton Police Department.

"This hasn't been a problem in the past," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "We've got intelligence on these groups though. They tend to go in cycles and the cycles depend on membership and recruitment."

Distribution of the papers, Santomauro said, could mean that there's a recruitment drive in the area. The time of year is significant because it generally

appears that such groups come out in the spring, he said.

As long as the group distributing such materials isn't creating a public disturbance, there's not much anyone can do, Santomauro added.

"I'm a little personally disturbed," said Canton Capt. Alex Wilson. "It certainly is a problem. But I'm not aware of any law they are breaking. I don't know of any requirement or permit they need to distribute that stuff."

The paper Howell found on his car has no specific name of an organization other than NSDAP/AAO, which is the name associated with their Nebraska address where interested subscribers can write.

"I was shocked. What amazes me is it's pure stupidity. Racism and stupidity are synonymous with each other," said

Howell, a Wayne State University psychology graduate student.

Some of the items in the paper spoke of deporting non-white people to reduce crime, of the supposed domination of the media by non-white people, comments about what the paper calls "Third World scum," and a larger section devoted to America threatened by a non-white invasion.

"I was an English major in undergraduate school and this was written with a fourth-grade mentality," Howell said.

Like Howell, Wilson is concerned about violence promoted in such publications. "I have my own opinions. I try to balance my opinions with the rights of others to say what's on their minds. But these groups that are anti-semitic or violent bother me."

At the meeting, participants will be asked to fill out forms designating their particular cultural arts interest. Participants will later be asked to break into groups "to come up with ideas of the things they would like to do,"

Kirchgatter said. The effort is not intended to duplicate or overlap services offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, said Kirchgatter, who met with that group earlier this year.

Project Arts has a \$5,000 budget to develop programming. Heritage Park's amphitheater and gazebo, as well as the proposed community center, are targeted for cultural arts programming, which would supplement programs offered by the township recreation department.

Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend the meeting. If you are interested, contact Kirchgatter before the meeting at 397-5371.

## Block grant council will divvy funds next month

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

No doubt Mary Sidick had some good ideas for federal block grant money.

"I just feel by putting my ideas here someone might include them into their programs," said the Canton resident.

Among her ideas are paving the parking lot at the Canton Historical Society building on Canton Center Road, providing a motorized cycle for patrons with disabilities at the Canton Public Library, and providing flashing lights for residents with hearing problems (that lets them know when the door bell is activated, for example).

"Some are eligible and some probably are not," said Gerry Martin, development specialist for township resources development division.

Yet another resident asked the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council at their public hearing Monday to finance construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Ford Road, from Harvard Square at Sheldon Road, to Target. "You go down there it's solid mud," the resident said.

Unfortunately, the council couldn't include the residents' ideas in their spending plans for the 1993 block grant allocation of \$375,000, which is to be used for programs and services to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

"It is really too late," Martin said, adding the ideas can be considered for future allocations.

More money could be in store for Canton yet this year, however. Under President Bill Clinton's

economic stimulus package, the township could get an additional estimated \$241,000 in block grant money. The package has been approved by the U.S. House and is waiting approval by the U.S. Senate.

"He (Clinton) is looking for something that will create jobs. I believe he is looking for construction projects," Martin said.

If the additional money comes through, the block grant advisory council will schedule another public hearing to determine how the money should be allocated.

The council spent almost three hours Monday listening to presentations from area service agencies that would be a piece of the 1993 block grant pie.

The council is expected to make recommendations to township trustees how the money will be spent at their next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 26.

"Historically, the township board has gone ahead and approved it," Martin said.

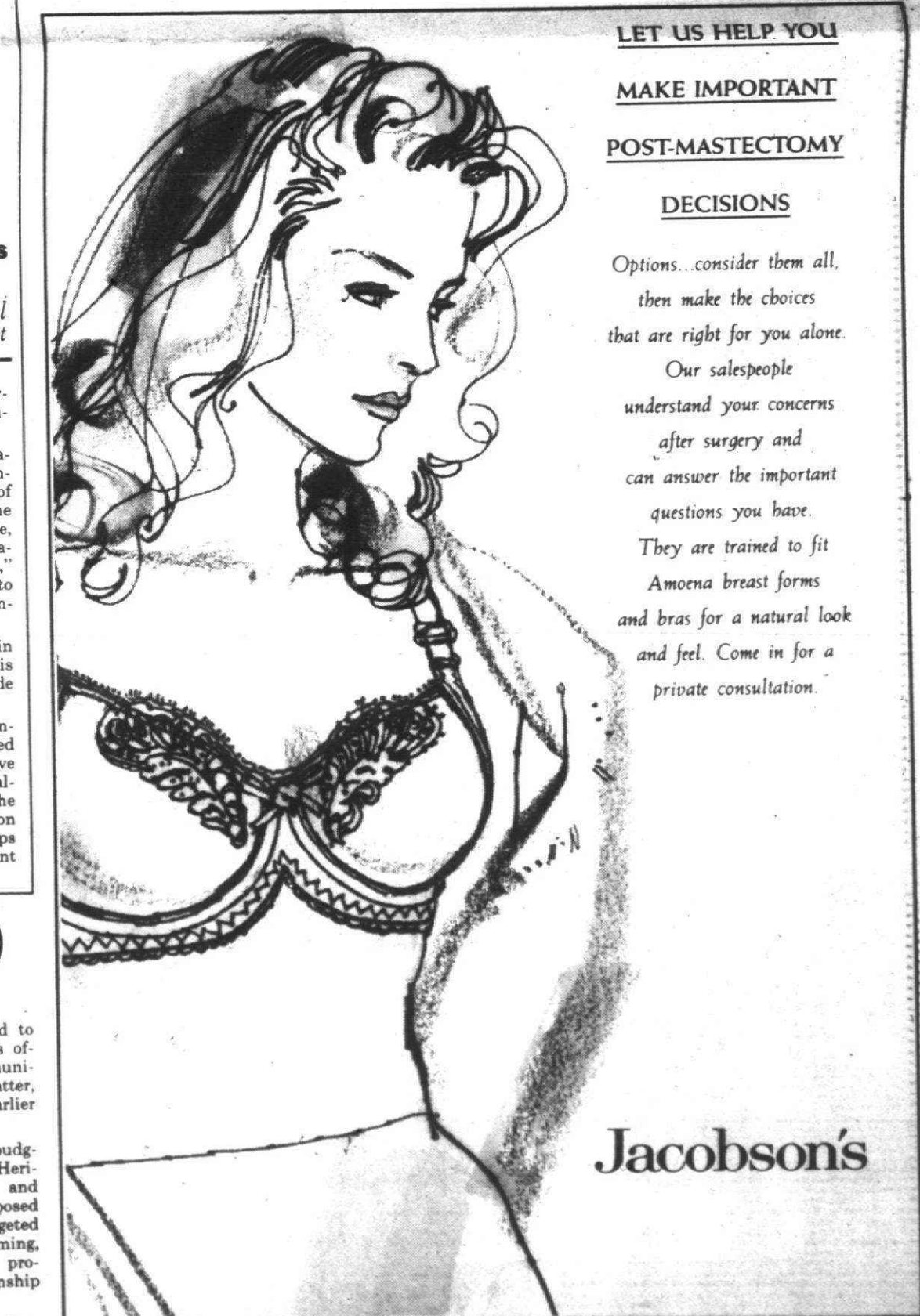
So far, proposed allocations of the money include \$56,250 for public services; \$28,125 for the housing rehabilitation program to help low- and moderate-income families make code and building improvements; \$150,000 for the proposed community center, \$75,000 for administration; and \$65,600 uncommitted.

The township also has its own

set of requests for block grant money. They include:

- \$9,000 for a volunteer coordinator for a social services program proposed by Gov. John Engler.
- \$55,626 for acquisition of a service center building to house a variety of joint social services for Canton.
- \$10,000 for initial work for a sidewalk on the east side of Sheldon Road, from Ford to Gordon roads. The request is for design work and right of way acquisition. Actual construction of the sidewalk, as well as for a bridge over Fellows Creek, will cost considerably more.
- Salvation Army summer day camp, \$20,000.
- Growth Works, \$14,000.
- First Step, \$33,775.
- Child and Family Services of Westland, adult day care, \$6,000.
- Homeshare/information center, \$1,225.
- A canopy to cover a patio at Canton Place, \$15,000.

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## Garage sale



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Fund raising:** The Second Annual Plymouth Community Arts Council Treasure Mart won't be until May 14, but volunteers have been busy collecting donations from the public. Above, Cathy Kirkpatrick, Judy Lore and Harriet Vinson sort items for the event. Items and volunteers are needed. For more information, contact the Arts Council office at 455-5260.

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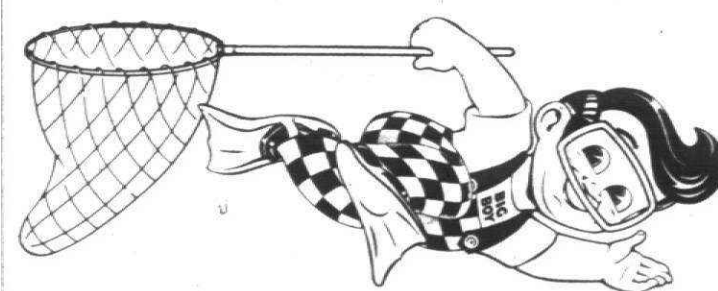
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## Student station wins state award

The student radio station WSDP, 88.1 FM, was named "Station of the Year" by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters (MAEB) at its annual Share-a-thon.

This is the second year in a row that WSDP received the honor. The Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters represents high school and college stations throughout the state. The station is operated by students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

Students at WSDP were also recognized for their individual achievements. Students receiving honors were:

Sarah Petre, gold medal, news broadcast; silver, promotional announcement and air personality.  
Laura Wilson, gold medal, news broadcast.

Paul Thomas, gold medal, promotional announcement; silver, interview and sports play-by-play; bronze, sports broadcast.  
Paul Phelps, bronze medal, interview.

Ramita Sandhu, silver medal, interview.  
Allison Partain, gold medal, interview.

Dyan Bailey, gold medal, promotional announcement; silver, air personality.

Matt Rye, silver medal, air personality; honorable mention, promotional announcement.

"It's an honor to be named Station of the Year for two years in a row. It's one of those things you never think will happen. Our students deserve all the credit for their hard work," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager.

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## Agency depends on volunteers, donations to aid elderly



ART EMANUEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Good eats:** Volunteer Leon Washington (left) delivers a care package from The Reuther Center to Westland resident Florine Hamilton (center) while center director Ellen Preisman handles some of the food.

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine yourself someday, about 80 years old, arthritic, living in a tiny apartment off a small pension, no family to speak of and few friends.

There are plenty such people living in the tri-county area right now, and for some, the only link to the outside world comes from a small social service agency based in Detroit called The Reuther Center.

With a 1993 budget of about \$320,000 and a paid staff of 10, the organization provides food, clothing, companionship and entertainment to more than 9,000 senior citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Funded almost entirely by the United Way now, the 40-year-old center has seen better days when state and federal grants accounted for a large share of a budget

that bested a half a million dollars in 1980.

"We could not survive without the United Way," said Reuther Center director Ellen Preisman (pronounced prize-men). "They are absolutely our financial underpinning."

The Reuther Center's most visible enterprise are three senior centers, open to anyone 55 or older, in Detroit and Pontiac. Seniors can get free legal advice and blood pressure checks at the centers, or engage in a plethora of recreational activities like pinocchle, shuffleboard, billiards and pancake brunches.

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"We're finding more and more people like this," Preisman said. "Sometimes they don't have kids. Sometimes they outlive their families. Sometimes the kids aren't enough."

Livonia resident Harvey Moon, the acting chairman of United Auto Workers retirees Local 162, donates his time to The Reuther Center for fund-raising activities. Moon organizes a coat drive and two food drives every year. His favorite part of the center's method of operation is that every penny of contributions are given to needy seniors.

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## Bird School secretary honored as Extra Miler

Barbara Shobe, secretary at Bird Elementary School, was named an "Extra Miler" at the Board of Education meeting held on Monday.

Shobe has been employed by the district since 1977. She has been the secretary at Bird Elementary School for nearly 10 years. She also worked at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center as assistant bookkeeper and secretary to the executive director of finance.

"Mrs. Shobe's skills, attitude and commitment are exemplary," said Bird Principal Claudia Kulnis. "Her efficiency in the office enables me to spend more time on instructional issues and affords me the opportunity to be in closer contact with teachers, students and classroom activities."

Shobe was nominated for the award by the Bird School staff, the Parent Teacher Organization and the Student Council. In addition to her secretarial duties, she is referred to as the resident computer whiz, counselor, public relations representative and trouble-shooter.

"She is known for helping with many school projects and programs, such as the School Store, Field Day, Young Authors Celebration, Science Fair, the Publishing Center, Apple Aides, the Student Council, Junior Great Books, and the "Students Run the School Day," as well as many special assemblies and fund-raisers.

"Barb always goes that 'extra mile' when it comes to helping with PTO activities, school activities, fund-raisers and committees at Bird School," said Linda Kato, Bird parent. "She is an inspiration to the people around her and no matter what the question,

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Claudia Kulnis  
Bird principal

Barb always has an answer. Our saying is, "When in doubt, ask Barb!"

Shobe's dedication is best described in nomination letters written by Bird students.

"Mrs. Shobe is not only a great secretary, but a great friend," said a letter from the Student Council. "When an injury occurs, Mrs. Shobe is always there with a smile on her face."

Bird student Nic Kato wrote, "I think Mrs. Shobe goes more than an extra mile. Mrs. Shobe gives you information, makes phone calls for you and helps you with any problems you might have. All the while she is kind and polite."

The award was presented to Shobe by Board Trustee Lester Walker. He presented her with an "Extra Miler" certificate, a cloisonne pin of the Flag of Learning and Liberty and a dining certificate for two donated by the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

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**AIR FORCE AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LIZABETH I. DE LA GARZA**

has been named squadron airman of the quarter at Kadana Air Base, Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan. Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments. De La Garza, an apprentice avionics test station and component specialist, is the daughter of retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Rene and Maria Elena De La Garza of Fallbrook, Calif. Her husband, Air Force Airman 1st Class Timothy C. Smith, is the son of Maurice and Brenda Smith of Plymouth. She graduated in 1984 from Fallbrook Union High School, Fallbrook.

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS THOMAS K. SUTER** has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force

Base, San Antonio, Texas. Suter was a basic training honor graduate. He is the son of Roger K. Suter of Plymouth and Patricia J. Suter of Comroe, Texas. The airman received an associate degree in 1992 from Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Ill.

**NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT SCOTT M. CORCORAN**, son of Michael R. Corcoran of Plymouth, completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. The 1992 graduate of Bishop Foley High School of Madison Heights joined the Navy in October 1992.

**MARINE PFC. JASON A. BRYAN**, son of Robert J. and Ruth A. Bryan of Canton, completed recruit training and was promoted to his present rank. He is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

**ARMY SGT. KEITH H. APPLING** has arrived for duty. Appling is an administrative personnel non-commissioned officer. His wife, Denise, is the daughter of Andrew and Linda Siuako of Plymouth. The sergeant is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**COAST GUARD FIREMAN APPRENTICE JOSEPH G. HUNTER**, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, graduated from Coast Guard Recruit Training Center. He joined the Coast Guard in November 1992.

**JAMES M. LAYTON**, son of Michael Layton of Canton, and Judy A. Layton of Lincoln Park, enlisted in the Air Force's "50-50 Plan" - a major cut in school operating property taxes accompanied by a 50 percent increase in the sales tax rate.

Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers are about to bury (a) Engler's own 20 percent property tax cut, which passed the Senate but is stalled in the House; (b) the BLT (bipartisan legislative team) plan to substitute an income tax increase for property taxes, which faces Engler's veto; (c) the O/K plan to increase state funding for public schools; and (d) the "Sweet 16" plan to cut property taxes 10 percent and then cut them a total of 30 percent if voters raise the sales tax one cent.

## New plan calls for sales tax increase

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

"E. None of the above."

That's the answer taking shape behind the scenes this week on the problem of cutting property taxes and groping for equity in school funding.

The latest brainstorm: a variation of what Sen. Jack Pack calls the "50-50 Plan" - a major cut in school operating property taxes accompanied by a 50 percent increase in the sales tax rate.

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Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, a BLT member, said the turnaround came when Engler met last week for two hours with House Republicans in a closed caucus.

She said BLT members were happy with the turn of events. The "50-50" alternative wasn't in bill form this week, but its main elements are these:

■ School operating property taxes, which now average 34-plus mills statewide, would be reduced to 20 mills. That would give a big break to districts like Clarenceville and Wayne-Westland, where rates are 47 mills, an average break to Livonia, where the rate is about 34, and a small break to Bloomfield Hills, where the rate is about 24.

■ In a special election in June, state voters would be asked to

raise the constitutional limit on the sales tax from four cents to six.

■ Schools would be guaranteed \$5,000 per pupil.

■ By legislative act, the state would cap increases in assessments at 5 percent or the rate of consumer price inflation, whichever is less - a boon to area suburbs and Great Lakes shoreline towns. Current CPI inflation is about 3 percent.

Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, recently introduced a more complex variation of the plan. It calls for equity between districts within regions of the state.

## Dems national chairman to speak Saturday

The Michigan Democratic Party is selling tickets to three dinners where you can meet real famous Democrats.

The first dinner - featuring David Wilhelm, the party's national chairman - will be Saturday, March 27, at Cobo Convention Center in Detroit. Tickets are \$125. The fee for all three dinners is \$1,000 per couple. Call Barbara Rom at 393-7351.

Dates and guests for the other two dinners have not been announced.

## Auction will benefit head injury survivors

The Michigan Head Injury Alliance is throwing its third annual Starlight Extravaganza Auction.

The fund-raiser beings at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

About 22 items will be sold through the live auction and another 235 through the silent auction.

Items in the live auction include: a cocker spaniel puppy; quilts; suites at Auburn Palace and Joe Louis Arena; use of a Cadillac for two months; vacation packages in Bellaire, Harbor Springs and Crystal Lake; and Coach for a Day" package with the Detroit Pistons.

Items in the silent auction include: jewelry, a television, a spa, dinners, vacations and overnight packages.

Last year, the group raised \$30,000. The goal this year is to top that.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Michigan Head Injury Alliance and enable the group to continue its efforts to aid survivors of head injuries and their families. Funds will also be used for brain injury education and the development of prevention programs.

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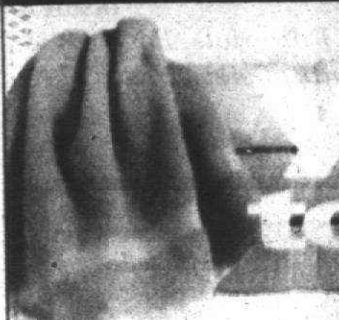
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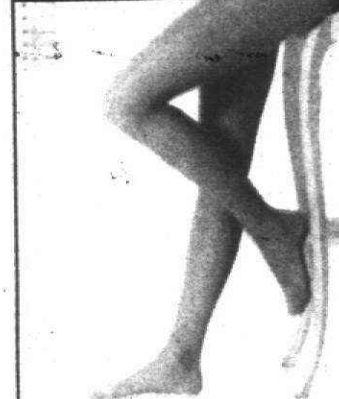


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Sarah Packard

From the state program, a winner and four runners-up in two age divisions — 13-15 and 16-18 — will be chosen. The winner in each age division will receive a \$1,000 savings bond, a trip to Opryland USA, and a full tuition modeling scholarship from John Robert Powers valued at \$1,000.

"I'm very proud to be representing our community as a pageant finalist, and hope to show Michigan what a small-town girl can achieve," Packard said. "As a 4.0 student, I'm honored to be selected for competition. I'm looking forward to the pageant, because even if I don't win, I'll know I've already come this far!"

The Senior Michigan Teen-Ager will receive a full two-year tuition scholarship to Oklahoma City University valued at \$10,000 and a full tuition scholarship to The Art Institute valued at \$8,000.

Resident volunteers

**C**anton resident Eugene Hammonds, a AAA Michigan employee, recently served as a gallery volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts as part of its "Super Sundays" program.

The objective of the program, sponsored by the DIA's Founders Junior Council, is to have all museum galleries open Sundays, the day with the most visitors. Hammonds is one of 240 AAA Michigan employees and family members who are serving as gallery volunteers in March.

Fashion members named

**F**ive Canton young women are members of the Laurel Park Place Fashion Group.

Bridget Zawlocki, Daniella Alessandrini, Lynette Buffa, Kathy Stone and Jennifer Stretke will be introduced to many aspects of retail management, promotions and visual displays with their participation in the Fashion Group.



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**Peacemakers:**  
Michelle Ginther, Nick Suhy, Carla D'Ascenzo, John Loop, Adrienne Shriver, Amy Retherford and Jason Lukasik are fifth-grade mediators at Isbister Elementary.

Students learn how to make peace



BY M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

Don't be surprised if someday an Isbister Elementary School graduate steps off a plane in Geneva, Switzerland, to take part in international peace talks.

With his staff, Isbister Principal George Belvitch is teaching peacemaking skills to students in hopes that they become mediators

School rooms are often full of kids playing rough house with each other. Such an atmosphere isn't the best for learning, so teachers are teaching them how to make peace.

adept at resolving their own conflicts. "It's extremely important that school kids learn to get along in order to learn. If there's a lot of conflict and negative behavior, it's very difficult to teach children," said Belvitch.

While teachers have their own individual styles of classroom management, "we wanted a common thread as a building," Belvitch has adopted the techniques of "cooperative learn-

ing" experts Roger and David Johnson of Minnesota and incorporated them with a few of his own lesson plans. After sharing his knowledge with fifth- and now fourth-graders, students at Isbister are settling their own disputes on buses, on the playground, in school and at home. That's not to say teachers and principals still aren't mediating the more serious disputes, he added.

Michelle Ginther, 10, of Plymouth said she thinks the skills will help her and other students in the future. "If you disagree a lot, you can work it out just by talking, instead of not seeing the person for a long time," she said.

Amy Retherford, 11, and Carla D'Ascenzo, agreed, "You can keep most of your friends instead of losing friends every week."

Students have learned from Belvitch that "the purpose of negotiating is to reach an agreement both people like. A wise agreement must be fair to both sides. To find a fair agreement, you need to negotiate."

A boy and girl are being chosen in each Isbister class to act as mediators for a day or week, during which time the "mediator" has the option of wearing or displaying a special mediator T-shirt.

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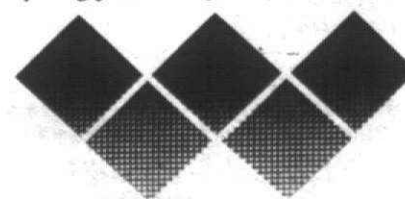
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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**POSITIVELY PLYMOUTH**  
Annual event is celebrated 5-7:30 p.m. May 13 at the Mayflower Meetinghouse. Recognition will be given to citizens, employees and volunteers. Business or organizations may rent display tables to exhibit their products and/or service. Sponsored by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 453-1540.

**EASTER ACTIVITIES**  
Washi-Egg Workshop for adults, 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday and Easter Bunny Fun Party for the family, all ages, 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Call the Recreation Department, 455-6620.  
Easter Egg Hunt is 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Heritage Park. Canton residents, ages 10-under. Call Canton Parks and Recreation, 397-5110.

**SPECIAL DANCE**  
Mother & Son Dance (sisters, aunts, grandmothers), all ages, 7:45-9:15 p.m. Friday; Daddy & Daughter Dance (brothers, uncles, grandfathers), all ages, 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, 455-6620.

**SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**  
The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will host a public forum at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Pioneer Middle School, 451-3188.

**ASTRONOMY SERIES**  
Kids ages 8-13 can register beginning April 6 by calling the Plymouth Library, 453-0750. Session meets 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 13, May 4 and June 1.

**SECRETARIES DAY**  
A workshop for secretaries is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Includes fashion show. Register by Wednesday, April 14, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services, 462-4448.

**SCHOOL FINANCING**  
Sen. Robert Geake and Reps. Vorva, Wyman and Justine Barns will answer questions on school taxes and finances at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the gym at Isabella Elementary School, 9300 Canton Center Road in Plymouth.

**TRIPS**  
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering two trips: Poles Dinner Theater, Wednesday, April 14; Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, 4 days, April 30, 455-6620.

**WEST SIDE STORY**  
Plymouth Park Players will present a play at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 26, 27, April 2 and 3 at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, 459-3518.

## SPORTS

**PLYMOUTH SOFTBALL**  
For information on men's slow pitch league and women's slow pitch league, call Tom Willette, 455-6620, at City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

**TAX HELP**  
IRS representatives will provide help with federal returns at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. Register, 397-0999.

**DINNER DANCE**  
The Plymouth Newcomers Club presents "An Evening of Elegance" on Friday, April 30, at the Mayflower Hotel Ballroom. Fashion show included. Proceeds support the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Tickets, 455-5934 or 451-7296.

**PARENT ACADEMY**  
Parents are invited to attend free meeting regarding a parent's influence on child's self-esteem 7-9 p.m. tonight at E.J. McClelland Education Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, 453-3441 or 455-8417.

**STORY TIME**  
Stories, free milk and cookies for kids ages 2-6, 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesdays at McDonald's, 3970 Five Mile, Plymouth. Sign up, 402-0033.

**SPELLING BEE**  
Canton Rotary Literacy Committee will sponsor third annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Canton High School Little Theatre on Canton Center, 451-6555.

**PCAC GARAGE SALE**  
Plymouth Community Arts Council would appreciate donations of clothing, household goods, furniture or items of all kinds for its second annual Treasure Mart May 14-15 at Wilcox Mill. Bring items to the Mill 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 24, May 1 and May 15. Volunteers needed, 455-5260.

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**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY**  
Pops concert — "Coe Porter Favorites" is 8 p.m. April 2 and 3 at Fox Hills Country Club-Golden Fox, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Includes 6 p.m. champagne and cash bar and 6:30 p.m. pre-concert dinner. 451-2112. Sponsored by Ford, Sheldon Road Plant.

**K OF C**  
The Father Victor Renaud council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Tootsie Roll drive 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 2 and 3 at various corners and at store fronts in Plymouth. Also, Meijers in Northville on April 4. Donations for the mentally retarded.

**SCOTT LEFURGY**, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School, has been selected to participate in the 1992-93 Michigan Youth Chamber Singers, part of a youth program at the University of Michigan School of Music. Scott, the son of Clark and Sarah Lefurgy in Plymouth, sings tenor and is a member of the State Honors Choir and was a national merit finalist. He is one of 45 students selected in mid-September to participate in the Michigan Youth Chamber Singers. The youth ensembles, conducted by full-time U-M faculty, include the Michigan Youth Symphony, Michigan Youth Band, Michigan Youth Chamber Singers, and the Michigan Youth Jazz Ensemble. A combined total of 240 students from 59 Michigan cities were selected from a talent pool of 450 musicians. Along with the chance to perform, students are offered college counseling and master classes and recitals by additional U-M faculty, as well as opportunities to audition for School of Music and Interlochen Arts Camp scholarships. The ensembles give two performances a year, in the fall and winter, that attract 1,000 concert-goers annually. The next concert for the Michigan Youth Band, Michigan Youth Symphony and Michigan Youth Chamber Singers will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Hill Auditorium on the U-M central campus. For information about the next Michigan Youth Jazz Ensemble concert, contact the School of Music at (313) 763-1279.

**EAST MIDDLE** School students received awards in the MathCounts Regional Competition held at Lawrence Tech. University on Feb. 13. First Place — Team: Betsey Ostley, Monica Prasad, Angkana Roy, Michael Roberson. Individual awards were won by: second place, Betsey Ostley; eighth, Monica Prasad; tenth, Angkana Roy. In the Countdown Round, first place prize was won by Betsey Ostley. These students were invited to the State Competition at Michigan State University on March 20. The first place team from East Middle School came in seventh place out of about 30 teams. Betsey Ostley took ninth place — individual. The teachers that coached the East Middle School Team are Mrs. Le Master and Mrs. Melvick. Competition was open to seventh and eighth graders and the team was chosen from the top scores on a school math test.

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## Growing reform What plans must involve

**M**ichigan's landscape is growing so many school finance reform schemes that plain citizens need help in bushwhacking a trail through them.

It may be a jungle out there, but it's clear what is going on here. More money is needed for the schools. The situation has become so desperate that the Kalkaska district has sent students home for the year — 10 weeks early.

But changes in the way education is financed could happen, if a compromise plan being pushed by Gov. John Engler gets through the Legislature this week. The reform package would raise the sales tax by 2 percent and lower property taxes to 20 mills. Another 5 mills could be levied at a district's discretion.

Enough money would be raised to guarantee every Plymouth-Canton pupil — and Michigan student — \$5,000 per year while granting property tax relief. Assessment increases would be limited to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 5 percent.

While the plan holds promise for Plymouth Canton schools, it muddies the waters of a school millage election slated for June 14. At that election, voters are being asked to approve a 4-mill property tax increase for two years.

That would raise about \$8 million to restore \$5 million in cuts made last year when a 1.5-mill property tax proposal failed. It would also give the schools money to make improvements.

But there are questions about the need for the millage, if the Engler plan is pushed through. School officials are concerned about the mess and rightly so. There have been so many plans looming over Lansing that promise reform, but never deliver.

There's no one plan that would solve all the problems faced by Plymouth Canton schools. However, here are characteristics that any flowering of change in state school funding must include:

■ **Equity:** There is no excuse for the huge disparity in funding that currently exists. Any plan must include a concrete guarantee for a reasonable level of per-pupil funding, keeping in mind that it costs more to live in certain areas of this state.

There are school districts in crisis, near their local taxing limit. But well-funded districts, particularly those in the metropolitan suburbs, shouldn't be robbed of their good programs to help.

The Robin Hood plan to rob suburbs of their hard-earned business tax growth is an abomination that, thankfully, is being strangled in the courts. The new legislative Robin Hood plan to rob suburbs of their costly residential tax base is losing steam. The Legislature's continual paring away of categorical aid and pension funding is a breach of trust and still a threat.

■ **Method of finance:** The property tax always will be with us and is a good reflection of the cost of living. A dozen times in the last 20 years, Michigan voters have said no to property tax cut schemes. Much as high taxes are disliked, people fear other tax schemes even more, and they don't want change at the cost of hurting their schools.

Good education is our highest priority. If the property tax were cut, the money would have to be made up elsewhere. Groups who look at state business growth rates for extra income probably also can't recognize a desert when they see it.

■ **Consolidation:** There are too many school districts — 562. Some have as few as a couple

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dozen pupils. Many can't afford to teach the skills and arts necessary for the 21st century. Some are so tiny that they lack adequate tax bases; others have sugar daddy industries that allow them to require no local tax effort worthy of the name. Each has a costly administrative superstructure.

Michigan could safely reduce the number of districts without sacrificing the values of local management. Progress for kids, not provincial politics or pride, should be the guiding principle.

■ **Community service center:** School buildings should be used as delivery mechanisms for services besides teaching. Such widely differing forces as Gov. Engler's administration and the Michigan Education Association agree they could be used for social services, counseling, legal services, public health and other state functions not directly connected to academic teaching of children.

This has long been held by Gerald Pine, dean of the Oakland University School of Education and Human Services.

■ **Head Start:** Michigan should prepare for and welcome President Clinton's intention to broaden Head Start funding to cover every eligible preschool child. The well-being of Michigan's kids ranked a lowly 40th in the 50 states, according to a 1990 "Kids Count" study by the Center for the Study of Social Policy.

Seven studies following the long term effects of high quality early childhood programs confirm that they improve children's intellectual performance; reduce the need for children to be placed in special education programs; lead to consistent improvement in poor children's achievement throughout their schooling; lower rates of delinquency, arrest and teenage pregnancy; increase rates of employment at age 19; and decrease the rate of welfare dependence at 19.

■ **Teaching methods:** Schools must continue to change the way they teach. They are moving away from authoritarian rote learning to problem solving, the system employed by successful international industries. Teachers no longer do the chalk and talk routine, routine-

ly. The know that students can learn from other students and from their own resources.

And the theme behind it all: It's not how smart you are but how you are smart. Los Angeles has just implemented site-based learning, in which a school's administrators, teachers and parents determine what should be taught and how.

Our legislative master gardeners must get to work on these crucial tenets which should be a part of any school finance reform plan. It's time for them — and the governor — to do what is right, rather than what is politically expedient.

Work done now will plant the seed for our kids, who are our communities', our state's and our nation's future.

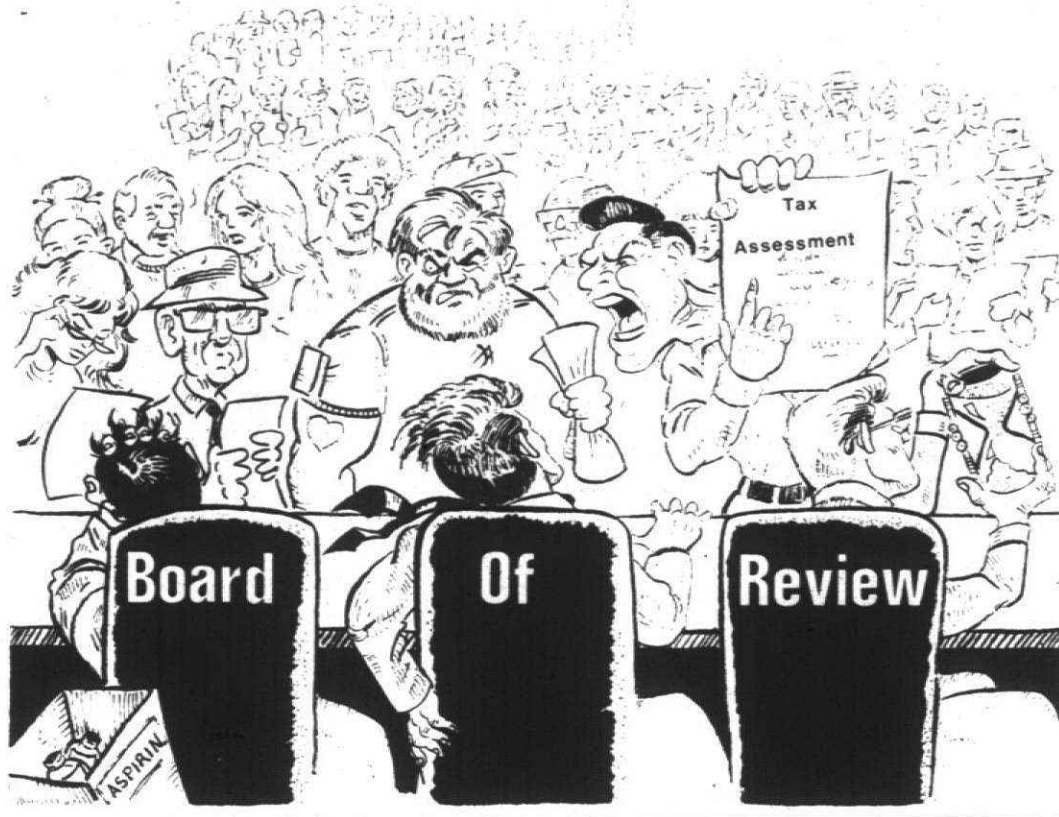
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LETTERS

### Unhappy in Westland

**M**y family is one of the unfortunate Canton residents who lives in the Wayne-Westland School District (WWSd). If our house could be moved a few blocks, our school taxes would go down drastically.

What is worse yet is that our children are not getting the quality of education we are paying to get. By moving our house just that far, we would decrease our taxes and increase the quality of our children's education significantly.

Have you read the curriculum audit of the WWSd? Probably not. It was so bad that the school board hid it as quickly as they could so we would not find out how bad things really are.

It's no wonder the superintendent has shaken up the curriculum department. It's no wonder that Norine Blake, the assistant superintendent for curriculum is going somewhere else to work. I wish we could move our house and leave the WWSd, too, but we can't.

There is something we can do. We can vote "no" on the millage increases on April 5. We are going to do it, and we urge every other voter in the school district to do the same on both proposals.

John A. Bleecker III, Canton

### Pro Mettetal

**I** am opposed to government spending on wasteful programs. But our local politicians and the group "Plymouth-Plymouth Township-Canton Concerned Citizens" are feeding the Plymouth-Canton Community disinformation about the State/FAA proposal to purchase Mettetal Airport. Let's set the record straight.

In their flyer this group asked, "Do you want millions of your federal and state tax dollars spent on a small recreational airport that will only benefit a few very few?" They didn't tell you that the money to purchase the airport has been collected from the aviation community and that no new taxes have to be collected. The few who will benefit from the purchase of Mettetal Airport have already paid.

The public will benefit, if for no other reason than maintaining a reliever airport to Metro Airport. This is one of the reasons why the FAA is willing to provide 90 percent of the funding. Mettetal Airport is a designated reliever airport for Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Both federal and state governments collect taxes from the aviation community earmarked for the purchase and improvement of public use airports and the aviation infrastructure. Federal funds have been collected for years and have largely gone unspent. The federal government annually tries to raise this huge trust fund for FAA operating expenses, not infrastructure improvements mandated by the federal legislation. The aviation community supports the taxes for the Airport and Airways Improvement Fund, provided the funds are spent for airport and runway improvements.

Go ahead, ask why the money isn't being spent. Because of the unified federal budget. It goes this way, any taxes collected for any trust fund and not spent for intended purposes, tends

**Both federal and state governments collect taxes from the aviation community earmarked for the purchase and improvement of public use airports and the aviation infrastructure.**

to show the federal deficit lower than it really is. They're playing a big shell game with trust fund monies, including social security funds.

This group then twists the truth when they make the next statement "The state and FAA deny the airport will be expanded, however, last year the FAA would not agree to Plymouth-Canton's requirement for non-expansion."

Canton politicians, in their effort to eliminate Mettetal Airport, put forward a proposal to use trust fund money to purchase the airport, then turn the property over to the Canton government to "do with as they may" after only 10 years. In business, actions such as these are considered fraud, but our politicians don't have any ethical problem with this funds diversion.

The aviation community knew that the FAA would not go for this deal, in fact the aviation community opposes this type of deal. The FAA has always required fund recipients to continue aviation operations as a condition of funding. Don't let the politicians and the "Concerned Citizens" fool you, they didn't expect the FAA to accept the deal either, but it was their way of trying to delude the citizens.

Tom Wilson, Plymouth

### Bill isn't mean spirited

**I** disagree with columnist Jack Gladden. I do not think that the bill to cut welfare payments to parents who won't get up and get their kids to school is mean spirited at all.

I think it is mean and irresponsible of the parents to not care enough to get their kids to school. Why should the state keep paying people who are so irresponsible? Besides, the less dependent you are on government for your comforts, the harder you will work to obtain them yourself, for the most part.

It's time people stop making excuses for their conditions and take responsibility for their improvement and the betterment of their children. If they are responsible parents, what is there to worry about? If the almighty dollar gets their attention, then good. It will be in everyone's best interest.

Janice Brown, Bloomfield Hills

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## POINTS OF VIEW

# Engler sizes up issues before campaign begins

**I** learned my politics when a kid at the knee of Neil Staebler, a thoughtful guy from Ann Arbor who created a citizen-based Democratic Party back in the 1940s.

"Elections are not won in campaigns," Staebler used to say. "A campaign is far too late. Elections are won 18 to 24 months before the election, when the ground is chosen and the issues are framed."

I'm getting the distinct impression the (very) Republican Gov. John Engler is listening more to old Democrat Staebler than most of his likely opponents next November.

The first two years of Engler's term of office were unmitigatedly partisan and right wing. His main purpose in governing was to cut taxes and slash government spending. General assistance for 80,000 "well bodied" single adults was eliminated. Mental hospitals were closed. General Motors decided to shut the Willow Run plant, in part because Michigan government refused to compete to "outbid" Texas. Democrats started calling Gov. Engler "mean spirited." His personal approval ratings



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dropped below 50 percent, rare for a sitting governor.

And in November, Engler watched the Republican president and friend, George Bush, lose the election because he was widely regarded as having no clear plan to fix the economic mess. Engler's only known plan for fixing Michigan's economy, to cut property taxes by 20 percent, was soundly defeated at the same time.

It didn't take the governor long to do a U-turn. Starting with his State of the State speech in January and continuing with his detailed 1994-95 budget proposals last week, Engler has started to build the base for re-election by abruptly changing long-held positions. Some specifics:

■ A proposal to make something like 100,000 children of working poor families eligible for Medicaid health benefits. The U-turn: The plan requires \$24 million in additional state spending.

■ An executive order consolidating management and direction of Michigan's confused morass of job training programs. The U-turn: Virtually the first action taken by Engler upon being sworn in was to kill a nearly identical program started by his predecessor, Jim Blanchard.

■ A highly publicized trade mission to Mexico, following upgrading of the state's economic development programs. The U-turn: Engler in his first year all but obliterated economic development activities.

The governor has remained solid in his focus on education, however. He has largely protected K-12 and universities from budget cuts. And this year's budget includes lifting the state bond limit to pay for a much needed \$770 million in college building projects (and yield lots of ribbon-cutting opportunities).

He also wants to spend more money on state police, open three mothballed prisons and reform welfare (again).

To me, there's only one way to read Gov. Engler's recent series of initiatives: Having solidified his support among conservatives during his first two years, his job now is to reach to the middle ground.

It's smart politics. Very smart.

Elections are won, as Neil Staebler used to say, 18 to 24 months out. Gov. Engler seems to be reading the calendar with care and imagination.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

## LETTERS

### Bus service confusion

**J**ust read the article regarding Plymouth Township's use of Community Development Block Grants and I would like to provide some clarification on the senior van and transportation programs.

The senior van provides rides to seniors age 60 and over who are residents of Plymouth Township or the City of Plymouth. The area covered by the van is the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township and there is no charge for the service. The new van will be chair lift equipped. Seniors should contact the city or Township hall to request tickets for this service.

The senior transportation system provides door-to-door service (via a contract with University Transportation) to seniors age 60 and over who are residents of Plymouth Township. This service will take seniors to Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti for doctor visits, shopping, visiting relatives, education and social activities. The charge for this service is \$2 each way.

I just wanted to clear up any confusion. Thanks for letting residents know about these services.

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

### Not a crime

**T**he response of our government representatives and citizens to assisted suicide indicates whether or not they understand and support the founding principles of this country contained within the Declaration of Independence.

The rectitude of these principles is absolute and the unalienable rights of man to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is one of them and it ought to be obeyed and enforced by those government representatives in spite of or because of any personally held ethical beliefs.

A voluntary contractual relationship between a doctor and patient is not a crime and it not ought to be interfered with by any government or individual.

In a capitalist country the government can not interfere in a citizen's life unless proof of the violation of these unalienable rights of man is shown.

Today in our country socialist and religious ideologies which do not respect or believe in the unalienable rights of man are trying to take control of our government and lives to propagate their own beliefs. Any government official who violates these unalienable rights and/or passes laws contrary to them is wrong and ought to be impeached and removed from public office.

Paul L. Gruchala, Inkster

### Replacing Engler

**I** read with a great deal of interest, your editorial (March 15, 1993) regarding Governor Engler and his ongoing campaign to privatize our state parks.

You have probably noticed that his scheme goes way beyond the park system. During his time in office, he will use every means at his disposal to grease the skids to insure that his associates become wealthier at the expense of the rest of us.

His so-called property tax plan will not benefit the vast majority of homeowners and will actually increase the overall tax burden on the working people of this state.

This "fine gentleman" does not appear to be content until he devastates the school districts that have worked hard to be financially and academically responsible to their communities.

Since this governor is already a lost cause (and hopefully run out of town on a rail after the next election), it is extremely important for the Senate and the House of Representatives to be held accountable, if they turn out to be nothing but stooges for Engler and his cronies. These men and women must come up with plans that are realistic and fair to our people. If they fail to do the job then we can always give the Governor some traveling companions.

James P. Huddleston, Canton

### Thought provoking

**I** would like to thank Jeff Counts for his thought-provoking columns in the Observer & Eccentric. Whenever I see his byline, I know I will read something topical, straight-forward and often amusing. I appreciate the way he speaks his mind, writing about topics the way he sees them. While I certainly do not always agree, I do not think that it is the point to agree but to think about an issue. His editorials have certainly generated a great deal of thinking on my part about subjects which might otherwise never come to my attention. Again, thank you.

Colleen M. Connolly, Livonia

### Knocking no knock

**T**he enclosed cartoon by Arkie Hudkins in your paper results in the following comments. . . . From 1971 through 1984 I was a federal narcotics agent and executed as the first man through the door and affiant approximately 500 plus search warrants.

Currently the Legislature is considering a "no-knock authority" for law enforcement to be utilized in the execution of search warrants.

Under current law and procedures law enforcement personnel are required to identify themselves, state their purpose, wait a "reasonable" amount of time and then may use force to enter the premises. The proposed change would eliminate the identification and statement of intent.

However, as depicted by any local TV coverage of a police raid and/or viewing of TV police "action" shows — search warrant executions are made quickly. In reality, police upon nearing the front porch area begin to identify themselves, state their purpose and demand entry. Any wait — in the vicinity of the front porch area — in real time is very brief.

Drug evidence by its nature and in small amounts can be easily destroyed prior to seizure. A search warrant is only one tool in the police investigation inventory and is not a panacea solution. Law enforcement is a risky business and search warrant executions are dangerous. However, "no-knock authority" is not the answer.

Rather than "no knock authority" the key elements to a successful police raid are good planning and timely execution.

Removing the requirement for police to identify themselves and state their intention could inadvertently result in future injuries.

The federal government in the early 1970s experimented with "no knock authority" because of the many firearms encountered during raids for drugs. However, it resulted in the infamous Collingsville, Ill. raid of a "wrong location" and follow up lawsuits.

The Legislature should just say no to any "no knock authority" — it's a dangerous issue which can only back-fire as proven by the federal government in the early 1970s.

Roger L. Kehrer, Plymouth

### Battle weary

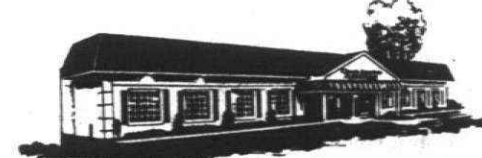
**W**e would very much like to respond to the letter from Mr. Harold Long of Canton.

Just what "Personal Gains" does Mr. Long think we're striving for? If striving for less noise, fair return on our investment should we ever want to sell our home, and the right to voice our opinion as to how our tax dollars should be spent is "Personal Gain" — so be it.

We are two of the so-called "Concerned Citizens" that Mr. Long and the proponents of the Airport like to label "malcontents" and against progress. Not so. We are a little weary of being so called just because we choose to voice our opinions just as Mr. Long has the right to do.

We would ask Mr. Long just how close to the Airport he lives? I'm sure he doesn't live as close to the Airport as we do — one long block. I would also like to ask Mr. Long and his friends who is financing (aside from the State) their forceful bid to purchase the Airport and what personal gains he hopes to get from the purchase.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
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"I'm not bothered by anything. I'm looking forward to spring."  
Don Clark, Canton



"The weather is not nice enough to play golf."  
Rik Baldwin, Canton



"I'm a pretty happy puppy."  
John Riley, Plymouth



"The weather. I would like it to be better."  
Bill Fiater, Plymouth

We asked this question at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.



# Region profile outlines new challenges

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Southeastern Michigan's population is shrinking, aging, diversifying and becoming tougher to teach.

Its median income is stagnant, but its property values are soaring. The gap between job locations and the people who need them is widening.

The federal government is "withering away" as it puts more of its revenues into debt service and welfare programs, less into helping local units.

"A downer," said a surprised John Amberger, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, after seven panelists analyzed the region's past and future on SEMCOG's 25th anniversary.

SEMCOG is a planning and road money allocating agency serving seven counties surrounding Detroit. Born in the '60s in the federal freeway planning movement, SEMCOG is the only place where county, city, township, village and school officials talk common problems under one roof.

## TV kids passive

Dorothy Beardmore, State Board of Education president, said schools' jobs are becoming tougher because children who would have died are surviving with "special needs," alcohol and family problems affect learning, and television has resulted in a "passive" generation with fewer verbal skills.

"It shows, even in affluent communities," the Rochester Hills of-

ficial said.

Beardmore, like other panelists, noted that the current economic recovery isn't being accompanied by higher hiring, as in the past.

"Political power has shifted to the west side of the state," said William Rustem, vice president of Public Sector Consultants. An official in Gov. William Milliken's administration until 1982, Rustem said there is more "smart" development of land and more resistance to taxes today.

James R. Flaherty, partner in the public accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche, said there is an accelerating move toward consolidation and global companies. But as middle managers are permanently displaced, there is more "niche retailing" by small shops.

## Cooperation good

On the plus side, Livingston County Drain Commissioner Richard Rudnicki saw more cooperation between local governments in attacking problems of water pollution, transportation and air quality. A vice chairman of SEMCOG, Rudnicki saw the regional air quality plan as the result of "a solid partnership, working well."

E.A. Jackson Morris, SEMCOG chairman, said the last 25 years have been characterized by the region's loss of its automaking monopoly, the environmental revolution and the change of the federal government "from financial helper to regulator of local government."

Such helpful federal programs as Model Cities, revenue sharing, transportation money and bloc

grants are going or gone. "The feds went to mandating. They have sequestered tax dollars for debt."

"It's 'fend for yourself' federalism. We're seeing the withering away of the federal government to debt service and entitlements," said the township supervisor from Washtenaw County.

## The profile

SEMCOG, a federal depository of census information, produced a "Regional Profile of Southeast Michigan" which showed:

■ Population shrank 3.1 percent from 1970 to 1990 — to 4.6 million. Michigan's population rose 4.7 percent and the nation's 22.3 percent in those 20 years.

■ The median age of the population increased four years to 32.8 years since 1980. Household size declined to 2.66 persons versus the national average of 2.84.

■ Racial diversity grew. The region is 76 percent white, 21 percent black and 2.6 percent "other." Percentages of Hispanic and Asian populations are smaller than the national average. Arabs and Chaldeans number 80,000, the nation's largest concentration.

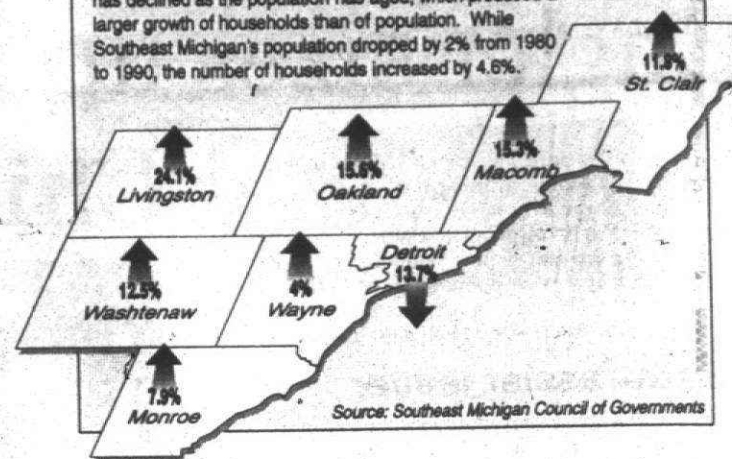
■ Educational attainment is higher than the state average but lower than the national. Of people 25 and older, 19.2 percent in southeastern Michigan had earned a bachelor's degree versus 17.4 percent statewide and 20.3 percent nationally.

■ Regional employment gained 218,700 from 1980 to 1990 but lost 66,700 of those jobs in 1990-91.

■ Manufacturing jobs fell 124,000 since 1980.

## Household growth, 1980-1990

Over the past decade, average household size in the U.S. has declined as the population has aged, which produced a larger growth of households than of population. While Southeast Michigan's population dropped by 2% from 1980 to 1990, the number of households increased by 4.6%.



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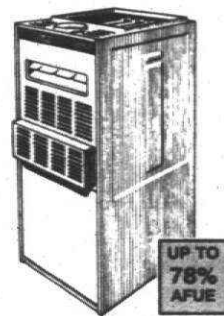
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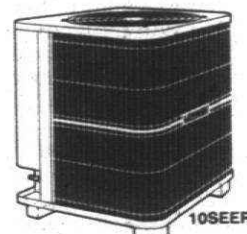
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### CANTON SPORTS SCENE

## Chiefs have talent to contend again



JOHN STORMZAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Soccer veteran:** Senior forward Colleen Connell is one of 14 returning players on the Canton team and one of four captains.



With most of its soccer team returning following an outstanding season, the Plymouth Canton girls hope to challenge for the Western Lakes Activities Association and Class A state championships again this year.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Nobody should be surprised if Plymouth Canton is playing for the Class A girls soccer championship again this year.

The Chiefs, who were runners-up last season when they lost 1-0 to Rochester Adams in the final, return 14 players from a team that was ranked No. 1 in the last coaches poll and finished 18-1-2.

"We're looking forward to a good season," said Canton coach Don Smith, who begins his seventh season with an 84-17-9 career record. "We'll definitely be a hard team to beat again."

"It's a matter of winning the big ballgames. If we win a few of those and get something going, we'll be hard to stop."

Among the returning players are all-area standouts Jori Welchans and Leah Hutko, both of whom will serve as captains with fellow seniors Colleen Connell and Kathy Bahr.

Strong senior leadership is a positive feature of the 1993 team, Smith said, adding the four captains have played on the varsity since the ninth grade and are well drilled.

Welchans earned all-state honors following an outstanding junior season in which she posted 13 shutouts and compiled a 0.48 goals-against average, giving up just 10 in 21 games.

"She definitely makes us a better team," Smith said. "What worries me is the defense might rely on her to do more than she should. We work hard on everyone pitching in and doing their part to stop some of those shots, too."

The Chiefs are solid on offense, led by Hutko, who had a great tournament run and scored a team-leading

Canton lost starting forward Amy Tortora, one of four seniors (all starters) to graduate. She contributed nine goals and one assist, but the Chiefs will be as well balanced offensively as they were last year.

Connell will start at one forward and either junior Mandy Salin or sophomore Melissa Tomei at the other. Connell had 11 goals and seven assists, Salin eight/seven, Tomei three/five. Senior Erika Swegles chipped in five goals.

Junior Britta Anderson (six/seven) will sit out this season after having reconstructive knee surgery but is expected to return next year, Smith said. Junior Angie Page rounds out the forwards.

"It will be tough marking us because we'll be able to score from a lot of places," Smith said, adding it won't matter who starts because of his rotation system.

The same holds true for the mid-fielders in terms of depth and unit strength. Christina Stansell graduated but the Chiefs return starters Alyson Nouné (junior), Amy Westerhold (senior) and Becki Cifaldi (senior). Junior Robyn Vachow is an experienced halfback also.

"We should be seven deep, so I should be able to run people in and out and keep people fresh," Smith said. "We'll be able to put a lot of pressure on the other team's mid-field."

Nouné had four goals and five assists last year, Cifaldi two/four, Westerhold three/one and Vachow two/two. Smith also has freshmen Julie Majewski and Dawn Koontz to use

See CHIEFS, 3B

### Estey assist leader

Jill Estey, who graduated from Plymouth Salem, finished her college basketball career as the all-time assists and steals leader at the University of Illinois.

Estey led the Illini in assists for four straight years and finished with 550 for her career. She led the Illini with 56 steals this year and finished her career with 246.

Estey is fourth on the all-time Big Ten assists list and eighth on the all-time steals list. She started 101 consecutive games to finish her career. Estey had a memorable final game, scoring 13 points with eight rebounds and 11 assists in a loss at nationally-ranked Ohio State.

### Post-season hoop honors

Senior center Jason Neil of Plymouth Christian Academy was one of five players named to the All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference basketball team.

The other selections are Hassan Jihad, Bloomfield Hills Roepers; Melton Stoudemire, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran; Mike Carter, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; and Jacques Smiley, Warren Bethesda Christian.

Jihad was honored as the MIAC's most valuable player, and David Kolander of Huron Valley was chosen coach of the year.

### Strikers are champions

The Canton Strikers under-13 girls soccer team took first place in the under-14 second indoor session at the Canton Soccer Dome.

The team members are Lisa Bacynski, Alicia Cimino, Janel Davis, Jill Gravett, Stacia Gulkiewicz, Lindsey Janz, Angie Lebbon, Melissa Marzolf, Emilie Meier, Jill Rahner, Kristina Senich, Jessica Short, Melissa Siemieniak, Jenny Storm, Jenny Trott and Pam Walling. The Little Caesars select team is coached by Mike Gulkiewicz and Al Davis.

## Hoosier heaven

### Basketball banzai! Trip well worth time



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Diary of a basketball junkie:

4:40 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
(MARCH 17) —

Destination: Indianapolis. NCAA Midwest Regional.

5:15 p.m.: Still a significant amount of snow on the ground. You have to wonder if the high school season really starts April 2?

6:15 p.m.: Just outside of Marshall.

Pick up high school regional game on Lansing radio station. Battle Creek Lakeview vs. Brighton. Lakeview goes 6-foot-7, 6-6, 6-6 across the front line. They come off the bench with a 6-11 kid. Brighton also has 6-11 center.

8:45 p.m.: Near I-69 outside Coldwater. Feed from radio station on Lakeview-Brighton game fades. Pick up WLW (AM-700) out of Cincinnati. Very little talk about NCAA tournament. Cris Collinsworth and Andy Furman banter back and forth about Boomer Esiason trade to the Jets. Who cares?

9:15 p.m.: Crystal clear evening. Staying with Humes family in downtown Indy. Watch Michigan State-Oklahoma NIT game on ESPN.

10:45 p.m.: MSU leads by seven with four minutes to go. Yours truly remarks: "Bet 'State' blows this one." Peplowski can't hang onto the ball. Respect goes cold.

11 p.m.: Michigan State loses (again) by two. Season over. Lights out.

11:30 a.m. (THURSDAY): Head for Hoosier Dome, adjacent to Indianapolis Convention Center. Marquette practicing at noon. Sessions are open to the public. Attendance, 23.

12:30 p.m.: Meet old college buddy Tom Deer for lunch in Franklin, Indiana, 20 miles south of Indy. Where's the snow? Watch Ball State-Kansas game at Mike's Grill. Two Cokes, fried mushrooms and a grilled tenderloin costs only \$4.25. Some farmers in bib-overalls sit quietly in next booth watching game.

2:30 p.m.: Ball State puts up a fight for 33 minutes before Kansas pulls away.

4:49 p.m.: Back on the road, traveling north on U.S.-31 for a stop at Greenwood High School to see another college buddy Bruce Hensley. Gymnasium is impressive, seats 4,600. Baseball team is practicing. (Coach) Bruce is not around, but head baseball coach tells me: "We play a 26-game schedule. We start April 13." I mutter to myself: "Why are we trying to start up here on April 2?"

8 p.m.: Back at Hoosier Dome. Indiana comes out on the floor and 25,000 show up.

9:03 p.m.: IU coach Bobby Knight

has his players lay on the floor and spell out T-H-A-N-K-S. Knight, of course, is the final letter to the puzzle.

Midnight: Santa Clara upsets Arizona on CBS. My hosts, the McWhorter family, are sound asleep.

12:55 a.m. (FRIDAY): Read Indianapolis News. Time for bed.

11:25 a.m.: T-shirts, with Knight superimposed as General George Patton, are selling for \$10 apiece outside the Hoosier Dome. The T-shirt says: "The General marches on New Orleans (site of the final four)."

11:40 a.m.: Hoosier Dome is alive, probably 24,000 already in the building for double-header which pits Marquette vs. Oklahoma State and Louisville vs. Delaware.

12:20 p.m.: Tip-off. Let the games begin.

1:38 p.m.: Oklahoma State's 7-foot, 280-pound center Bryant Reeves throws down a dunk on the Warriors. Marquette never recovers. OSU mascot Pistol Pete loads up for the next round.

2:10 p.m.: Gabby Richards, who covers the Cowboys for the Oklahoma State student newspaper (Daily O'Collegian) says coach Eddie Sutton is a great guy to deal with. "He returns all my calls," said the aspiring journalist.

2:45 p.m.: Dwayne Morton of Louisville throws down a vicious dunk and talks some trash to Delaware's 6-11 star Spencer Dunkley, who's the Blue Hens' highly touted center from England. Dunkley can't seem to do anything right.

3:11 p.m.: Louisville's James Brewer goes crashing into the seats behind the basket. He's taken off on a stretcher. Later it's learned Brewer has a slight concussion. He sits on the bench for the second half.

4:40 p.m.: Delaware makes the final score respectable, but Louisville is in total control, advancing to the next round.

5 p.m.: Louisville press conference ends with Dwayne Morton saying: "God Bless you all."

5:10 p.m.: Media buffet. Serving chicken and fish. Even choice of blueberry, cherry or apple pie. Let's face it. These reporters are all spoiled.

7:15 p.m.: There's a buzz inside the Hoosier Dome. It's a sea of red all the way up to Bob Uecker-land. Xavier, nicknamed the Musketeers, and New Orleans, called the Privateers, take the floor.

9:30 p.m.: The Musketeers are too much for 6-11 Ervin Johnson and New Orleans. A 32-all halftime deadlock becomes a rout. Xavier's Brian Grant and Aaron Williams are just too strong. They pace Xavier to an impressive victory.

10:04 p.m.: Knight and his entourage take the floor. The roar is deafening. Wright State coach Ralph Deaenhill is dressed to the hilt. Chuck Daly watch out.

10:15 p.m.: Wright State's "Dollar Bill" Edwards is being heralded as an NBA first-round pick, an All-American. Ohio writers claim that he can do it all at 6-8. He can go inside or outside, they say. But except for a few brief flashes, Edwards looks very ordinary, even bad, against the powerful Hoosiers.

10:41 p.m.: Alan Henderson takes the floor. Is this the second coming? 30,000 screaming fans stand on their feet in unison.

11:37 p.m.: Indiana wins by a Midwest Regional-record 47 points. Knight's son Patrick even gets into the act with a dunk. Every time he touches the ball, the crowd exhorts: "Shoot!"

12:05 a.m. (SATURDAY): Knight press conference. Butler sports information director Chris Denari opens things up. "Opening comments from coach Knight."

"Yes, I have only one," bellows the king of red sweaters. "It's too damn late to play a college basketball game."

12:06 a.m.: Denari: "Questions for coach Knight."

12:07 a.m. (Pause) "Coach," asks one brave reporter. "Can you comment on how your team played tonight?"

Knight responds: "Good."

Reporter: "Can you elaborate or embellish upon that?"

Knight: "Very good."

12:38 a.m.: Back in bed at the McWhorter house. It's been a long day.

9:15 a.m.: Breakfast at Shoney's with my little buddy J.B. The bacon platter at the breakfast bar is going fast.

Going to the Indiana High School Semi-State (Sweet 16) Tournament at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. That's the place where the movie "Hoosiers" was filmed.

10 a.m.: Reach Butler University campus. Time to kill. Butler lacrosse team is practicing in the misty rain. Baseball infield is covered with a tarp.

10:15 a.m.: Seats are filling up quickly in the 12,000-seat barn. Tickets are only \$8 for all three games.

11 a.m.: Tip-off. High school basketball at its best. Ben Davis (24-2) versus Columbus North (17-8) in the first game. Bill Stearman has been the North coach since 1952.

Scott George drills a three-pointer to start the game. The 10,000 or so fans go wild. Jason Montague counters with a three-pointer for North. What a start.

12:30 p.m.: Ben Davis holds off North, 67-60. Ben Davis guard Donald Mallory handles the ball just like Isaiah Thomas.

12:45 p.m.: No. 1 Anderson (25-2) takes the floor, led by a chief and a squaw, who stand at attention at mid-court. It's a sea of Green and Red. The Indians bring about 6,000 fans of their own. Cheerleaders do flips and actually get fans involved in cheers. New Castle

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## SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for Monday edition).

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's recreation basketball night takes place every Wednesday from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Eriksson Elementary School. The program is for Canton residents only, lasts 10 weeks and costs \$15 per person. Call 397-5110 for information.

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

Ryan Cunningham scored in four events in Level 6 competition at the USGF state meet in the University of Michigan Keen Arena Sunday, March 14.

He was fourth on high bars (5.25), sixth on rings (5.6), seventh on floor exercise (4.6) and ninth on side horse (5.4). Cunningham placed fifth in the all-around competition (30.65).

David Diehl of Canton was eighth on horse (5.5) and 10th on high bar (4.8), and Bobby Hoernschmeyer of Plymouth was eighth on rings (5.6). Both are Level 6 gymnasts also.

All three are members of the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland. Teammate Nick Hitchcock (Plymouth) also competed.

## OVER-40 HOCKEY

The Plymouth Masters Over-40 Hockey League is registering full-time and substitute players. Teams play 12 games during a six-week season at the Plymouth and Inkster arenas. Call John Wilson (471-0658) to register.

## N'VILLE SPORTS

Northville Parks and Recreation is registering teams for its men's 18- and over spring floor hockey league. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6. The team fee is \$190, which includes a \$40 refundable forfeit fee.

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Northville is also organizing a spring volleyball league for men's and women's competitive teams, coed competitive and coed intro leagues. Matches will be played at the Northville Community Center.

Team fees are \$158. A \$28 forfeit fee will be refunded if there are no forfeits. There is an additional \$7 fee per match for referees, \$15 for non-residents. Call 349-0203 for information.

## RACE FOR THE CURE

The Michigan Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure will be Saturday, April 17, at the Detroit Zoo.

Proceeds will support breast cancer research, education and follow-up diagnostic tests for low-income women and educational and screening activities in the worksite.

Registration for the 5K race/walk/racewalk and one-mile fun walk begins at 7:30 a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m.

## CHEERING CLASS

Canton Parks and Recreation Services will begin cheerleading classes for girls ages 5 to 12 on Wednesday, March 31, at the Canton Recreation Center, corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road.

The classes will last eight weeks. The times are 5:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 8-12. Classes are limited to 30 per age group. The fee is \$20 per person.

Students will learn pom-pom and dance routines, basic cheers and jumps. Register at the Parks and Recreation Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

## MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Registration for the Canton Parks and Recreation men's golf league begins today at 11:50 S.

Canton Center Road. The season starts Wednesday, April 14, at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

The fee is \$386 (half due upon registration and the remainder after five weeks). The fee covers all league green fees, prize money, final golf outing and awards.

The league is limited to 35 golfers and Canton residents (unless the league fails to fill by March 29). Tee times are 5-6 p.m. Players will be paired as two-man teams for league play.

## SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is accepting adult softball team registrations.

New men's teams register March 15-26, all women's teams and new coed teams through March 15-31.

The cost is \$250 per men's team (maximum four non-residents), \$340 for women's and \$315 for coed. The women's and coed costs include a \$50 forfeit fee. They can have six non-residents.

Register at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-5110 for information.

## SOFTBALL NEWS

Canton Softball Center will begin its 1993 first season Sunday, April 18. The 14-game spring season entry fee is \$495 per team, with no game fees this year.

Men, women and coed teams are welcome. For information, call the CSC message line at 483-2913 or office line 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends at 483-5600, Ext. 102.

## Registration for league play and tournaments began Monday, March 1.

Canton Softball Center will have its annual Early Bird Tournament April 16-18. The tournament is open to all teams.

## Crusaders have successful spring trip

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY

STAFF WRITER

Madonna University baseball coach Mike George has a sore throat. He is congested. His head throbs. His nose is running. Breathing is a struggle. The man is a walking advertisement for Nyquil.

And he's never felt better. "I feel real good about my baseball team," he said on Monday, three days after a week in Cocoa Beach, Fla., where his Crusaders won 10 of 13 games. "For the first time I have enough talent and enough depth where I can do something, move people around. I'm always optimistic, but I feel like if I can push the right buttons, we have a chance to be real successful this year."

The Crusaders averaged 5.3 runs on the trip, scoring nine or more in four games. Three players hit .400 or better: senior catcher Steve Coffell (.466), sophomore designated hitter Jeff Kugelmann (.438) and junior first baseman George Leung (.428). Senior second baseman Joe Brusseau hit .350, junior catcher Chris Gajewski hit .300 and shortstop Jeff Miller hit .297.

"We are going to be a better hitting team than we showed," George said. "We will be a good hitting team and we are going to hit the long ball, especially in our park (Madonna Park on the grounds of old Bentley High School). And we are going to run more than we have in the past (Madonna stole 27 bases in 29 attempts in Florida)."

Madonna pitching allowed just three runs per game in Florida, with two shutouts. George was especially pleased with his top four starters. Kugelmann and senior Shaun Hayward emerged as the team's aces. Hayward was 1-0 in two starts, allowing two earned runs in 14 innings. He struck out 11. Kugelmann, 1-1, allowed two runs in 13 innings and fanned 13.

Junior Louie McKaig (1-0, three runs in 9½ innings) and Mike Coleman (1-0, four runs in 11½ innings with 16 strike outs) will be the Nos. 3 and 4 starters.

The biggest surprise was the emergence of junior Sean Henkel as the team's closer.

"I've never been big on closers," George said. "I've always been one to let guys finish what they start. But Sean asked me to give him a chance and he really came through."

Henkel saved a school-record four games, pitching 6½ innings of scoreless relief. "This is a very focused team," George said. "They want to win and they know how to win. But I still have concerns."

Still fresh in George's mind is his team's penchant for starting fast and finishing slow. "We seem to always finish with a puff instead of a bang," George said. "Part of the problem was attitude and the other part was conditioning."

George has hired a weight and conditioning coach (Tim DeBello) and put the team through a rigorous high-impact aerobics program. The Crusaders run every day. In Florida, they ran after double-headers, after a triple-header. Conditioning won't be a problem.

"I'm not the same coach that I was before, I'm doing things a lot differently," said George, in his fifth year at Madonna. "I have more confidence in my coaching ability than ever before and we are going to win or lose doing things the way I want to."

Putting and bickering, George has made clear, will not be tolerated. "We had some problems last year that we won't have again," he said. "We have so much talent on this team, these guys know that if they don't produce they won't play. And the guys who aren't playing better stay positive and be helpful, because if they become a hindrance I will get rid of them."

George said the team passed its first attitude test in Florida. After winning five of its first six games, Madonna was hammered twice on Tuesday: 10-2 by Alvernia (Pa.) and 8-2 by New Hampshire.

"We could have folded up right then and there," George said. "But we had a meeting and talked about regrouping and setting things right."

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## All-Area team showcases top swim talent

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

STAFF WRITER

Some area schools might need deeper pools to meet standards, but there's no problem with the depth on this year's All-Area boys swimming team.

There's talent galore among the first team and at-large selections, including several from schools in Livonia and Farmington which aren't able to swim at their own pools because they aren't deep enough by Michigan High School Athletic Association standards.

Seven of the top 15 teams at the Class A meet came from Overland, including six from the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The area had a pair of state champions — Westland John Glenn's Matt Martin and Livonia Stevenson's Alex Goecke.

The future looks promising as well, considering there are five juniors and one sophomore with the nine first-team selections. Following is a profile of each member of the All-Area team:

## FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Jonathan Kershaw, N. Farmington, 200-yard freestyle: A junior, Kershaw is a repeat choice for first team All-Area in the 200 freestyle. He was fourth in the 200 freestyle (1:43.2) and sixth in the 100 freestyle (47.23) at the Class A state meet. His times in both events were the best in the area.

Kershaw placed first in the 100 freestyle (48.78) and second in the 200 (1:46.9) at the WLAA meet.

"He's a very dedicated, hard-working swimmer," North coach Jon Tual said. "He'll probably be highly recruited next year, just like Karl (Kozicki)."

Karl Kozicki, N. Farmington, 200

yard freestyle: Clark's first-place finish in the 50 freestyle at the MISCA meet was a spring board for the rest of his season. Clark took second in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle at the WLAA meet and came in sixth (21.68) in the 50 freestyle at the state meet. He was ninth in the 100 freestyle at the Class A meet and swam on the 400 freestyle relay team that placed 11th at state.

"Winning the MISCA meet in the 50 freestyle gave Jeff a lot of confidence," Canton coach Hooker Wellman said. "Being an all-state swimmer will give Jeff more confidence for next year. Jeff works very hard in the pool and the weight room. He's a great example for other kids around him from our team."

Jason Fowler, Canton, diving: Fowler led area divers from the start of the season to the end. He placed 12th in the Class A regional and 21st at the state meet. His best score was 243.90 points. Wellman believes Fowler, only a sophomore, has the chance to challenge at the state meet in the future.

"Jason has changed physically a lot from last year," Wellman said. "He's stronger and with better body control. He has the time and ability to become a state-level diver."

James Leslie, Catholic Central, 500 freestyle: Leslie, a junior, was Catholic League champ in the backstroke and was on the 200 freestyle relay. He had the state's best time with a school-record 4:35.73 in the 500 freestyle at the state meet but ended up finishing second overall. Leslie also was fourth in the 200 IM (1:56.69) at the state meet.

He set a school record last year in the backstroke and helped set a school record in the medley relay. He's a repeat All-Area selection.

"James is afraid of no competitor," assistant coach Bob Kravutsky said. "His will to win is the highest I've ever seen, and he will make a great all-around college swimmer."

Ryan Freeborn, Stevenson, 100 backstroke: Freeborn took third in the backstroke at the WLAA meet, and he had his best time in the event at the state meet (54.74). He has played key roles in the Spartans' successful relays which earned All-American recognition.

"Ryan has always been there for us," Stevenson coach Doug Buckler said. "Ryan worked very hard to swim fast and I will miss him. I will always remember him as a leader, as a swimmer and as a great young man."

Alex Goecke, Stevenson, 100 breaststroke: Goecke, a repeat All-Area selection, was an undefeated Class A champion in the breaststroke (56.89). He gained momentum earlier in the season with championships at the MISCA meet and his fourth-straight WLAA title. His best time was nearly five seconds faster than the second-best time in Overland.

Goecke is Buckler's first state champion and holds many pool and school records.

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individual medley: Another junior, Kozicki earned his way on the first team this season after being honored as an at-large choice a year ago. Kozicki placed second at the Class A meet in the 200 IM (1:56.13) and third in the 500 freestyle (4:38.29). Both were lifetime bests.

He also was WLAA champion in the 200 IM (1:57.6) and 500 freestyle (4:42.62), the latter being a league meet record.

Kozicki is a Junior National qualifier in the 200 IM and his best 500 freestyle time is a school record.

Locke was WLAA champion in the 50 freestyle (22.45) and placed seventh in the event (21.65) at the state meet. Locke also was member of Salem's three state-qualifying relays.

Locke has helped establish school records in the medley relay (1:38.39); 200 freestyle relay (1:27.91) and 500 freestyle (21.65).

"Fred had one of the finest seasons of any Plymouth swimmer ever," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "Hard work and dedication made Fred one of the state's best freestyle sprinters."

Matt Martin, John Glenn, 100 butterfly: The only senior in the senior isn't a repeat selection because he was trying to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials during the 1991-92 season. Martin failed to qualify but made the most of his senior year on the high school circuit at John Glenn.

Martin established a state record by winning the butterfly in 49.49 in the Class A meet and set another record in the backstroke prelims (50.29) before having the record erased by Dearborn's Jeff Neumann in the finals.

Martin had Overland's best times in the butterfly (49.49) and backstroke (50.39).

"He just makes my whole year," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "His work ethic is above and beyond. He's a kid, in coaching you dream about that comes around only once in 10 or 20 years. He has so much power in his arms and legs that he just hydroplanes. He just accelerates and snaps through the turns."

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## Theatre Guild

For the second time in their newly formed alliance, students from Livonia Public School's Creative and Performing Arts Program, will perform on the stage of the Theatre Guild in Neil Simon's comedy "Rumors" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays March 25, 27, April 5 and 6, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 28 and April 7 at the playhouse 15138 Beech Dale in Redford. For tickets, call 538-5678.

## St. Dunstan's Guild

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook will present "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 25, 26, April 2, 3 at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 644-0527 for tickets.

## Spring concert

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library will sponsor a spring concert by the Rochester Community Chorus 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 to benefit the new Rochester Hills Library. For ticket information, call 650-7179.

## World beat

The Roper School Fine Arts Department will present a World Beat Concert featuring the Grammy Award-winning Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band and local world beat band Gangster Fun, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28 in Handcrafter Hall at Temple Beth El on the northeast corner of Telegraph and 14 Mile Road. Tickets \$8 adults, \$5 students. For information, call 642-1500.

## Musica Viva

Musica Viva International Concert Series presents "From China to Michigan" with Opera Stars Xiaolu Wu, soprano; Yalun Zhang, baritone; and Wang Ying piano, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 in the Smith Performing Arts Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, Orchard Lake Road at 1-696 in Farmington Hills. For tickets, call 473-2228.

## Community band

Enjoy a March concert of marches performed by the Farmington Community Band, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28 in the Harrison High School auditorium, 2995 N. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets available at the door — \$3 adults, \$2 students, senior citizens free. For information, call 476-5014 or 489-3412.

## Schoolcraft shines in 'family' drama

Performances of the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night" continue through April 10 on the campus in Livonia. Dinner is at the Waterman Campus Center and performances at the Liberal Arts Auditorium. For ticket information call the college bookstore at 462-4409.

Schoolcraft College's theater department is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a stunning production of Eugene O'Neill's autobiographical masterpiece, "Long Day's Journey Into Night." Riveting performances and skillful staging, together with superb lighting and a fine setting, make for an evening to remember.

The driving force behind this classic theater piece from the 1920s is the feeling of "family." Rarely has a theatrical family appeared more real than in this "Journey."

Characters interact with subtle nuances. Lines are delivered with such spontaneity that none seem memorized — and what delicious arguments. They seem to build to a crescendo with characters talking at the same time until one is shouted or

coerced into submission. They're bone-chilling real.

Tension and a spirit of recrimination fill the stage from beginning to end as the dysfunctional Tyrone family lays bare its soul in the space of one day. The Tyrone loves each other for who they are — yet hate each other for what they've become.

At the center of it all is John Drouillard as James Tyrone, a big, barrel-chested Irish Catholic father. Drouillard gives a powerful and commanding performance as a non-nonsense head of a household. Mr. Tyrone is a successful Broadway actor who made money in real estate. His one great flaw is cheapness. He even scripps on proper medical care for his family, and it threatens to destroy the family he loves so much.

Jeri Doll is marvelous as his mentally unstable, drug-addicted wife, Mary Tyrone. One moment charming and effusive, the next psychotic and suspicious, she rides the roller coaster of emotions seeking the source of her pain.

Their sickly son, Edmund Tyrone, is played by Matthew Roppel. In reality, Edmund is a surrogate for Eugene O'Neill. Roppel is incisive as a young man afflicted with consumption (or tuberculosis) and a father with whom he cannot connect. Roppel slumps in odd corners of the stage. If only he would enunciate more clearly at the beginning of some



Stunning production: Stephanie Lockhart (Cathleen) (left), Jerri Doll (Mary Tyrone), John Drouillard (James Tyrone), John C. McPhail (Jamie Tyrone), and J. Matthew Roppel (Edmund Tyrone) star in "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at Schoolcraft College.

speeches. It detracts from an otherwise strong performance.

There's also a drunken son, James, played by John McPhail. He is the epitome of a man of little ambition who gets by on his good looks and the charity of others. McPhail's caustic, self-hating speech near the finale is a high point of the evening.

Stephanie Lockhart turns in a lively performance as the Irish maid, Cathleen.

Director Jim Hartman has judiciously pruned early exposition, which makes for a lively paced show with a spellbinding final scene.

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

## Dr. Jekyll tells tale in new version of classic

The Meadow Brook Theatre production of "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will continue through April 11 on the campus of Oakland University. For ticket information, call 377-3300.

The pre-to-change transformation of handsome, respectable Dr. Jekyll into his deformed alter-ego Mr. Hyde has been a grabber on stage and screen since shortly after Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his famous novella, John Barrymore, "Freddie

March and Spencer Tracy have all done the trick.

It still works in Charles Nolte's new retelling, but this new version is an awkward, flaccid, plodding exposition.

The trouble, as Nolte notes in the program, begins with the book. It is more a philosophical treatise on good and evil done up as a story. Most of Hyde's horrors are suggested rather than dramatized. The story is from the viewpoint of Jekyll's solicitor who gives us Jekyll's misguided dualist views through a prism of Victorian respectability. Hyde's sins, except for a fatal caning, are not spelled out.

Nolte has added the sadistic sex (off-stage of course) that is only sug-

gested in the "lewd crimes" of the book.

But he errs in having Jekyll tell the story, which creates a problem of logic at the end. It also never allows us to see the good Dr. Jekyll that shields the evil Mr. Hyde.

Nolte also has Jekyll lecture to the audience about the reasons for his experiment, a device that grows more tedious with each repetition.

The script contains some peculiar Victorian notions. Physical deformity is linked to mental and moral deformity. Evil is reduced to sexual sadism. Is this only in Jekyll's mind? To enliven the story, Nolte, who also directs this production, has added expressionistic slides and a set

that also suggests expressionism in its distorted doors and creaky stairs. It doesn't substitute for a well told tale.

Peter Gregory Thomson does well in the difficult lead. He is matinee idol handsome as Jekyll and a buck-toothed, hunched, hairy, disheveled Hyde and he does it all before our eyes. He is saddled with those speeches that never ring true. The Jekyll of the script is never a nice man. He is ill-tempered and almost childish rather than tortured.

Liz Zweiler gives a touching performance as Hyde's chosen victim. If she had more to do in a livelier music hall setting, we would have more empathy for her fate.

## 'A Little Night Music' beautiful show

Performances of the Jewish Community Center and Nancy Gurwin production of "A Little Night Music," continue through April 10 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the JCC in West Bloomfield. For ticket information call the JCC at 661-1100 or Gurwin at 354-0545.



BARBARA MICHAELS

With a lushly romantic score, some of it the most beautiful show music ever written, Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" gets a handsome, high-quality production at the Jewish Community Center's Aaron DeRoy Theatre. The Nancy Gurwin production features talented vocalists and engaging

performances. Set in turn-of-the-century Sweden, "A Little Night Music" examines different views of love. For some it is a cherished ideal, for some just a game, and for some only a fond memory.

For aging Fredrik Egerman (Kors H. Van Mourik) marrying an 18-year-old is an attempt to capture his youth. But after 11 months of marriage Anne (Lynne Sherwood) his second wife, is still virginal.

When Fredrik is unexpectedly reunited with a former mistress, the famous actress Desiree Armfeldt (Jane Shaffmaster), both start to re-examine their ideas about love.

Meanwhile, Fredrik's son Henrik (Eric Parker), studying for the priesthood, is hopelessly in love with Anne and Desiree's current lover, arrogant Carl-Magnus (Er-

ich J. Jungwirth), is possessively jealous of her renewed interest in Fredrik. Add in Carl-Magnus' unhappy wife Carlotta (Lori Murphy) and Anne's lusty maid Petra (Ilana Rosenbaum) and ship them all off for a weekend in the country under the watchful eyes of Desiree's mother (Nancy Gurwin), an aged courtesan, and her young daughter Frederika (Sarah Beth Radke).

The beautiful Sondheim score is written completely in waltz-time. While the plaintive "Send in the Clowns" is the best known song in the show, other particularly good numbers include "Night Waltz," "The Glamorous Life," "You Must Meet My Wife" and "A Weekend in the Country."

Jungwirth, Murphy and Rosenbaum have particularly strong voices, and the chorus of Gary Lee Temple, Cather Zucker, Maggie

Clennon, Will Rodgers and Lisa Jacobs also sounds very fine. Only Shaffmaster's voice seems thin among all the vocal talent. Radke is noteworthy as a younger star with strong stage presence.

Director Kathi Bush and music director Martin Burwell once again are successfully teamed, and the show flows seamlessly. Since Sondheim's lyrics tell most of the narrative, it is a pleasure to have them well-enunciated and never overpowered by the musical accompaniment.

Visually the production works well also, with Patricia LaFromboise's frothy costumes and set designer Leonard Walkowicz's floor and sliding panels in soft shades of aqua, mauve and lime green.

Valentine's Day may be over, but there's still plenty of romance in the air at the Jewish Commu-



Romantic show: Erich J. Jungwirth (left), Jane Shaffmaster and Kors H. Van Mourik star in the Nancy Gurwin Production of "A Little Night Music."

nity Center with "A Little Night Music." Barbara Michaels is a retired Southfield English teacher. A theater critic for the past 20 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

## Guest artists enhance Plymouth Symphony concert

By KRIS SPENCER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Packing the pews at Plymouth's First United Methodist Church on March 19, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presented an outstanding concert that featured Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

Guest artists included Susan Bozell, winner of the symphony's

Youth Artist Competition, the Plymouth Oratorio Society, and the Great Lakes Quartet.

Here sat folks from all walks of life, gathering in a place of worship to listen to a symphony that celebrates goodwill to mankind.

The orchestra burst forth with the arousing first movement. The second movement, a scherzo, capitalized on the energy of the first.

It was familiar — I realized I had last heard it while viewing Stanley Kubrick's film adaptation of "A Clockwork Orange," which, with its "ultra-violence" is the antithesis of the music's uplifting sentiment. The symphony's third movement was a ponderous, weighty piece.

Due to the considerable length of the first three movements, the Plymouth Symphony arranged for a brief intermission during which the Plymouth Oratorio Society and Great Lakes Quartet took their places on stage.

As the symphony chimed in again, the Oratorio Society, under the direction of Robert Pratt, gave voice to Schiller's poem "Ode to Joy." The Great Lakes Quartet joined them taking the solos.

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The presence of the Great Lakes Quartet, including soprano Julia Broxham, mezzo soprano Wendy Bloom, tenor Todd Graber, and baritone Chris Grapentine, enhanced the performance.

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## George Bernard Shaw 'reappears' in drama

George Bernard Shaw — the great Irish playwright, wit, reformer, and self-professed social prophet — will "reappear" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 at Oakland Community College, Royal Oak Campus, 739 South Washington, as Mark McPherson stars in his

own one-character drama — "Immodestly Yours, G.B.S." Tickets for "Immodestly Yours, G.B.S." are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for seniors and students. They will be available at the door on March 26. Tickets are also available at the OCC theater

box office or by calling 544-5588. For information, call 544-4903 or 544-5551.

"We hope that 'Immodestly Yours' will interest a broad cross-section of our community," said theater manager Glenn Hansen of Birmingham. "An additional

reason for bringing in a play about Bernard Shaw now is its relationship to March being Women's History Month. Many people may not realize that Shaw was an active feminist who spoke out for the 'new woman' and equality of women."

## WHAT'S COOKING

## BENEFIT BRUNCH

The Michigan Humane Society's 4th annual Bow Wow Champagne Brunch will be held at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday, April 4 at the Ritz Carlton-Dearborn. Tickets are \$100 per person, call 582-7420 during business hours. Musical guest

will be Miss Orthea Barnes, an accomplished professional singer and native Detroit.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE** Schoolcraft College will present a Jazz Brunch, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 4 in the College's Waterman Campus Center. Tick-

ets \$25 per person. Proceeds fund members of the Culinary Salon Team in future competitions. To order tickets, call 462-4417, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy vintage and improvisational jazz by the Magnificents while the college's award-winning Culinary

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Music for the Fortepiano, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 at Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy. Call 643-7788 for tickets.

**CLASSIC BRUNCH**  
Brunch with the Classics features violin, cello and piano trio, noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the Somerset Collection Rotunda, 2801 Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call 643-6360 for tickets.

**MICHIGAN BACH FESTIVAL**  
Members of the Detroit Chamber Winds will present a concert featuring the music of J.S. Bach 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. There will also be a tea and concert 2 p.m. Monday, March 29 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For information, call 271-1939.

**RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR**  
Rackham Symphony Choir and Orchestra will perform J.S. Bach's "Mass in B Minor" 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward in Detroit. Local choir members include Jay Becker and Meg Costello of Birmingham and Mike Straub of Livonia. For ticket information, call 886-3480 or 885-4841.

**SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY**  
Southfield Symphony will present a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets available at the door or by calling, 354-4717 or 851-7408.

**DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR**  
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road, Farmington, presents the 80-voice Detroit Concert Choir performing Robert Ray's contemporary Gospel Mass, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Free will offering to benefit Simon House. For information, call 882-0118 or 474-5720.

**GARDEN CONCERT**  
Southfield's Concerts in the Garden will feature duo-pianists, sisters Elena Yuki Mack and Tomoko Mack 11 a.m. Sunday, March 28 at the Marriott Hotel, 27033 Southfield. For information, call 354-4717.

**FARMINGTON MUSICALE**  
Farmington Musicale will present a concert to benefit the scholarship fund 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 at North Congregational Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Call 851-5526 for ticket information.

**ARTS CHORALE**  
University of Michigan Arts Chorale will present its 45th annual spring concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Local members include Laura Graham of Troy and Claire Schwartz of Southfield.

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"Oklahoma" opens a five week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre March 30 through May 2. Couples who were married on March 31, 1943 will be honored on their 50th anniversary this year with an invitation to attend the performance of "Oklahoma" as guests of the theater. The show first opened in New York on March 31, 1943. For ticket information, call 644-3533. Couples married on March 31, 1943 are asked to call 644-1096 or 644-1196.

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Nancy Gurwin presents "Beauty and the Beast," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. Tickets \$6 adults, \$4 children ages 2-11. Call 525-8846 for information.

**MARQUIS THEATRE**  
"Jack and the Beanstalk," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 27 and April 3; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 28 and April 4. Easter break performances 2:30 p.m. April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. Tickets \$6. Call 349-8110. The theater is at 135 E. Main Street, Northville.

**TRINITY HOUSE**  
"Quilters" continue through April 3 at Trinity House, 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. For ticket information, call 464-6302.

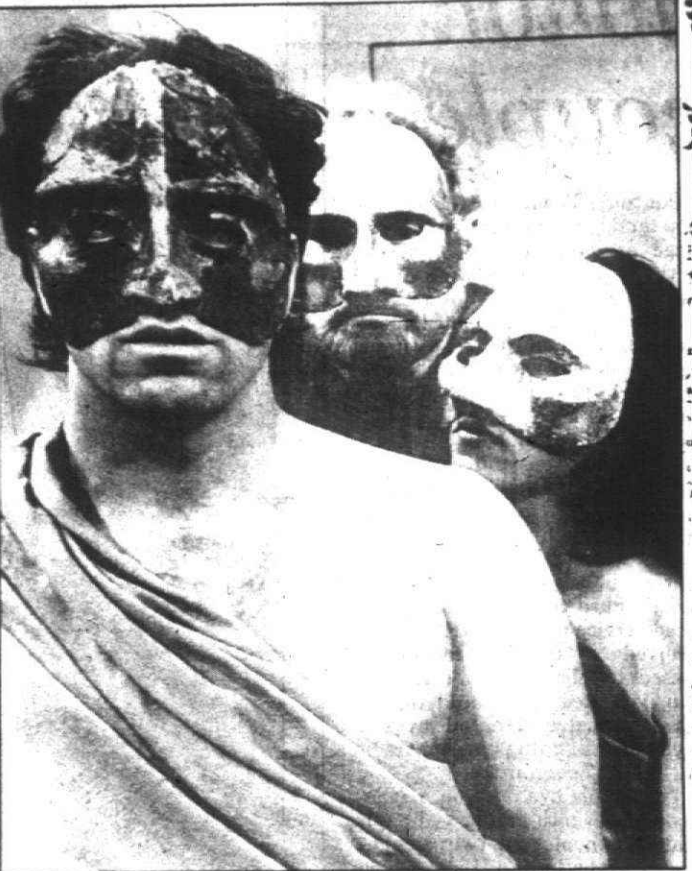
**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
"70 Girls '70" continues through March 28 at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy. For tickets, call 644-8328.

**YOUTH THEATER**  
"The Magic Journey," written and directed by Lisa Andres of Livonia, opens 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 and continues week-ends through April 4 at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison in Dearborn. For tickets, call 477-2176.

**FOLK**  
**COMFY CONCERT**  
Paint Creek Folklore Society presents a Comfy Concert featuring singer/songwriter Susan Grace (Stoltz) of Fairbanks, Alaska, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the Rochester Hills home of Phil and Althea Doolittle. Tickets \$8. Call 375-2513 to reserve your seat.

**JOSH WHITE, JR.**  
Folk and blue singer Josh White Jr. will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Campus Center. Call 462-4417 for ticket information. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Classic tragedy



Powerful drama: Jim Porterfield (left), David Fox, and Andree Lux of Westland star in the Attic Theatre production of the Sophocles tragedy "Antigone" at the Strand Theatre in Pontiac through April 4. Lux also choreographed the show. Other local cast members include Wendy Shapero of Birmingham. For ticket information, call 335-8100, 875-8284 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Schools honor couple

Canton Township residents Don and Jan Kelm were recognized as outstanding volunteers at the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, March 22. As volunteers at Fiegel Elementary School since 1985, the couple were honored with the "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPs) Award." The award was established by the "I Care" Committee and the Board of Education in 1991 to recognize individuals who make a difference in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Board trustee Jack Farrow presented the award to the Kelms and thanked them for their dedicated service to the district. They received a framed resolution passed by the Board of Education, volunteer pins, and dinner gift certificates donated by the Plymouth Landing on behalf of the "I Care" committee.

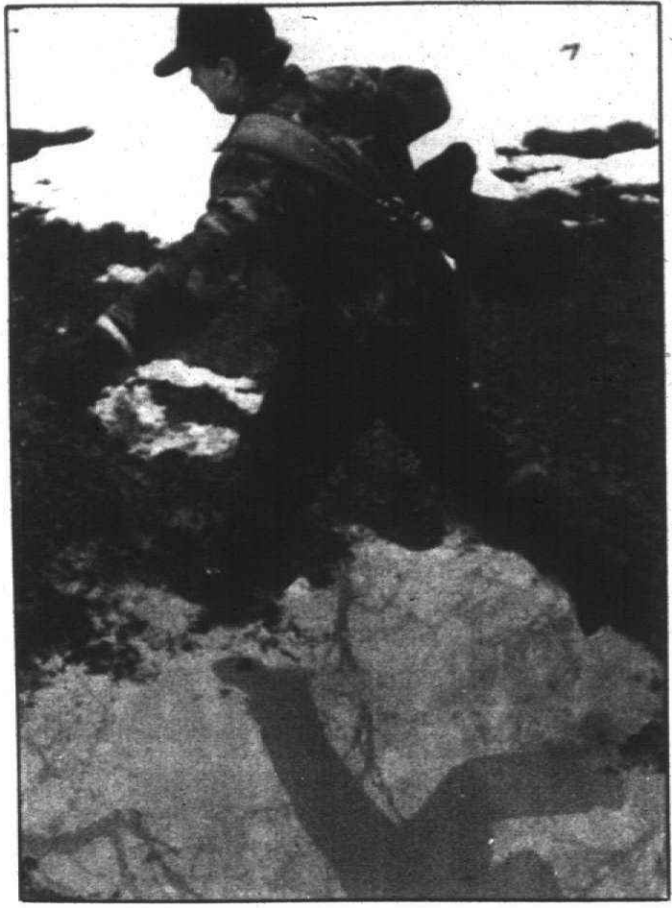
The couple has one son, Bryan, who is a seventh-grader at Lowell Middle School, and twin daughters, Elizabeth and Laura, who are fourth-graders at Fiegel.

Jan Kelm currently serves as president of Fiegel's Parent Teacher Organization. Through her work as PTO president, she plays a leadership role in all of the school projects. She also coordinates the parent-operated Publishing Center, which prints more than 2,000 pieces of work by students each year.

Don Kelm spearheaded the annual "Fathers' Fall Bar-B-Que" at Fiegel and serves as chairperson of this event, which attracts more than 600 participants and includes more than 60 fathers who serve as volunteers. He also serves as Fiegel's DARE parent coordinator and has organized an evening program which allows working parents to attend their children's DARE graduation.

"The efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Kelm have resulted in wide parent support and involvement for our school, as well as increased learning opportunities for our students," said Barbara Young, Fiegel principal.

Muddy days



Pea soup in Plymouth: Rick Stewart of Plymouth spends as little time as possible traversing oozing mud along Hines Drive near Riverside.

LUNCH MENU FOR SENIORS

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of March 29. Meals will be served at noon at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, in Plymouth (453-9703) and at 11:30 a.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. (397-5444).

Call 24 hours in advance for reservations and cancellations. Suggested donation is \$1.50.

**Monday**  
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**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, oatmeal cookie, dinner roll with margarine and milk.

**Thursday**  
Turkey a la king, butter rice, Harvard beets, V8 juice, fresh grapes, dinner roll with margarine and milk.

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Please read the handwritten note on this page. It's from a homeless woman. It was left at our door in the middle of the night along with two dogs, Two Face and Magic, pets this woman loved but could not care for. And could not keep. Fortunately, we could care for Two Face and Magic. We took them in, gave them food and a warm place to sleep, and found them homes with the two families you see pictured above. This story had a happy ending. But we get more and more cases like this each year. It's sad. And it gets worse. Some people don't care about animals as much as the woman who left this note.

abuse animals in other ways. Which is why we need your help. Happy endings for animals like Two Face and Magic only begin with your donation. Please send us your check today. All we can ask is what a homeless person asked of us: help. Yes, I would like to help. Here is my donation of: ☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ other Please make check payable to: Michigan Humane Society, 7401 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, MI 48211. Or charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ The Michigan Humane Society is a non-profit organization funded by private contributions. All contributions are tax deductible. MHS-2284 VF-93





## MARKETPLACE

**Home Window** of Westland won the Dealer of the Year award, based on sales volume for the year, from Season-all Industries Inc. Home Window is owned by Mike Morganroth and his two sons, Lonny and Scott Morganroth. They opened their Westland store in the early '80s. It specializes in residential window and door replacement. Season-all, based in Pennsylvania, is a subsidiary of Canada-based Indal Ltd. The company manufactures custom replacement windows and doors for the commercial and residential market.

**Sokol and Associates Insurance Agency** of Livonia has joined the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan, a statewide trade association that represents 10,000 independent insurance agents and industry employees.

**Yale Materials Handling** Inc., located in Livonia, acquired Lakeshore Material Handling Inc., the Yale Industrial Trucks dealer in Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Kalamazoo. With the acquisition, Yale Materials Handling-Michigan is now one of Michigan's largest distributors of forklift trucks and other related materials handling equipment.

**Children's Orchard**, a national franchise of large up-scale children's resale and new products boutiques, will hold a grand opening of its Canton Township store on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Joy Road

and Main Street. Festivities include cartoon characters, free balloons, a play area and other attractions for children. The Canton store is the fourth Children's Orchard in Michigan.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers reference library, focusing exclusively on manufacturing and automation, is now open Monday evenings by appointment only. The library is open both to SME members and the general public. The facility, at One SME Drive in Dearborn, already is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information,

call 271-5340 at least one day prior to your planned visit.

The Wall of Honor, which permanently recognizes members of the President's Society of the Oakwood Health Services Foundation, was rededicated at a ceremony in Oakwood Hospital's main lobby. It recognizes members for making major donations to one of the hospitals, including Ann Arbor, Beyer, Heritage, Oakwood, Oakwood Downriver Medical Center, Seaway, or other facilities within the Oakwood Health Services system. Oakwood is based in Dearborn.

Also, J.D.M. Inc. in Livonia, a designer and manufacturer of fine jewelry distributed throughout the U.S., has retained PRMI Marketing and Public Relations to develop a marketing plan along with sales brochures and collateral materials.

J.D.M. is located in the Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia.

**Lumonics Corp.** in Livonia has introduced a low-cost, easy-to-use laser system for high-speed, precision spot welding intended to be used on just about

any shop floor. The new pulsed laser system, called LUXSTAR, can make up to 100 spot welds per second through fiber optics.

**Northwest Graphic Services**, Inc., parent company of Northwest Advertising of Livonia has been recognized for Graphic Arts Excellence by Zellerbach, a national paper merchant.

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## Contest from Next page

them." For gas stations of the future, a handful of pumps will be devoted to electric vehicles, with new technology needed to charge cars in a few minutes instead of overnight.

The charging system must also prove safe to use in any weather, especially for someone standing in the rain or leaning against a vehicle's metal frame.

What's more, drivers may need additional warning devices, as silent engines can pose problems for children and the blind.

While the auto makers have been experimenting with a number of alternative fuels to comply with the legislation, electric remains the most viable means of zero-emission travel to date.

"We've had electric vehicles in our fleet before, and they have proven to be fairly reliable, but I think legislation is starting to drive the industry," said John Olsen, electric vehicle program manager for Detroit Edison in Detroit, and a Troy resident.

"In the spring, we'll take delivery of 10 Ford (electric) Ecotars

for use in our fleet. They'll be used for servicing meters, mail routes and general pick-up/delivery. They'll represent the most advanced product to date."

Olsen added some of the challenges for participants of the competition include developing longer lasting batteries, maintenance procedures, training programs, the make-up of service stations and identifying cultural changes.

According to the latest performance figures, prototype electric vehicles can travel over 100 miles at speeds of 60 mph between charges, while the typical urban commuter drives less than 45 miles a day. Within such parameters, a driver would have to charge a vehicle three or four times a week.

Entries for the competition are due by April 13. Teams will compete for \$100,000 in prize money to be divided among several categories. Anyone interested in participating in the competition can phone Detroit Edison at (313) 237-8910 or (617) 267-9035.

## Farr from Next page

## Priceless commodity

"I believe my motto is if my people are better, I have a price-less advantage over the competition. I think I'm a people person, that I have the ability to see good in people and am able to get them to perform greater than their expectations."

"To manage people, you've got to be fair, consistent, demanding and understanding," Farr said. "Owning a car dealership with vehicle sales, parts, service and the body shop is like running several businesses, he said. "If you have one that's not functioning, you're going to be marginally profitable."

Several years ago Farr established Triple M Financing, using his own money to seed the operation, so customers with credit problems could buy used cars at his dealerships.

"That has brought more buyers into his fold."

Farr currently serves on the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Detroit and Southeast Michigan and the Met-

ropolitan Detroit YMCA. He's chairman of the National Association of Minority Auto Dealers and chairman of the Minority Ford-Lincoln Mercury Dealers Association.

He's a life member of the NAACP and is a member of the NFL Players Advisory Board.

## Look toward future

"My greatest success is still out there," Farr said. "I haven't attained that yet. I'm most proud of my kids. Mel Jr. is general manager of my Ohio dealership, Michael plays for the Lions and my daughter Monet is in college. She wants to be an actress."

"My wife for 25 years, Mae, has been very supportive. She's done an excellent job raising the kids while I've spent a lot of time working."

"I've said to my wife on many occasions, 'When they bury me, I want them to put on the tombstone, a man who gave everything. I used all my energy, all my knowledge.'"

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## Does car alarm lock thief out or us in?



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was new to him.

This is OK when you locked your keys in the car, but no comfort when you think about getting your car stolen. In fact, the average car thief is a pretty good locksmith, but even if he isn't, a brick through the window usually suffices.

With the conviction rate for car theft about the same as doing hard time for padding an expense account, it's a relatively low-risk enterprise these days. One result has been a growing interest in

high-tech anti-theft devices, which are gradually replacing the old standbys like The Club or chaining your Mustang to a parking meter.

The basic principle was invented by my daughter, who once came back to her car just as it was being driven away by someone else. She had one of those remote door locking devices they give you so you can work the door locks from a distance, so she immediately punched the button and locked the guy inside, which didn't have any effect on much of anything, but was a start.

Now one company is offering a global service that essentially does the same thing via satellite, but allows you to dial up a telephone number and disable the car after you find it missing. You still don't have the car, of course, but at least you have the satisfaction that somewhere out there, the guy is walking.

Then there are the tracking systems, like the Teletac system

being offered by Pactel Teletac in Farmington Hills. These are the type that theoretically let the police locate your car by tracking a signal after it is stolen. The signal is silent, which means that when you get to work and are surrounded by police with their guns drawn, it is probably because you tripped it by accident that morning.

In fact, there is a growing movement to monitor the location of all cars, allegedly in the interest of traffic control. A \$70 million system is being installed in Oakland County that will provide interactive monitoring, which means that traffic can be monitored and directed to improve traffic congestion. A similar network already is collecting tolls on highways out East. Both tracking systems could just as easily locate your stolen car, or even turn the guy in when he gets to a toll booth.

We are, of course, locking ourselves in against the crooks with

these devices, instead of locking the crooks up, just like party store owners have to.

The high-tech devices work, but are expensive, and require dollars and manpower to operate. The irony is that being expensive makes them worth more to the people who steal them — just like the car radio or cellular phone. Then again, someone out there is already working on a new high-tech system to prevent the theft of burglar alarms.

Something to think about the next time you lock your keys in the car.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science magazine. If you have a comment, question, or suggestion concerning Auto Talk, write to Dan McCosh, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or you can call him directly by dialing 953-2047, mail box number 1870, on a touch-tone phone.

## DATEBOOK

## HEALTH CARE

The International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists, Detroit area chapter, is sponsoring a seminar, "Managed Health Care in an Era of Health Care Reform" at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Southfield from 8-11 a.m. on March 26. Speakers Ken Oboz, vice president, government relations at The Prudential and Scott P. Serota, vice president, Health Care Management, the Prudential. RSVP by March 22. Call 596-7329 or 564-2048.

## LOVE YOUR JOB

"How To Love The Job You Don't" will be the topic of a discussion by Jane Stewart PhD at Detroit Unity Temple on Saturday, March 27 beginning at 12 noon.

## ACCOUNTING REVIEW

A certified management accountant review course will be held at Detroit College of Business, 4801

Oakman in Dearborn, beginning Saturday, March 27. Call 581-4400, ext. 249.

## INFLUENCING OTHERS

Motivational speaker Phil Wexler will talk on "Influencing others positively" on Monday, March 29, from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Call 362-2424 for more info.

## BUILDING OWNER TRADE SHOW

Michigan Chapter No. 5, Institute of Real Estate Management and the Building owners and managers of association of Metro Detroit is holding its 18th Annual Trade Show at Burton Manor in Livonia on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 443-5090 for details.

## TAX TIPS

"Last Minute Tax Tips for '92 and '93" is the topic of a speech to be given by Leonard Grey on Wednesday, March 31, at the

Skyline Club in Southfield. Grey will also discuss the impact of President Bill Clinton's tax proposal, and tax advantaged investments. Call 799-8492 for reservations.

## SECRETS OF SUCCESS

Kenneth Wav, chief executive officer of Lear Seating Corporation and Ralph Reins, president of Allied Signal Automotive will reveal their philosophies on leading a successful business at "Trading Secrets: Inside Views of Strategic Planning, Growth and Survival Practices" at the Southfield Plaza Hotel on Wednesday, March 31 beginning at noon.

## UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The annual joint legislative day will be held Wednesday, March 31, in the Lansing Civic Center beginning at 8 a.m. Call (616) 637-4166 for details.

## DBASE IV

The American Society of Employ-

ers is sponsoring a seminar on "Base IV: Level I" at 23815 Northwestern Highway in Southfield on Wednesday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Speaker: Robert Battaglia, We Teach Call 353-4500 for more information.

## BUILDING IN '90S

The Builders Association of Southeast Michigan will review the latest demographics and economic trends and their implications for the marketing of new homes in the metro Detroit area on Thursday, April 1. Call 737-4477.

## SECRETARIES &amp; MANAGEMENT

Seminar for secretaries and administrative assistants on management skills 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Fee: \$50. Discount for more than one person from the same organization. 0.5 continuing education units. Information: 591-5188.

## Notice: Public Participation for Regional Long Range Transportation Plan From: SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

The Southeast Michigan Region is federally mandated to revise its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as a result of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. The LRTP looks ahead 20 years at the transportation needs of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Monroe, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties.

This plan is being revised with input from federal, state and local government levels and must be completed by October 1, 1993. Local elected officials will make decisions about how to prioritize spending of transportation dollars for road reconstruction, road improvements and the building of new roads. Policy decisions must also be made about other forms of transportation — buses, airports, bicycles and trains — for example. In addition, the 1990 Clean Air Act identifies Southeast Michigan as a moderate non-attainment area. The LRTP must support efforts to reduce regional hydrocarbon emissions by 15% by 1996 as required by the Clean Air Act.

Public participation is a vital ingredient in the revision of the LRTP. Elected officials must have some sense of the public will if a comprehensive plan is to be developed that addresses regional transportation needs. Public information meetings will be held to provide an opportunity to comment on the goals and objectives of the LRTP. The meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, March 24, 1993, 3 p.m., at 278 Collingwood, Ann Arbor. Parking is available at the corner of Collingwood and Shelby Streets. For additional information contact Terri Blackmore 313-994-3127.
- Monday, March 29, 1993, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., at the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Chambers, St. Clair County Bldg., 201 McMoran, Port Huron. For additional information contact Lisa Bitzinger, 313-987-4884.
- Wednesday, March 31, 1993, 1:30 p.m., at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments office, 660 Plaza Drive, Suite 1900, Detroit. For additional information contact John Kempala, 313-961-4266.

Written comments are also welcome. The following survey form has been designed to solicit your input in the regional transportation planning process. Because the region is developing a plan that will shape important future transportation decisions about the allocation of limited federal, state and local dollars, some important choices must be made. Please complete the following two-part survey and return it to: SEMCOG, 660 Plaza Drive, Suite 1900 Detroit, MI 48226, by April 9, 1993.

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- There are several options to be considered in developing a transportation plan. Rank these options in order of importance, "1" being the most important and "7" being the least important.
    - a. Maintaining and resurfacing existing roads
    - b. Building new or wider roads to reduce traffic congestion
    - c. Making buses and trains more convenient to use
    - d. Redesigning roads, traffic signs and signals to improve traffic safety and reduce accidents
    - e. Improving shipping of goods by air, rail or truck
    - f. Reducing energy consumption and air pollution from motor vehicles
    - g. Enhancing alternative forms of transportation including pedestrian walkways and bike paths
  - Limited financial resources are available to maintain and improve our transportation system. This requires that some difficult choices be made about how to best invest these dollars in our regional transportation system. Review the pairs of options below and circle the one in each pair that is most acceptable to you.
    - A. 1. Maintaining the quality of transportation in existing or older urban areas or  
2. Building new roads and expanding transit service in less urban areas.
    - B. 1. Investing in special equipment on regular bus routes to assist senior citizens and disabled individuals or  
2. Providing door-to-door service for senior citizens and disabled individuals using special small buses.
    - C. 1. Widening roads to relieve traffic congestion or  
2. Providing more buses, vanpooling to reduce traffic congestion.
    - D. 1. Investing in traditional road improvements, such as road widening or  
2. Investing in high technology road improvement such as computerized traffic signal systems.
    - E. 1. Reducing air pollution by limiting travel, driving less, increasing use of transit and carpools, for example, or  
2. Reducing air pollution by testing automobiles in alternate years and making needed repairs.
    - F. 1. Accepting a scaled down transportation plan (with more congestion, potholes, etc.) for the region as a result of limited dollars or  
2. Providing more money for an improved transportation plan through increased user fees or taxes.
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Jeffrey T. Hanlin has been named deli/bakery buyer for Livonia-based Foodland Distributors. In this position, Hanlin is responsible for buying deli/bakery products and developing sales plans and other programs designed to assist customers of Foodland Distributors.



Jeffrey Hanlin

Michael Brenoel has been selected as president of the 18-year-old environmental company The Traverse Group. Brenoel, a hydrologist with 17 years of management experience in the environmental field, was most recently a vice president of Ground Water Technology, Inc. where he was responsible for the firm's Midwest operations involving 16 offices and 350 people in 18 states and Canada.



Michael Brenoel

Kathy Simons, manager of the Canton Super 8 Motel, attended Super 8 Motels 17th annual international convention. Highlights of the convention included educational seminars regarding the American with Disabilities Act, OSHA Regulations, Cleaning and Maintenance of the Motel and Crisis Management.



Kathy Simons

Julie Dudek of Century 21 Row of Livonia was only one of four recipients of the Lifetime Education Achievement Award at the Western Wayne and Oakland County Association of Realtors awards dinner on March 5.

To submit materials to this column, please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. There is no charge.

## Farr also runs hard in 2nd career

■ Owner of four car dealerships, Mel Farr believes he's just coming of age as a businessman.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Some people know him as Mel Farr Superstar, a fast-talking car salesman who "flies" with a magic cape in his TV advertisements. Others remember him as an all-pro running back with the Detroit Lions.

Farr, a Bloomfield Hills resident, actually is soft-spoken, owns an airplane, maintains a sporting interest in football and has his name on four automobile dealerships that last year grossed \$118 million.

Tonight, Farr will formally receive the Executive of the Year Award from the Oakland Executives Association, a professional group formed to promote business in Oakland County.

"He built a highly-successful business, weathering all kinds of recessions and economic downturns," said Chuck Hammond, executive director of the Detroit Zoological Society and an executive-of-the-year committee member.

"On top of that, he's found time for leadership roles in many community organizations. The more the group talked about Mr. Farr, investigated his background, the more they were impressed."

Farr is pleased with the award. "It means people are paying attention to what I'm doing. It says I'm on the right track."

Farr, 48, has specialized in breathing new life into financially troubled dealerships. "It wasn't by design. It was the only thing available," he said of his niche.

All four of Farr's acquisitions — Ford dealerships in Oak Park and Fairfield, Ohio, a Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Waterford and a Toyota dealership in Bloomfield Hills — ei-



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Executive honored: Mel Farr, formerly an all-pro football player, now makes his mark in the auto retailing business and in community service.

ther were bankrupt or losing money, any special assistance, Farr said.

### Off-season work

Farr worked in a management training program at Ford for seven years during off-seasons learning the intricacies of the auto business. At the same time he finished his college degree at the University of Detroit.

William Clay Ford, owner of the Lions and a high-placed executive with the auto company, didn't give him

"Back then, I couldn't say I wanted to be head coach of the Lions, general manager of the Lions, because no blacks were holding those positions," Farr said. "When I started working for Ford in '68, Ford put in its first black dealer and that became a tangible goal for Mel Farr."

"I exacted all of my energies and efforts to learn that business," he said. "I invested every penny I saved

as a football player in my first dealership."

That was in 1975, a year after his retirement from the Lions.

Now, Farr prefers to concentrate on the broad picture while leaving details to others in his organization.

"I get involved in motivational type of management as opposed to going in and being very cold and analytic," he said.

See FARR, PREVIOUS PAGE

## Panel has good intentions, but struggles over mission

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Community advisory panels make good business sense. Just ask Olin and BASF, two chemical companies in Livonia.

Olin, which packages and distributes swimming pool chemicals from a warehouse here, launched an advisory panel last spring as part of a corporate responsibility initiative.

"We got involved to educate the community about what we are and what we're doing," said Wendell W. Gay, plant manager. "It was a needed thing to be in partnership with the community."

BASF, which manufactures raw materials used to make foams, asked to climb aboard last fall.

"We have the same interests as Olin," said Jim Strickland, BASF plant manager. "We joined forces. We do things together as partners we probably couldn't do alone."

Panelists, including health-care professionals, educators, people living near the plants and representatives from adjacent businesses, were chosen by a consultant.

They've toured both Olin and BASF and now are trying to de-

velop a long-term mission.

"I can't tell you what we're going to do. We don't know. We're still grasping at information," said Jim Lee, a panelist who lives near the plants. "We haven't come out of our shell yet. It's an adventure for us."

The panel may some day be an outreach organization, but that remains to be determined, Lee said.

"We're there together to assure for emergency preparedness and give the community the right to know. If someone has a question, they can come to the panel, they can grab one of us, and we can get it to Olin or BASF," Lee said.

"When I was asked to join, I did it with the idea of finding out more about how a chemical plant affects the community," said Joan Olds, a nurse. "I'm very concerned about the environment."

"The (initial) purpose as far as panel members were concerned was being educated," she said. "I guess I've been reassured. I'm assuming as we go along, it will become clear what our purpose can be in the community."

Olin and BASF provide meeting sites, refreshments, information and pay for the services of

Mary Roehr, a research analyst at Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies and liaison between the companies and panel.

"We're sponsors; we don't guide it," Strickland said. "We provide a meeting place, information. We're not there to determine what's going to happen."

"If we were running the meetings, there would be a tendency to think, 'Here comes the propaganda now'," he said. "I don't think there's been a reluctance on anyone's part to share information."

Roehr sees her role as an intermediary and facilitator.

"After orientation needs are addressed, panel members will have enough information to be able to advise the companies on other issues — environmental issues, relationships with the community, questions of safety and employee training," she said.

The advisory panel already may have made an impact on Olin. The company is looking into selling a byproduct of its packaging process after a panelist made that suggestion during a tour of the distribution center.

"How does the old saying go — you can't see the forest for the trees," Gay said.

## Contest focuses on electric cars

BY R.J. KING  
SPECIAL WRITER

Have a good idea on how electric vehicles can be recharged as quickly as a service station fill-up? Or perhaps there's already an electric vehicle in the garage, and all that's needed is a little capital?

A national planning and design competition with strong local ties was recently unveiled to help shape the future infrastructure needed to accommodate electric vehicles.

The competition calls for teams of architects, economists, engineers and urban planners to design changes in existing service stations, electrical outlets and freeways to make them more accessible to silent-propulsion vehicles.

Sponsors of the competition include General Motors, Detroit Edison, Electronic Data Systems, the Department of Energy, the Edison Electric Institute and Hughes Power Control Systems, a GM subsidiary.

"Professionals from various disciplines will bring a unique contribution to the planning process," said John Dabels, director of market development for GM Electric Vehicles and chairman of the competition. "By linking these groups in the planning phase well in advance, our cities can develop practical solutions to support electric vehicles."

Esaku Kondo, a Bloomfield Hills architect who now works as an industry consultant, said he entered the competition as a way to draw on his professional train-

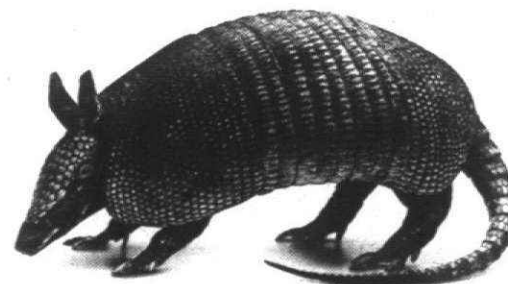
ing, which includes a master's of architecture degree in urban design from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

"The electric vehicle has some handicaps when compared to motorized vehicles. It's slower, needs constant recharging, doesn't travel as far and is very expensive," said Kondo, 68, former architect for Minoru Yamasaki Associates in Rochester and MKK Technologies Inc. in Livonia.

"The competition gives me a chance to go back to school, so to speak. Right now there's just a lot of ideas floating in my head, and I haven't prepared any drawings yet. But I'm going to look seriously at central business districts and how electric vehicle will affect

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# We designed our cars around an age-old idea: help protect what's inside.



This concept of protection has been kicking around since time began. In the car world, however, things like steel spaceframes, standard driver-side airbags, energy-absorbing steering columns — a lot of things that help protect you — are all pretty recent. And with every Saturn, all quite standard.

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# SUBURBAN LIFE

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1993

## FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

## Child size has a place in playtime

Several weeks ago, I discussed the importance of learning and continuing education for adults. I have been fortunate to have taken advantage of many opportunities, experiencing learning in a variety of settings, including those that were somewhat uncomfortable for me.

We like most children should allow ourselves to take in information in a sponge-like manner. In other words be capable of becoming open-minded — absorbing a little at a time, if you have to, but absorbing or taking in information in an ongoing process.

I had the pleasure of attending a recent child care professionals conference in New Orleans, where I attended a workshop that was quite thought-provoking. As an early childhood educator, I am aware that the use of space in a child care setting, school or even at home affects a child's cognitive play.

However, this workshop outlined and described the "time element" factor involved in children entering complex play, based on room arrangement and space.

Early studies showed that more complex forms of play, like role playing, require a certain amount of warm-up time before children get into them.

And a team of graduate students and educators from the College of Human Ecology at the University of Tennessee found that spatial scale affects temporal experience, neurological functioning, information processing and timing of behavior.

By combining those two avenues of research, it's been deduced that changes in the experience of time and information processing, as well as changes in the timing of behavior, suggests that child-sized environments for play activity lead to a quicker onset of complex play behavior in children.

Attention space should be increased in child-sized environments, then children can spend a greater percentage of their overall play time in complex play activity.

The experimental condition of the study involved a small enclosure within a normal room. Height was determined based on an adult seated at a 30-inch high table with an eight-foot ceiling compared to a child seated at a 20-inch high table.

That translated into a ceiling height of five feet. The length of seven feet and width of five feet of the enclosure was determined by table size and appropriate circulation space.

The table space itself was determined by the number of children who could be observed in the enclosure at one given and the area itself was equivalent to a room eight feet by 11 feet for an adult seated at a table.

The researchers used eight sessions for the study, alternating between two in a full-sized room and two in the child-sized room. And the results, they say, were encouraging despite the small size of 11 children.

What they found was that the children did enter into complex cognitive play quicker and spent a greater percentage of their overall play time in complex forms of play.

They also found that children sustained those forms of play longer in the child-sized environment than they did in the full-sized environment.

The research suggests that, aside from the implications for design of environments for children, there is the potential to design child-sized environments for children with attention deficit disorder.

More studies are planned, but the bottom line is that where children play has an effect on how and how long they play.

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.

**■ Attention space should be increased in child sized environments then children can spend a greater percentage of their overall play time in complex play activity.**

## Con game

## Conventions pair fans with authors



For people like Brent Carpenter and Gary Reed, comic book conventions are more of a meeting of the minds . . . of publishers like themselves, artists and writers and those of dealers, collectors and most importantly, the readers.

BY PATRICK KEATING  
SPECIAL WRITER

Comic book writers, artists and publishers will take over the Dearborn Civic Center this weekend.

That's when they will meet with dealers, collector and readers to exchange ideas and information at the semi-annual Motor City Comic Con.

For local companies, such conventions can mean attracting new readers. For some, it's a chance to go one-on-one with the fans.

"I think it's been incredibly beneficial . . . because it's kind of like a grassroots thing," said Brent Carpenter, president of Foundation Studios, a small Detroit-based production firm, which publishes Gauntlet Comics. "It gives people a chance to know about a book they might otherwise not have looked at when they go into a bookstore," he said.

Gary Reed, publisher of Caliber Press, Foundation's parent company, sees conventions primarily as a venue for fans to meet the guest artists and talk to the publishers about upcoming projects, while Ralph Griffith, a writer with Romulus-based Arrow Comics, favors the one-on-one point of view.

"You're actually able to talk to them and tell them what differentiates you from the competition," Griffith said.

Like Foundation Studios and Caliber Press, Arrow Comics relies primarily on local talent — "That's what we strive to do; always promote the local folks," Griffith said.

The person making the interaction possible is Michael Goldman, who has made a name for himself with small comic books and sports card shows, usually three every two months.

### Good business

Goldman, who is based in Southfield, has been running conventions for seven years, and bigger conventions like the Motor City Comic Con for three years. The business, he said, has been good.

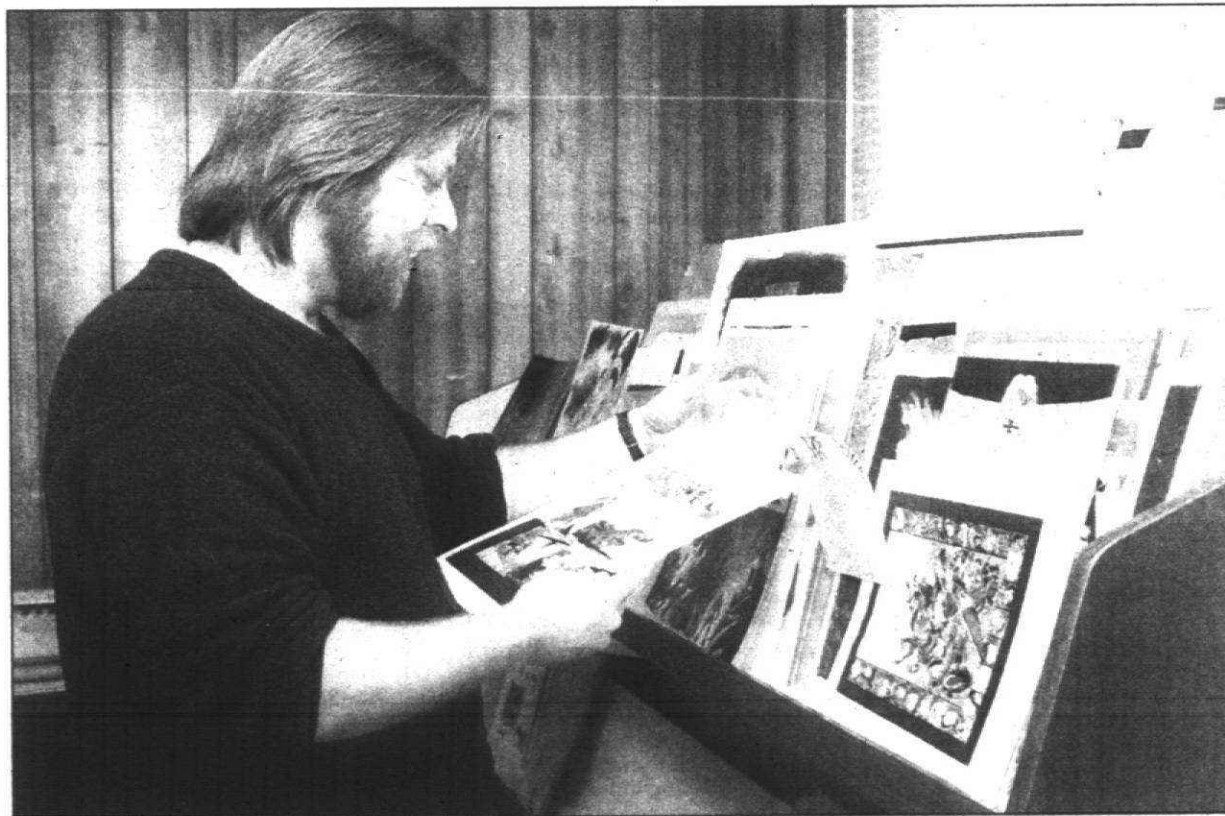
"Our attendance is growing with every show," he said at the October 1992 convention. "In March '92 we set a record for any show we ever had and we broke that record by more than 20 percent this time."

In addition to his work in the Detroit area, Goldman also runs smaller market shows in East Lansing and Cleveland, Ohio.

By October 1993, Goldman will be moving the Motor City Comic Con down Michigan Avenue to the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

What Goldman may have hit on is a comic book version of a rock concert on a small scale.

According to a representative of Reddig, Ill.-based Fathom Press compared meeting a publisher at a convention is like seeing a rock group in concert: "You want to get their album after you've heard them live. I think it's very important to make that contact. Plus, I like to see the people who read what I do."



In progress: Gary Reed, publisher of Caliber Press, looks over artwork in progress for upcoming comic books. He sees conventions primarily as a venue for fans to meet the guest artists and talk to the publishers.

## AIDS quilt needs tender, loving help

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

It could be mistaken for a handmade get well card, if it weren't for the company it keeps. Students at Plymouth Salem and Canton High Schools covered the three- by six-foot cloth panel with their names, the schools' nicknames and a simple message of support.

Beside it is another cloth panel, the work of students at the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

They are silent testimonials to the devastation wrought by the AIDS epidemic. And they are just two panels of the international AIDS memorial quilt which will be on display at Cobo Center in Detroit May 20-23.

According to Michael Valdez, chair of the NAMES Project/Metro Detroit Chapter, the display will help "boost public awareness about HIV and AIDS in the metro Detroit area."

"We see the urgency in creating a public awareness toward the fight against AIDS in our city and

**■ 'The emotional impact of the quilt brings the tragedy of this disease to a very personal and private level.'**

Michael Valdez

surrounding suburbs," Valdez said. "Since the epidemic continues to grow locally, we feel that it is time to help re-educate our citizens about the crisis."

"It illustrates the enormity of the epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics," said Michele Drengberg, Valdez co-chair. "It provides a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic."

Those are two of three goals the NAMES Project has for the quilt. The other is to raise money for people living with AIDS and HIV by donations to direct care service organizations.

### Large undertaking

The chapter is responsible for bringing the quilt to Detroit, its first showing here since 1988. It's a hefty endeavor, considering the chapter must raise some \$33,000 to cover the cost of renting Cobo Center plus fill 900 volunteer shifts.

Through a series of fund-raisers, the first held last month at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, as well as panel sponsorships — \$15 for a panel and \$120 for 12 by 12 section (three panels) — and cash donations, ranging from \$16-\$99 for a friend to \$1,000 for a major contributor, the chapter hopes to meet the financial commitment.

Several HIV/AIDS organizations — AIDS Interfaith Network, FRIENDS Alliance, Midwest AIDS Prevention Project and the Wellness Networks to name a few — have pledged assistance and volunteers to help, but even more people are needed to help set up and tear down the display, act as overnight security, provide emotional support and serve as greeters to the quilt.

See QUILT, 3C



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Super heroes: Local artists are providing the impetus for such comic books as "U.N. Force," published by Caliber Press in Plymouth.

In addition to local and regional publishers, representatives from national companies also come to make contact with their readers.

Steve Saffel, editor of Marvel Comics' fanzine "Marvel Age" says readers who go to the conventions help shape marketing decisions and the directions the books take.

"At a convention like this, we get to talk to the fans, and all of it goes into the mix of the decision making process," Saffel said. "This is where we find out face-to-face what our fans

think of what we're doing."

### At a con

One of the main features of conventions is the buying and selling of comic books. The Motor City Comic Con features a large dealers room, where local as well as out of state retailers come to sell their merchandise.

According to Lauren Becker, a clerk at Time Travellers, a comic shop in Berkley, the conventions serve as a meeting place for dealers and shop owners. The dealers here in Michigan, he said, "are really close knit."

A few dealers come in from out-of-state like Jim Williams of Cleveland who attended the October 1992 convention. For him, conventions help attract customers.

"The more people who know about it, the better," he said.

Another convention feature is panel discussions. Here artists and writers talk with readers about a variety of subjects related to comic books. At the October 1992 convention, one panel looked back on the "Golden Age" of comics — the 1930-40s.

"We had no idea that this was the beginning of an industry, which, you see, has just blossomed into a huge publishing concern," said Martin Nodell, who created the character of the Green Lantern in 1940.

Nodell, who also was the art director of the Pillsbury Doughboy advertisements, sees the ideas of today's comics are generally more widespread than what was done in the '40s.

"The stature of comics has come up greatly, and I personally feel that the art today is a heck of a lot better than it was early on," Nodell said. "The stories at that time were much more direct and more like doing a storyboard. But today, you'll have a full page that will go from upper left to lower right, and you've got to figure out what the spaghetti is in between."

See CONVENTIONS, 3C



# Writer is influenced by circumstances outside herself

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Dear Lorene, I would love for you to analyze my handwriting. I am 42 years of age. Never married and I have no children. I am right handed. I am going through a real "life cycle" right now and have been going through some challenging things. I look forward to a response. Thank you so much for your time, Lorene.

C.Z.,  
Royal Oak

The many variations in this handwriting lead me to the con-

clusion that our writer is definitely in a state of flux regarding many areas and issues in her life. She appears to be dissatisfied with her life as it is and experiences stress as a result.

I do not know what is happening to cause this turmoil. I hope she will examine her current situation and take positive steps to make her life more rewarding.

Self-discipline appears to be in short supply. Many times she is unpredictable and capricious. Her temperament is also changeable.

This woman is influenced by circumstances outside of herself. At times she feels unappreciated. It is important for her to realize that happiness comes from within and not rely on other people to provide it for her.

Some of her goals are at a level of challenge. However, it may be

difficult for her to remain focused on them. Other goals might be considered pie-in-the-sky. Incomplete projects are noted.

As a youngster, it appears she received a great deal of criticism regarding her personal appearance. This made her sensitive and a little self-conscious. Criticism continues to be hurtful.

Authority figures are not easy for her to accept. It is quite possible she experienced difficulty with an authoritarian personality very early in life. She has not completely resolved this, even though she has tried to free herself from past influences.

A dislike of friction causes her to compromise in order to keep the peace. Other times, however, she can be rebellious. And while this may sound paradoxical, both attitudes co-exist within her. Nat-

urally, this tends to cause indecision at times.

Her manner of thinking and assessing new information is methodical, logical and slow. She does not like to be rushed, nor does she like to meet pressure deadlines.

Manual skill is suggested in her handwriting. Also some interest in structure and form. Music can provide relaxation.

Interest in material gain can be seen here. Attempts at thrift are not always sustained for long periods. Then she finds herself spending more than originally planned.

Our writer leans toward concealment and protection of her own interests. Feelings of self-worth often fluctuate. However at the time she wrote this letter she seemed to feel she had exceeded her family in some way.

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I have saved the best for the last. A great sense of humor weaves throughout this handwriting. Her affinity for laughter can help keep things in perspective. It can also ingratiate her to others.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### George and Aravella Klinebriel

A 50th wedding anniversary celebration will be held in April at the Westland Friendship Center for George and Aravella Klinebriel of Westland.

The Klinebriels exchanged vows on April 12, 1943, in The Plains, Ohio. She is the former Aravella Elaine Wetzel.

Forty-four-year residents of Westland, the Klinebriels have five children — David and wife Janet of Westland, James and wife Diane of Livonia, Dan and wife Paula of Buckley, Wash., George and wife Roxanne of Kodak, Tenn., and Cory of Westland. They also have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



He retired from Great Lakes Steel after 42 years, while she is a retiree of D&C Dime Stores. They are members of Central Church of Christ in Westland.

### Elwood and Edna Manns

Family and friends will be the guests of Elwood and Edna Manns at the Botsford Inn when the couple celebrates their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows in a private ceremony on Easter Sunday — April 16, 1933 — at Asbury Methodist Church in Traverse City. The former Edna Kellogg, she was a teacher at the Ogdensburg School, and because of her teaching contract, the marriage was kept quiet until the end of the school year, when she left to

join her husband in Detroit.

An employee of the Haley Funeral Home, he lost his job as the result of the Depression, but soon found employment at the Maus Funeral Home in Detroit. Ten years later, in 1943, he opened the Manns Funeral Home in Detroit, moving the business to Livonia in 1961.

Thirty-two-year residents of Livonia, the Manns have three children, daughter Sally and two married sons, Dickson and wife Joann of Brighton and Charles and wife Marj of Livonia. They also have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Manns are active, as elders and deacons, in St. Paul's Presby-



terian Church and the Nardinaires Senior Group. He also is a member of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, which recently honored him for 60 years of service.

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# Even the men turned out for Woman's Club anniversary

BY JULIA HOGLEN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Dear Jon:

In the middle of a Michigan March what could possibly be worth going out for?

Well, Jon, if you were a woman, you wouldn't have missed the 100th anniversary of the Woman's Club of Plymouth. Even a few guys showed up.

A snow storm couldn't keep the most influential women of the last century from gathering to celebrate their contributions to more than 21 charitable and civic organizations which have enriched our community, promoted scholastic ability, encouraged ladies to become leaders, and propelled many a husband into prominence.

Eight past presidents were there: Maxine Willoughby, Nancy Tanger, Ester Hulsing, Betty Childs, Grace Rix, Key Wood, K.C. Mueller and Joyce Roebuck.

We were treated to the strain of "America Sings," by the 54-member Cadet Choir from Central Middle School, directed by Joyce Large. Anybody who's anybody turned out for the lavish luncheon, and on this rare occasion, men were welcome — Harry Roebuck, Ed Rix and Harold Wright.

One city commissioner, Bill McAninch, looking quite spiffy, claimed he was chosen to read the city's proclamation due to the fact that he was as old as the original charter members!

Tom Yack, supervisor of Canton, praised the group for its credibility and longevity. Dr. Fred Vosburg, who gave the invocation, expressed thanks to the generous and loyal service of the Woman's Club our community had been very blessed.

John Hoben, superintendent of schools; Thaddeus McCotter,

## SOCIETY NEWS

Wayne County Commissioner, Dr. E.J. McClendon, past school board president with wife, Ruby, Chuck Childs and guest speaker Carl Pursell, accompanied by his wife Peggy, were among those privileged to be invited.

Judge John Garber was unable to make it, however, his mother, Helen Garber, 95, was the oldest member there.

But it's the women who hold the power in this high tea society. From their membership came Michigan's first elected woman official, Judge Phoebe Patterson, Plymouth's first woman mayor, Ruth Whipple, Plymouth city commissioner Stella Greene and in 1992, Plymouth Township's first woman supervisor, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.

And the club's tradition of commitment continues as women like Betty Platt, Linda Courtney, Janice Groat, Christ Witwer, Mary Maro, Ruth Jacobs and Marian Kehrl, strive to better themselves and the community in which they live, awarding more than 150 scholarships to area students.

## Celebrity watching

Yes, Jon, in Plymouth. What does it take to make an old country inn into a landmark restaurant? Just ask Sam Messina, the owner of Ernesto's. The secret is in the sauce, head chef Ernie DeMichele's tempesto sauce to be exact, a sauce that has found its way into hearts as far away as South Dakota, Texas, New York, even Japan!

So it was no surprise when Mario Thomas, after an evening performance at the George Burns Theater, hubby, Phil Donahue, and Grosse Pointe Notre Dame

alumni friends, when looking for a place where they could all meet and eat, remembered the man behind the fabulous food at Picanaro's and found themselves once again, guests of the "maestro," this time, in Plymouth.

In a Sicilian family style, Chef Rick Desmet prepared lamb, chicken and pasta, loaded with Marlo's favorite vegetarian vegetables. They raved about the "Shrimp Ernie" appetizer and reminisced about the days when Marlo's Dad, Danny Thomas, smoking his huge cigars and Ernie would sit at Chuck Joseph's, late into the night, and how being married to a Sicilian woman meant they could count on Rosemarie Thomas calling every few minutes to check and see if everything was all right!

My bet is that a guy like you would be more likely to venture out in the cold for something you could sink your teeth into — like hot, fresh-bake goods, which you could have sampled to your heart's content at the grand opening of the Breadwinner in downtown Plymouth.

It was quite a day for the whole Jaroch family, one that they had hoped and worked towards for more than a year, choosing a Plymouth location over Ann Arbor or Grosse Pointe. Brothers Ernie, Mark and Greg spent eight months with the then-president of the Chamber of Commerce, Pat Pulkownik, looking at the Plymouth market and finding just the right location.

While proudly holding the Grand Opening banner with their wives and Dad, Val Jaroch, and head baker, Susanne, they posed for DDA director, Steve Guile, who played photographer. Onlookers John Blackwell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Pat Pulkownik, past-president, Dennis Shrewsbury,



Famous guests: Sam Messina (center) served up an Italian feast for Phil Donahue and Mario Thomas and their friends during a late night visit to Plymouth's Ernesto's restaurant.

city commissioner, and Sideways owners, Sharon and David Pugh, cooing over the samples of scones, muffins and Traven bread, con-

gratulated the new business owners. Eric Jaroch and his wife, Peggy, who recently moved to the

community, will be assisted by the others in the family who will continue to run their Rochester location.

## Quilt from page 1C

The chapter is looking for teenagers to be greeters since school-aged youth have been targeted as the "fastest-growing at-risk group for acquiring the HIV virus," Valdez said.

"Awareness is one thing we need to accomplish at Cobo," said Valdez. "The emotional impact of the quilt brings the tragedy of this disease to a very personal and private level."

"People at the display are confronted with people who have lost their battle with AIDS, not simply statistics. They are faced with the fact that the disease affects all sectors of our society."

The chapter hopes to raise \$100,000 for direct assistance to people living with AIDS or HIV through donations from visitors to the display. There will be donation bins and merchandise tables set up throughout Cobo.

"The impact of the quilt is such... unless you've experienced it, it's hard to explain... hard to believe people will walk out of Cobo and not feel a need to donate to the organizations," Valdez said. "I find it hard to believe people can't see this quilt and not want to give."

This will be the largest showing of the quilt during 1993 — 300 sections or 2,400 panels, will be spread out along throughout Cobo Center. The panels will be coming from San Francisco and from displays at Kent State University in Ohio and Rutgers University in New Jersey. Some have been made by metro area residents who requested they be displayed in Detroit, Valdez said.

## Visible symbol

The quilt got its start in San Francisco in 1987 when a group of people, headed by Cleve Jones, decided to create a visible symbol of the devastation caused by AIDS. Today, the quilt has almost 23,000 panels for the famous — actor Rock Hudson, rock singer Freddie Mercury, fashion designer Halston — and not so famous like the nameless children remembered on the Kingswood panel.

More than three million people have viewed the quilt since its inception and as the visitor's list continues to grow so does the quilt. In its entirety (with the walkways between sections) it is the size of 13 football fields and covers 14.2 acres. But its panels

represent only 14 percent who have died from AIDS in the United States, 2 percent worldwide. And it will continue to grow. Panel-making sessions are planned for March 28 at Friends Alliance, 18040 Coyle, Detroit; April 3, at the Downriver YMCA, 3211 Fort St., Wyandotte, and Thursdays at St. Anne de Detroit, 1000 Ste. Anne St., Detroit.

The chapter also will accept new panels during the display.

"We hope to inspire action and participation from those who view the quilt as well as open a path way for those now suffering with HIV to access the assistance they need," Valdez said, a sentiment shared by Detroit City Council President Maryann Mahaffey, who with Mary Fisher are the display's honorary chairs.

"This quilt drives home to you that these were human beings, that this is a waste of life and a waste of talent we can't afford to continue."

To make donations, volunteer to help or get more information about the quilt write the NAMES Project/Detroit Metro Chapter, P.O. Box 303, Taylor 48180 or call 753-NAMES.

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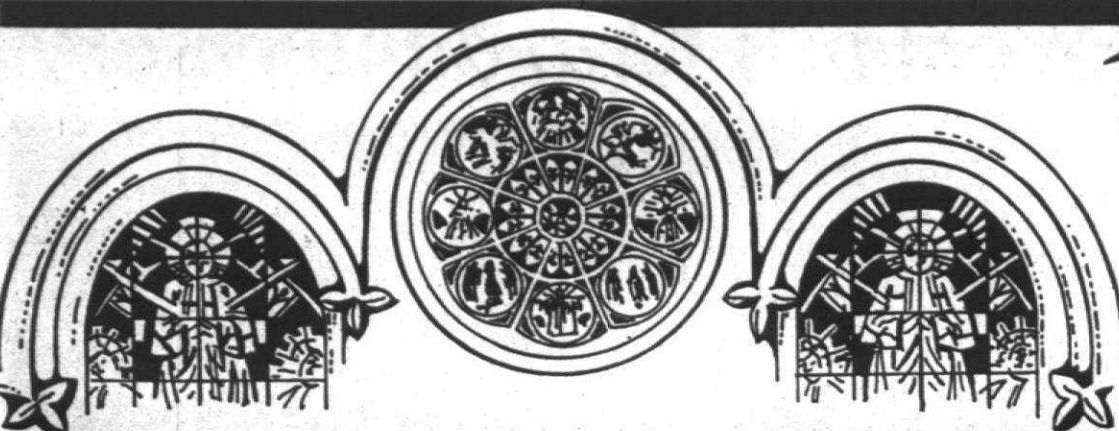
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Rocky Barra Pastor

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

**VOYAGERS**  
Voyagers Singles, a group for people age 45 and older, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, in the social hall of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, for a dance performance by brother and sister Kathy Sarrugia and Steve Glad. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 591-1350 or 728-9679.

**PRISM '93**  
PRISM '93, the sixth annual conference for singles and young adults in the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be held Saturday, March 27, at Bishop Borgess High School, Redford. Workshops will include self-confidence, lay ministry, prayer and "The Dating Game: Starting Successful Relationships." The conference includes Mass, dinner and a dance. Registration fee is \$27 at the door. For more information, call the Archdiocesan Family Life Office at 237-5592 or 537-0567 (evenings).

**RUMMAGE SALES**  
Trinity Church of the Brethren will hold a rummage and bake sale 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 27380 W. Chicago, at Inkster Road, Redford.

**MUSICAL MINISTRY**  
Toby and Barb Waldowski who have been providing uplifting melodies and practical messages through their musical ministry will perform at 8:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 28, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. They couple began performing in 1976 and have been involved in the Billy Graham crusades and "Hour of Power" telecasts with Robert Schuller in addition to numerous recordings, music publications and concerts.

**GET TOGETHER**  
The Plymouth-Canton area Pastors' Spouses Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Mr. B's restaurant, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. They invite you to join them. Call Lisa at 455-7053 or Mary at 459-4490.

**POUR LES ENFANTS**  
The Christ Child Society will host Pour Les Enfants '93 at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Troy-Marriott Hotel on Big Beaver Road in Troy. The event features fashion, shopping and gourmet luncheon. Tickets are \$35 or two patron tickets for \$100. Call the Christ Child House at 584-6077 or Connie Messner at 995-0120.

**EASTER CANTATA**  
The Redford Baptist Church will present its Easter cantata, "In Remembrance," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 2-3, at the church, 25295 Grand River, Redford. There is no admission charge and seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.

**CONCERT**  
Main Street Baptist Church in Canton will host an evening of Christian music featuring Doug Oxford and the Yearning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 27. The church is at 8500 N. Morton-Taylor.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
St. Hilary Church will have an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the parish hall, 23749 Elmira, Redford. Cost is \$4.50 for adults.

**'Never a child'**  
The spirit that Friday evening



In concert: A 1 1/2-hour, three-act concert, featuring a choir of 16 orphaned or abandoned Filipino children age 7-16 years, will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28061 W. Chicago, Livonia. The children are residents of the David Livingston Missionary Foundation's Children's Village in Cebu City, the Philippines. As a choir, they have appeared on television and are on tour in the United States after a successful 45-performance tour last year.

## 54 hours on 'Hail Mary Express'

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

I honestly didn't know what to expect as the rumble of the diesel engine escalated and the bus pulled away from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, March 12. Forty-four people ranging in age from 21 to 82 had come together from places like Redford, Westland, Livonia, Farmington and cities throughout southeastern Michigan.

They had congregated for a pilgrimage to Conyers, Ga., a small town about 20 miles southeast of Atlanta. It is there on a farm that Nancy Fowler has alleged, since 1987, to having apparitions of the Virgin Mary.

While Fowler reportedly has daily visions with personal messages from the Blessed Virgin, she receives a message for the United States on the 13th of each month. The messages for the United States range from a call to return to prayer and church to warnings for mankind to amend its ways to a plea to end abortion.

Common, although inexplicable, phenomena at Conyers and other Marian shrines around the world are the sun pulsating or "dancing," hazy Mary-shaped images and "doors to heaven" captured only on film and rosaries changing color from silver to gold regardless of their expense or the type of metal used in their construction.

Some of the rosaries reportedly have been examined by jewelers and gemologists who can offer no explanation for the rapid change in appearance. On the 13th of each month, the crowds flocking to the farm have multiplied. On Feb. 13, the multitude reached nearly 50,000 and many buses and cars had to be turned away.

The first time I heard of Conyers was last December when I was writing a story about Bruce and Lois LaPointe, who had made the pilgrimage to Conyers on the 13th of each month since learning of the site during the summer.

The sincerity and quiet demeanor of the couple impressed me and piqued my curiosity to learn more. As a writer, I strive to search for the facts and present them in an understandable fashion. My college chemistry background makes me more inclined to search for proof, logic and order.

The LaPointes had shown me her mother's rosary that had changed from silver to a bright golden color literally while they held it in their hands at Conyers and described their own personal feelings of awe and inner peace, all logic and order dissolved.

I had to find out for myself what was transpiring on the farm. And so it was that I found myself among the passengers on that bus. Little did I know that the events of the next two days would change my life in such a profound way and so dramatically alter the story I thought I would tell.

No sooner were we on the road when Rose Havercroft of Penton, the tour organizer, led the group in a variety of spiritual hymns. The last time I could remember singing on a bus was for an away football game in high school. The major difference, besides the average age of the passengers, was that back then the songs seemed to center around "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall."

The spirit that Friday evening



Praise the Lord: Sister Mary Pious (above) was among those who led pilgrims in singing on the "Hail Mary Express," while Nick Ciolino (below) proved to be the gourmet chef, cooking 100 hot dogs on a portable grill in the cramped confines of the bus's baggage compartment.

was reminiscent of the highly charged atmosphere that electrified those high school transports. That spirit was to remain with us even during some very tense moments that weekend as we headed into the worst snowstorm of the century.

### Peaceful feelings

As I talked to the passengers, it seemed that most were seeking some kind of peace at Conyers. This was Havercroft's second trip to the apparition site. Last September she experienced very peaceful feelings — "It was a feeling like I didn't want to leave."

Mary Lou, a 52-year-old middle school secretary from Grosse Pointe Park was able to make her first pilgrimage to Conyers thanks to a cancellation.

"I am coming to be renewed," she said. "I would imagine I would come back with peace. To me it's like a retreat. You don't have to be Catholic. Mary is calling everybody. There are many roads to heaven."

My own seat mate was a 28-year-old, recently baptized Lutheran. A mechanic at Ford Motor Co., Marilyn had learned of the Marian apparition from a mutual friend of Bruce LaPointe who also works for Ford. After considering turmoil in her life, she had "come back to God."

Living with her mother in Westland, this was her first trip anywhere by herself and she was apprehensive but had felt a strong desire to experience the peace she had heard of and to honor the Blessed Mother.

Many were going out of love for Mary. As Sister Mary Pious put it, "a deeper faith and devotion to Mary." Still others were primarily curious about the happenings at Conyers.

Whatever the personal reason for the pilgrimage, by 7:30 a.m. a dead stop on I-75, 25 miles north of Chattanooga, Tenn. We had been halted by the worst snow storm that area had seen since 1886.

### Making due

By 11 a.m., with the snow falling at the rate of an inch per hour and buffeted by the gale-force winds, we all realized we would not make it to the apparition site by noon, if at all.

Since the apparition allegedly appears between noon and 1 p.m., we all began to pray 15 decades of the rosary as though we were joining those in Conyers at 11:45 a.m. A decade consists of three different prayers — "Our Father," "Hail Mary" and "Glory Be to the Father" — and the rosary has enough beads to pray five decades.

As I counted each prayer on the beads, my mind focused on a very close friend who was in the hospital, dealing with a difficult pregnancy. Along with nine other rosaries from family and friends, I carried hers in its zippered case in my bag. I had intended to bring them to the Holy Hill at Conyers where it is said that all things are blessed by Mary.

I had examined all the rosaries before I packed them in individual sealed bags, but hers was particularly noteworthy because one of the chains had unhooked from the central medallion. It was

made of crystal beads connected by a silver chain and had a silver crucifix and medallion.

By the end of the prayers, many people expressed the belief that although we were unable to make it to Conyers, Conyers had made it to us. Mary's presence was felt by many on the bus.

I certainly felt that sense of calm and peace. But it wasn't until I spoke with one of the stranded motorists who had come in to use the bathroom that I realized the lack of fear for our safe return that we possessed.

The young woman had come into work with her husband that morning and they were desperately trying to return to their home in Chattanooga. She turned to me with tears streaming down her face and said, "I'm so afraid. Aren't you afraid?" It gave me pause to think for a moment and I replied, "No, I truly believe God has his hand on each of us."

One of the most remarkable and incongruous events was the delightful picnic we had in the midst of the storm. Because so many buses had been turned away from Conyers the previous month, Havercroft reasoned that

Disciplined speech also requires that we develop the art of actively listening to another person as well.

When we read the words in our headlines, we may often wonder what we can do to help change the world for the better. What can just one individual personally do about Angola? Or the mayor's race in Detroit? The "snow-scane" and its devastation? Major health care issues?

But we do know that disciplined speech in our everyday lives can help significant transformation take place in the world right around us.

Rev. Kate Thoresen is with the Partnership Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. If you have a question or comment for her, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1882, on a touch tone phone.

## Power of words: They can hurt, heal



REV. KATE THORESEN

words. Words are weapons.

Undisciplined, unexamined speech surrounds us. According to the insights of theologian Lee Phillips, we find that there are "heated words that accuse, unwarranted words that blame, belittling words that blame, mean words that sour, dishonest words that deny, timid words that hide, cheap words that disgrace, thoughtless words that sear and hasty words that harm."

Most of us have experienced the destructive effects of undisciplined speech. A grown-up called us "stupid" or "lazy" or "a bad kid" when we were little. Some how it can stick with us all these years. One friend has spent her last 30 years trying to prove to her fourth grade teacher that she could achieve something in her life after being told how hopeless a case she was.

This friend has spent much of her adolescent and adult life pursuing academic degrees and professional excellence to distraction to compensate for the wounded feelings of inferiority that those probably unintentional, careless

words etched into her. Misspoken words have been likened to a "blow torch from hell" which can cause destruction.

It takes moral maturity to exercise disciplined speech. What a difference a few encouraging words can make. "You can do it," "Good for you," "Thanks a lot," "You've made a big difference in my life" are effective tools. Each phrase can effectively build up a healthy community of people living and working together.

Our words can carry with them the amazing power to heal, to lift up, to bless, to build up, and to help re-create. We each have the power to discipline our speech so that as Lee Phillips also portrays, we can use "kind words that cheer, uplifting words that inspire, tender words that comfort, wise words that guide, affirming words that build, forgiving words that heal, encouraging words that challenge, thoughtful words that redirect and appropriate words that explain."

What a difference a few well chosen words can make when we do need to confront situations. It's been said that "Silence is not

always golden — it sometimes can be yellow." Disciplined speech also reflects the wisdom to know when it is appropriate to speak up and to address a certain issue without attacking the person.

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## 'Hail Mary' from page 5C

we might wish to skip our breakfast stop and eat something once we reached the farm. With that in mind she had loaded apples, oranges, chips, lemonade and 100 hot dogs and buns on the bus.

While two of the passengers blocked the gusting wind with umbrellas, Nick Ciolino of Dearborn Heights climbed into the luggage compartment under the bus and lit the gas grill Haver-croft also thought to include and roasted 100 hot dogs. We all agreed they were the best tasting dogs we ever had.

### Turning back

By 5 p.m., our very talented and resourceful bus driver had managed to maneuver around two jack-knifed semis and various other stranded cars and trucks to enter the northbound lane of I-75. Bill McKinney, a native Detroit, had relieved the first driver around 10 p.m. Friday in Dayton, Ohio. He was nothing short of gifted the way he handled the coach. Often, it appeared that we were the only moving vehicle on the slippery, snow-covered trail.

We knew we were relatively unique when we passed a National Guard vehicle with the snow flying from shovels as the guardsmen attempted to dislodge the truck from the ditch.

Snowplows were non-existent in Tennessee. The little yellow road graders were frequently spotted stuck and in ditches. When I asked McKinney if he had ever seen anything like this, he said he had seen some pretty bad storms in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"But," he pointed out, "there was help. They had snowplows and salt trucks there. Here, they have nothing."

By 8:30 p.m., we had made it a short distance to Cleveland, Tenn. There, trying to ascend a steep hill, the bus slid into a ditch. Without a complaint, many of the passengers got out and literally pushed the bus out.

"I never had passengers get out and push my bus before," he admitted. He opted to back the bus down the hill and parked in a combination gas station/convenience store where he rested for a few hours.

At 2:15 a.m. Sunday, McKinney shifted our temporary home into gear and we soon found ourselves stuck once more. This time we slid off the entrance ramp of I-75. The "pushers" disembarked again but one woman and her blanket saved the day. As the pushers pushed and the tires spun in place, she tossed her blanket under the back wheels of the bus. The blanket spewed out from under the wheels as the bus lurched forward. She continued to retrieve and throw the blanket under the wheels until we were back on track.

### 2-lane trek

We continued on our journey after having breakfast in Knoxville. Police were turning traffic away from the northbound entrance ramp of I-75 and were not recommending another route through the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.

Determined to get us all home, McKinney chose a dismal little snowy path that had once been a two-lane highway. We bumped and slid along until we reached the highest point in that area when the bus, unable to make it up the steep incline, once again slid off the side of the road, this time toward a ravine.

McKinney knew he would need a running start to make it up the mountain. Unwilling to risk the passengers' lives, he had us disembark. He backed down that mountain so far that we could no longer see him.

The engine roared as the bus propelled up the mountain like a rock out of a sling shot. Although most of us had not brought boots (it was only supposed to rain), we walked the half mile up the mountain to our waiting bus. Fortunately, a man in a pickup truck was kind enough to make several trips to bring the older people up to the bus.

Once back on I-75, it was smooth sailing. Although disappointed that we were not able to make it all the way to Conyers, no one complained and many expressed interest in making the pilgrimage by bus again (preferably in warmer weather). The spirit of the people on that bus was nothing short of inspiring.

We dubbed our tour bus the

Hail Mary Express with Angel Bill at the helm. The time had actually passed quickly and had been filled with prayers, singing, testimonials and jokes, good and bad.

By the time we reached Ohio, two of the women noticed that their rosaries had begun to turn gold. One of the rosaries was quite remarkable since the only links that had changed were the three on either side of the beads between each decade.

One pilgrim said the color change was indicative of something more profound that we sometimes fail to recognize.

"There's no new miracles in the world," she said. "Rosaries changing color are not the thing. Miracles take place in us, within the people around us. When you see an alcoholic who stops drinking or someone stops smoking or someone is cured of cancer and the doctors don't know why... that's a miracle."

"People don't realize it. We're being given these hugs and kisses from God. We don't even recognize them. They go by us and it's not until you see this rosary that turns gold or the miracle of the sun that you realize it."

It was 11 p.m., when the bus finally pulled into the church parking lot. Those 54 hours on the Hail Mary Express had been truly amazing. The spirit of Conyers had indeed infiltrated our cramped quarters.

When I finally reached home at midnight on Sunday, I carefully unpacked and examined each rosary. Of the 10 I had taken with me, one had actually started to change color.

The Christ figure on the crucifix had turned a golden color while the crucifix itself had remained silver. By the next morning, some of the silver links had changed to a golden color as well.

It seems the one who most needed a little miracle was the

one to receive the blessing. It was the rosary belonging to my hospitalized friend.

I learned later we were not the only ones to make it to Conyers. That all those who had arrived at the farm earlier in the day were sent away by the police by 11 a.m. due to the storm and dangerous road conditions.

But for those who don't make the trek, the monthly message can be heard by calling (404) 922-8226.

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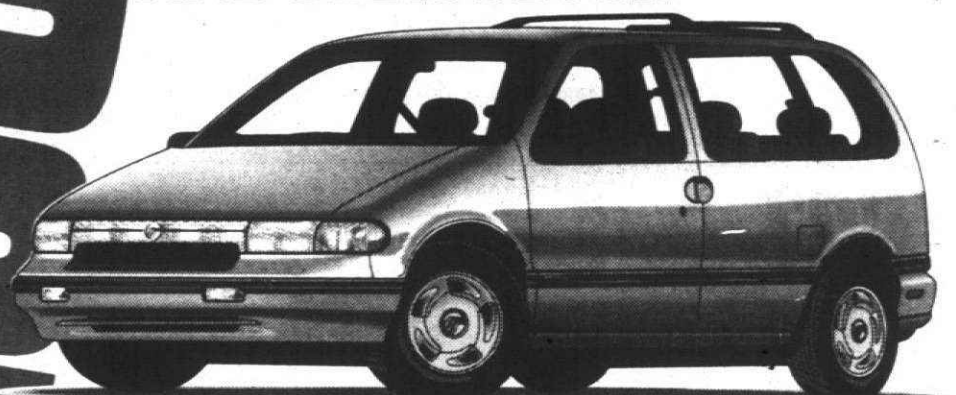
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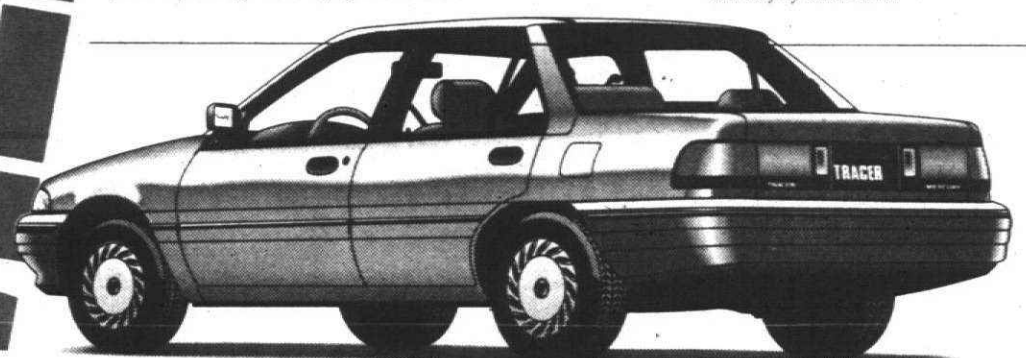
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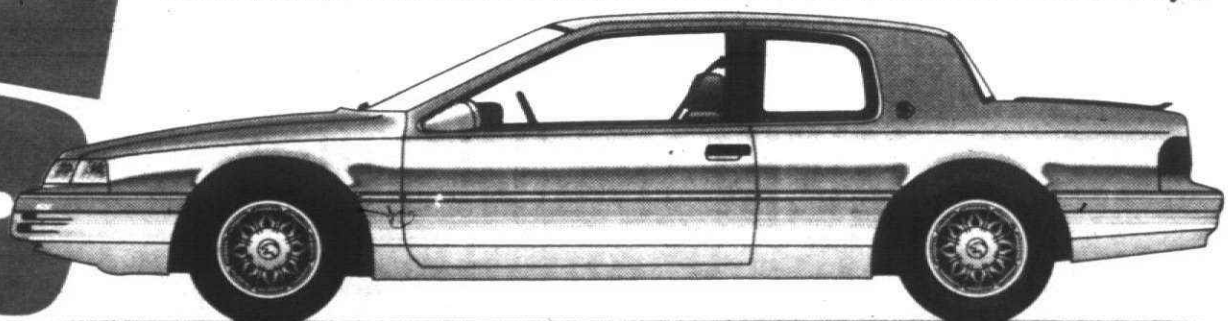
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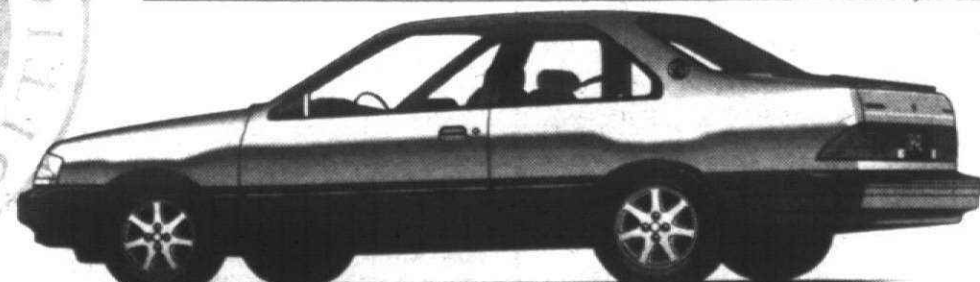
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# CREATIVE LIVING

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THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1993



BOB SKLAR

## Ex-automotive stylist shows automotive art

**W**hat started out as a lunch-hour hobby while working as an automotive stylist blossomed into a new career for John Krieger of Plymouth.

In 1979, Krieger left the security of Chrysler for the challenge of becoming a full-time fine artist. And he never looked back.

He paints classic cars in a style dubbed painterly realism: "A painting isn't so abstract or impressionistic that you can't easily tell what kind of car it is."

Krieger strives "to make a viewer-participant piece of art rather than something that looks like photographic realism."

"Business has become better every year," said the 1969 Livonia Bentley High graduate, who styled cars for Cars & Concepts in Brighton and then Ford before moving to Chrysler in 1977.

"Most of my clients tend to be repeat customers."

Krieger and Roger Hardnock of Canton join 11 other artists and designers in showing their work in "Automobiles and Art." The exhibition continues through April 30 in the UAW-GM Human Resource Center, 2630 Featherstone, Auburn Hills. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Gallery Automania in Rochester assembled the free exhibition of antique and race cars rendered in paintings, drawings and prints. The gallery carries Krieger's work at prices ranging from \$100 for a limited-edition print to \$1,000 for a small original painting.

"He uses unusual color combinations and a unique print format that make his work very much fine art," said Bill Michalak, Gallery Automania owner. "The drawings themselves are very realistic but kind of ethereal in the use of pastels."

While at Chrysler in 1977, Krieger, who earned a B.F.A. in industrial design from Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, remembers "other people painting landscapes on their lunch hour, so I started to do it."

Then he entered competitions hosted by such galleries as the Scarab Club in Detroit and entered exhibitions hosted by such groups as the American Watercolor Society in New York City.

"I had a lot of feedback and a lot of people were interested in what I did, so I pursued it," he said. "Soon it became more interesting than my other work. And I stayed with it."

### Cars a passion

Krieger, a regular in the Eyes on the Classics fine art show for automotive designers in Grosse Pointe Shores, didn't start to paint cars until leaving Chrysler. "I just love cars and felt compelled to paint them," he said.

His favorite cars to capture with brushstrokes include modern muscle cars like the '66 Cobra, '67 Corvette and '69 Mustang as well as muscular classics from the '30s like the Dusenbergs and boat-tailed Auburn.

He also enjoys Cadillacs, Fords, Chevys and Buicks from the '50s — "overstated cars, with big fins and exaggerated grilles. They had an awful lot of character and really relate well to paintings."

Despite his craving for cars, Krieger never lost his love for landscapes. He does impressionistic landscapes in acrylic, tempera and watercolor.

"Sketches for good automotive designs often have indications of landscaped backgrounds," he said. "I did them so much and people seemed to like them so much that landscapes sort of became the content of my lunch-hour paintings."

Krieger has five pieces in "Automobiles and Art." The pieces are part silk screen, part painting, part pencil drawing.

One piece is a large acrylic and tempera on museum board of two Cadillacs: a '57 Eldorado and a '34 Caddy custom built for the Maharaja of India.

"You see the brush strokes, they're intended to be seen, and you see how a lot of the paint is applied," Krieger said. "The colors are exaggerated and striking. And the details are only partially complete, like half a headlight, so that the eye can put it all together. This lets viewers put a little bit of themselves into my artwork."

His rendering of a 1930 SJ Dusenbergs resulted from combining silk screen, tempera and pastel pencil on paper. It's part of a 25-piece limited edition in which no two pieces are the same.

"I used the same line drawing of the car but the images — the backgrounds, colors and pencil work — are radically different in each," he said.

Krieger's three other works are screen prints on paper — one of a 1941 Cadillac emblem, the other two of a 1937 Ford and a 1929 Auburn.

The emblem is part of a 60-piece limited edition with the same image divided into three color groups: yellow, black and red.

To create the Ford and Auburn, Krieger chose a process that involves applying multiple colors of ink to a screen image of a car, then printing the image and applying three other solid color screens.

"The background becomes part of the car," he said. "They sort of flow together. There's no complete edge, no complete line, around the car. Your eye completes the line. It's very dramatic."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special sections. To leave a message, call 953-2113.



**Pensive:** Earhart Middle School student Krystal Anderson shot this portrait of her big brother in their southwest Detroit home.

## Heartfelt snapshots capture a way of life in inner-city barrio



Photographs documenting life in the southwest Detroit barrio are the focus of a 50-piece exhibition by students of Livonia photographer/educator Carlos Diaz at Urban Park Gallery. The images were created during a 12-week workshop last summer.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

**F**amily, friends and community lie at the heart of "Through Their Eyes: Visions of Life," a photography exhibition by 19 southwest Detroit youth at Urban Park Gallery, 508 Monroe, in The Alley (formerly Trapper's Alley), Detroit.

Pensive portraits of brothers and sisters, school friends playing in the streets, well-cared-for homes standing alongside burned-out buildings tell their stories as do happy scenes of birthday parties and manicured rosebushes.

The black and white images, universal themes that educate the viewer to multicultural experiences, resulted from a 12-week photography workshop held last summer with Livonia photographer/educator Carlos Diaz.

Diaz conceived the project in cooperation with Casa de Unidad Cultural Arts and Media Center. He guided the students, ages 11-14, in weekly sessions focusing on documenting their way of life in a low-income urban setting that's primarily Hispanic.

"I tried not to dampen the intuitive way of reacting to their environment. My best photographs come from my heart and not my head," said Diaz, an associate professor of photography at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

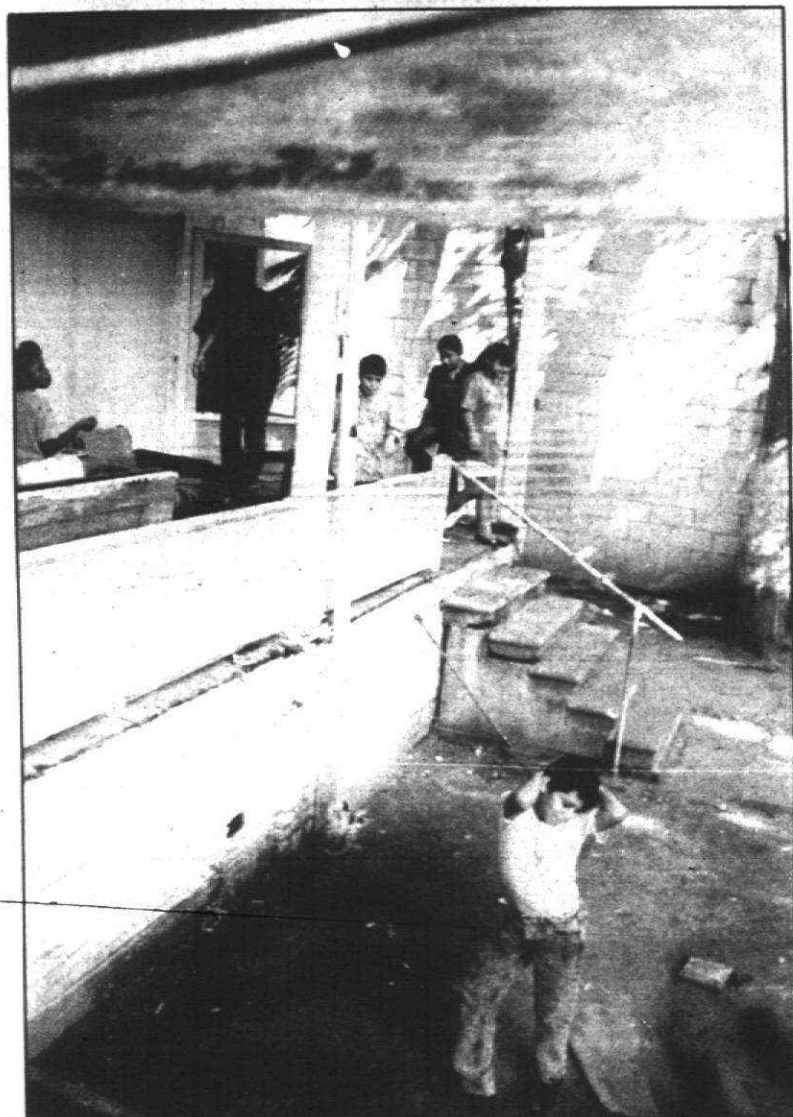
Well-known for his images documenting the life and everyday struggles of the common man, laborer and low man on the totem pole, Diaz needed a break from his own work two years ago after his highly acclaimed "Unemployed Autoworker" installation closed a monthlong run at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

Diaz's longtime dream of conducting a photo workshop for disadvantaged youth in the Detroit barrio would finally come to pass.

"Coming from a working-class background where the arts were not a priority, I wanted to give these kids what I had never been provided with. I wanted to stimulate children through the arts," Diaz said.

"Being of Mexican ancestry, I've always felt that one's culture is im-

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**Silly Alex:** Earhart Middle School student Antonio Carillo sought to photograph friend Alex in the act of being silly at Alex's birthday party in their southwest Detroit neighborhood.

## Brass quintet plays on special chemistry

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Five minutes after meeting the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet, you realize there's a chemistry among trumpeters John Davidson of Garden City and Brian Moon of Birmingham, trombonist Bruce Sole of Livonia, French hornist Carl Karoub of Northville and tuba player Michael Andrew of Ann Arbor. Witty remarks, snappy comebacks and camaraderie abound.

"It's personality, the individual chemistry, that makes it work," Davidson said. "If you don't have that together, it doesn't work."

On the other hand, maybe it's the instruments' natural design that makes members of this brass quintet fun-loving and boisterous.

"It's the nature of the instruments," Karoub said. "A brass quintet is a louder, more powerful group

with a wider range of decibels that can project without amplification."

For this quintet, it's more than likely a little of each that makes them special: chemistry and instrument coupled with years of studying, performing and practice.

Karoub stands as the group's elder statesman, with nearly 50 years playing horn. "I've done everything from rock to symphony. When you've been at it almost a half a century, you're

never through learning and rehearsing something new."

No single member controls the quintet. It's definitely a group effort. "We're a chamber group. We all contribute ideas and suggestions. There's really no leader," Karoub said.

The LSO Brass Quintet performs classical and popular music at concerts and recitals, corporate func-

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### POETRY ART

Schoolcraft College will host "My Last Duchess," a slide presentation and poetry reading on works of art in works of poetry, 1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, April 1.

The free program, sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Committee to Promote the Arts, will take place in Room 530 of the Forum Building on the Livonia campus, 18600 Haggerty.

Lecturer and author Marvin Eisenberg, University of Michigan Department of History of Art professor emeritus, will consider works of art in

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the poetry of Robert Browning, John Keats, Wallace Stevens and Marianne Moore.

Eisenberg, well-versed in the works of late medieval and Renaissance Italian artists, will read the poetry and show in slides the related art.

### ART ASSISTANCE

To help fund an endowment for Michigan students attending one of the United Negro College Fund's 41 colleges, Jacobson's is offering original limited-edition lithographs and signed posters of "The Planting" by Emil Weddige. The University of Michigan faculty member contributed the

work to UNCF.

Proceeds from sale of the works will go into UNCF's new endowed scholarship fund. Prices are \$1,500 for a framed lithograph, \$1,200 for an unframed lithograph and \$100 for a poster.

Weddige's work is sold exclusively at Jacobson's. The Livonia store is at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh.

### PLAYFUL MOMENTS

Soft toy designer Phebe Phillips of Dallas will visit the Children's Department at Jacobson's in Livonia 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

Phebe Bears and Bunnies, from Rumpus Bear to RaBunzel Rabunny, are rich in personality, are signed by the designer and have one suede — a reminder she could afford suede for only one foot when she started out making plush toys in the mid-'80s.



**Content matters:** Photographer Carlos Diaz deliberately did not teach technical skills in his student workshop. "I tried not to dampen the intuitive way of reacting to their environment," he said.



# Contemporary art topic of DIA talk

"Unlikely Minds in Conversation" is the kickoff event in a new series of innovative programs planned by the Detroit Institute of Arts' newly formed Forum for Contemporary Art.

Joining Museum of Modern Art curator Robert Storr in conversation will be Felix Gonzalez-Torres, a photographer and conceptual installation artist who lives and works in New York. They will discuss informally between themselves and with the audience a range of provocative issues on "art and the politics of art."

"Unlikely Minds in Conversation" will be presented 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Lecture Hall of the DIA. Admission is \$5 general, \$3 for students, free for members of the Friends of Modern Art. For information about tickets, call the DIA at 833-2323. For more information about the event, call 833-0247.

Immediately after the conversation at the DIA, the audience may join the speakers at the avant-garde Willis Gallery, where a timely exhibition, "Honor the Earth," will be on view. Live music and complimentary refreshments will be offered. The gallery is at 422

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tions, graduations, weddings, office parties and nonprofit events.

The group especially enjoys giving school concert demonstrations. "If someone wants to sponsor us to go to schools, we introduce the instruments, demonstrate the instrumental range of sounds, explain the music and give clinics," Karoub said.

For the five musicians, it's obvious music is their life. Take Karoub. He earned a bachelor's of music degree in performance at the University of Illinois, where he studied with Phil Farkas. Later, he earned a master's of music degree at Wayne State.

Karoub performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra two years and the Dallas Symphony for three. In the '60s and '70s, he played with Motown entertainers like The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, Gladys Knight & The Pips and Burt Bacharach.

After a 30-year career as band director for the Allen Park and Lincoln Park school systems, he retired in 1991, but not from music. He is assistant conductor for the LSO and the Allen Park Symphony.

"It's been a great career, performing, teaching and recording. As long as the phone rings, Karoub said, "I'll continue to play."

Karoub estimates he spends about 15 hours a week practicing. "If you take a vacation, you have to take your horn with you. My horns are my hobby. That's why it's enjoyable."

Davidson nods in agreement. "It's the only thing I do that I enjoy," he said.

Davidson practices up to 20 hours a week. It depends on his jobs as a free-lance trumpeter and his trumpet repair and customizing business, Custom Brass Repair. He also spends time on designing his own trumpet.

Davidson studied trumpet at Boston Conservatory of Music and through Harvard's extension program. He has toured with the Four Tops and the revival of "Hair." Besides the quintet, he teaches at Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills.

Moon began studying trumpet at 9 with his father, Benny Moon. He earned a bachelor's of music degree in trumpet performance at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He later played with the Teatro Comunale under Riccardo Muti in Italy for one year, but homesickness brought him back to the states.

He has performed with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy, Boston Symphony under Arthur Fiedler, Detroit Symphony and Detroit Concert Band. A free-lance trumpeter, he performs with the Michigan Opera Theatre orchestra and Group du Jour. He leads the Moon Trumpet Ensemble.

Moon has a story to tell about practicing. "It's a Doc Severinsen story. If I take one day off, I know it. If I take two days off, the band knows it. If I take three days off, everybody else knows it."

"I love performing and I'm not playing against a hundred other people. I'm playing with four other instruments although I have to tune it down so I don't overpower the other players."

Andrew began studying trumpet in fifth grade but switched to tuba in eighth. He credits his parents' support and the help of scholarships "for really getting me going."

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cian cuts heavily into your home life. "It's always tough on spouses because you're never home on holidays," he said.

Andrew, youngest quintet member whose graduating this year from the University of Michigan School of Music with a bachelor's of music degree in tuba performance, sees the pluses of performing. He enjoys the camaraderie of playing tuba with the smaller group.

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Besides the lack of jobs, Sole says the job of a performing musi-

den: Seasonal Ideas for Decorations and Keepsakes, 1:30 p.m.; Native Plants for Wetlands, Ponds and Bog Gardens, 3 p.m. The Best Sun Perennials for You, 4:30 p.m.; Wild and Free Flower Arranging, 6 p.m.; Master Planning Your Yard, 7:30 p.m.

Herbs: A Garden of Eating, 10:30 a.m.; Conifers in the Landscape, noon; The Art of Bonsai, 1:30 p.m.; Flower Gardening Made Easy by Mrs. Green-

thumbs, 3 p.m.; Bonsai Demonstration, 4:30 p.m.; Designing the Natural Landscape, 6 p.m.; Ikebana: A Demonstration of Japanese Flower Arranging, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 26

Mud Pies: A Children's Hands-on Demonstration, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Backyard Tree and Shrub Care, noon; Gifts From Your Gar-

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Exhibitions

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Livonia City Hall

Continuing — Works by Redford Township sculptor Sergio De Giusti and Detroit artist Tom Humes will be on exhibit to April 16, 206 Walnut, Rochester. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Janice Charach Epstein Museum/Gallery

Thursday, March 25 — An exhibit and sale of work by 12 artists who are graduating or have recently graduated from local universities or art schools continues through April 29. Reception to meet the artists 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. The artists are Ben Konstantin, Douglas Fogel, Jeffe Harwood, Karen Izenberg, Marat Kady, Anna Kocherovsky, Robert Lowenthal, Terry Matlen, Scott Saltzman, Anita Sudakin, Scott Wittman and Terry Zieglerman. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center at 6800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 661-1000, Ext. 470.

Sybaris Gallery

Thursday, March 25 — "Borne With A Silver Spoon," a traveling exhibition and sale featuring

13775 RIDGEWOOD DR., PLYMOUTH! West of Sheldon and North of N. Territorial. A beautiful 2.28 acre setting with over 50 trees, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, formal dining room, a new RAY STELLA island counter kitchen and breakfast room, 3 fireplaces, full basement, aluminum trim, 1990 inground heated pool, family room, etc. \$248,900 (453-8200)

CITY OF PLYMOUTH! Ross Street...East of Main has forever been a great place to live. This one story brick example boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a new kitchen with granite counter tops, hardwood floors, aluminum covered exterior trim, finished basement, new furnace, a 14 x 11 porch, and attached 2 1/2 car garage. \$122,500 (453-8200)

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# Flower show takes 'A Walk on the Wild Side'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN SPECIAL WRITER

Take a walk on the wild side for a taste of spring at the fourth annual Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show March 25-28 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor.

All proceeds from the show help develop and maintain display gardens and educational and environmental programs at the University of Michigan Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. They are available at all southeast Michigan Kroger stores, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Keller & Stein, 42158 Michigan Ave. in Canton, and Sparr's Florist, 42510 Joy, Plymouth.

Thursday, March 25, is Senior's Day with tickets priced at \$6. "It's a premier show in as far as the New York Times rated us one of the 12 top flower and garden shows in the country," said Margaret Vergith, promotion

coordinator. "This year's theme is sort of playful and whimsical but will educate the person coming in for ideas for the home garden."

Visitors should wear comfortable shoes as they will be walking a great deal.

"It's really a wonderful show. You can get a lot of ideas. It's nice to spend the time there," said Livonia resident Nancy Sanner, who will compete in the forced bulbs horticulture division.

Creativity abounds in the form of more than 200 horticultural exhibits offering inspiration for the garden, home and landscape — and the promise that spring can't be far behind.

"You can compare it to an art museum. People do flower arranging as an art and the art of landscape designing," Sanner said.

Butterflies roam free in this year's feature garden produced by Abbot's Landscape Nursery of Ann Arbor in cooperation with Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Painted Ladies and Zebra Longwings will light on Queen Anne's

lace, thistle, heliotrope and hollyhock in a greenhouse, which is part of the quarter-acre exhibit, "Gardening for Wildlife."

A moonlight garden by Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary will feature a romantic spot with fugitive light emanating from a selection of white blooming plants. Sculpture and water reflect the surrounding display. Eight other plant societies also will showcase exhibits.

Lectures and demonstrations throughout the show will focus on the art of bonsai, gardening with native grasses, exotic flowering house plants, and living with shade and loving it.

Observer & Eclectic nature columnist Tim Nowicki will talk about attracting wildlife to the garden.

Other scheduled speakers include Marilyn Hempstead of Fox Hill Farm discussing herbs, botanist Fred Case (native plants for wetlands, ponds and bog gardens), Matthaei assistant curator Dr. David Michener (penning and

Chinese gardens) and master gardener Jerry Baker.

Not to be missed is a serene and contemplative contemporary Zen garden by Alexander Nursery of Mount Clemens along with eight other exhibits by professionals.

"You might get ideas for growing plants in a new way," Sanner said.

The Livonia Garden Club president will compete in one of 45 artistic design, horticulture and special entry classes for trophies and blue ribbons with a pot of narcissus. Her entry took its start from 30 bulbs and a dash of loving care.

"You have to winter them in the garage, then pot them," Sanner said. "I have three pots started — March 14, March 16 and March 18 — from which I will choose one pot to enter."

Sanner took a class in forcing bulbs the several years ago at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Since that time, she has also forced tulips to exhibit in the Ann

Arbor show.

"I have always enjoyed flowers, the beauty of them. I like the colors, the white and yellows and greens," she said. "It's nice to go and see green things at this time of year. It reminds you that spring is coming."

Founded in 1969, the Livonia Garden Club became a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan in 1970. The club's nearly 60 members provide community services in Livonia such as monthly garden therapy for residents of the Middlebelt Nursing Home and flower garden maintenance at Greenmead Historical Village.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 988-7002. Grounds are south of I-94, west of Route 23 and north of U.S. 12 (Michigan Avenue). Parking is \$1.

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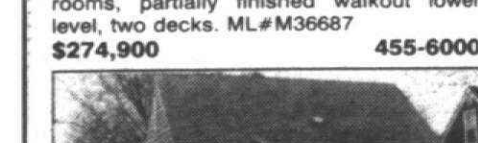
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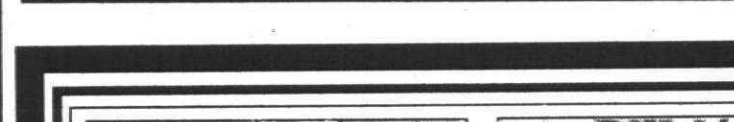
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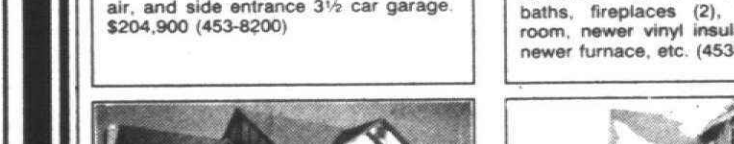
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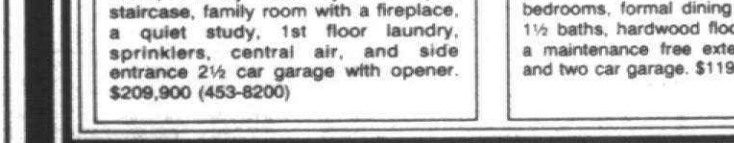
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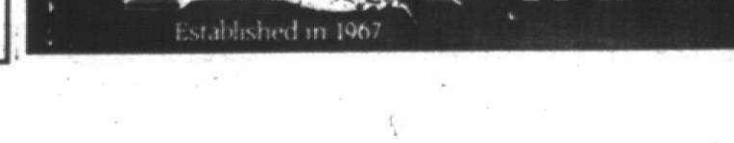
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**CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM**  
To March 28 — "The Fine Art of Patronage," the grand finale to the yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cranbrook Academy of Art and the 50th anniversary of its museum. The exhibition brings together great works of contemporary painting and sculpture from local collections. In conjunction with the exhibit, Jerome and Patricia Shaw are sponsoring "Do Not Think About the Blue Door," an installation in progress by Tony Hepburn. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 1221 N. Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, 48303-3323. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, children and full-time students.

**HABATAT GALLERIES**  
To March 31 — Showing are the large-scale figurative sculptures of Leslie Hawk, the hot worked glass by Muriel by Richard Ritter and the sandblasted glass and steel sculpture of K. William Lequier. Habatat Galleries is in the Triad Building, 32255 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Call 851-9090.

**RUBINER GALLERY**  
To March 31 — An exhibit of new work by regular gallery artists, featuring paintings by Richard Jerzy, Karen Wydra, Nancy Thayer and Stephanie Sarris; work on paper by Marjorie Hecht, Nancy Maas and Hal Larsen; sculpture by Brad Howe, Russ Thayer and Vasa; and ceramics by Stephanie Samuels. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 7001 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 430A, West Bloomfield, 48091-3111.

**THE ARTISTS' GALLERY**  
Saturday, April 3 — Mixed media with featured artists Anne J. Atherton and Helene Lewicki to May 9. Also, in celebration of Michigan Glass Month in April "Glassation" with glass artists Marie Snell and Bernie Merritt, 30905 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 48091-3111. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**TRIUMPH GALLERY**  
Saturday, April 3 — Meet glassblower Stan Megdall of Birmingham 1-5 p.m. The program includes a video demonstration of glassblowing. All colors of the rainbow are shown in perfume bottles, vases, three-footed bowls and platters. Some pieces are done in tortoise shell patterns and sea foam wraps. 109 N. Center, Northville, 48061. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY**  
To April 3 — Recent paintings by Perez Celis. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, 442-2700.

**HALSTED GALLERY**  
To April 4 — Portraits of European and American artists by Arnold Newman. Hours:

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-8284.

**MATRIX GALLERY**  
To April 4 — "Inside Out," a mixed media installation including film projections and panes by Taos, N.M., artist Leslie Raymond. Show employs looped 16 mm film projections that activate the installation. 212 Miller, Ann Arbor. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
To April 11 — "Cats," a selection of 20 works from the permanent collection showing the domestic cat. Media include graphic arts, European paintings and decorative arts, puppets, and ancient, Islamic, American and modern art. The DIA is at 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Call 833-7963.

**URBAN PARK GALLERY**  
To April 12 — "Through Their Eyes: Visions of Life," an exhibition of photography by southwest Detroit youths. The works are from the Barrio Youth Photography Workshop. Also at the gallery: expressionistic paintings by Judith Kunesch and photographs by Zuhair Sha'aouni. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, 508 Monroe, third floor, Detroit, 963-5445.

**CENTER GALLERIES**  
To April 15 — Society of Illustrators annual exhibition; 35 works from the society's 34th annual American Illustration, a national juried competition and exhibition held in New York that included 400 original illustrations. Woodward and Kirby, in the Park Shelton Building, Detroit. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

**DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET**  
To April 16 — "Reform Function: Furniture and Costume." William Porter juried the furniture entries and chose 22 artists displaying fine craftsmanship in wood, steel and mixed media. An array of tables, lamps, screens, clocks and chairs will be exhibited. The market is this year's beneficiary at the eighth annual Boxer Short Auction Sunday, March 28, at Patti Smith in Royal Oak. Call 399-0756 for details. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, to 8 p.m. Friday, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, 393-1770.

**MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS GALLERY**  
To April 16 — "Native American Masters," an exhibit of black ash basketmakers, quill workers, beadworkers and finger weavers. The exhibit celebrates those custodians of traditions who have been recognized by their peers and the larger community for their mastery of knowledge and the role they have played in passing their skills on to the next generation.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1200 Sixth, 11th floor, Detroit.

**SCARAB CLUB**  
To April 17 — The 1993 Annual All-media Silver Medal Exhibition and "Bette Prudden: Recent Paintings and Drawings." Juror Prudden Klein, owner and director of the O.K. Harris/ David Klein Gallery in Birmingham, will comment on the selections and answer questions 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Prudden, renowned for her pastel portraits and watercolors, will host a reception 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, 831-1250.

**ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE, THE**  
To April 17 — "Art Through Mechanical Reproduction," a group exhibit of photographs, copies and other mechanically reproduced works. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

**SUSANNE HILBERG GALLERY**  
To April 24 — Works by Art Schwaiger, Egner, Fisher, Goodwin, Gorchow, Jensen, Mitchell, Morley, Pfaff and Phelan. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-8250.

**FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY**  
To April 24 — An exhibit of new work on paper by New York artist Jane Hammond. The drawings are collage and employ a variety of techniques and materials such as rubber stamps, linoleum block prints, transfers, color Xerox, paint and graphite on rice paper. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 796 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-3955.

**PEWABIC POTTERY**  
To April 24 — "Organicism," a group exhibit of sculpture by Anne Bridget Gary, Amara Geffen and recent Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate Yun Dong Nam, and a solo exhibit by potter Susan Bankert, continue. Sculptors Gary, Geffen and Nam work by handbuilding clay into sensuous, evocative forms that suggest the growth patterns of nature. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 822-0954.

**UAW-GM HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER**  
To April 30 — "Automobiles and Art," an exhibit by 13 artists and designers, including John Krieger of Plymouth and Roger Hardstock of Westland. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 2630 Featherstone, one-half mile east of Odyke in Auburn Hills, 377-6526.

**MESA ARTS**  
To April 30 — Southwest furniture is featured. Handcrafted, handpainted furniture is treasured for its whimsical yet elegant look. Selected furniture artisans use the colors of the sky, mountains and sunsets and the imagery of indigenous animals either painted or

carved on chests, nightstands, headboards, mirrors, cupboards, chairs and lamps. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

**PARK WEST GALLERY**  
To April 30 — "Modern Masters: Picasso, Chagall, Miro" features more than 80 works from 1907 to 1979 and touches every significant aspect of these remarkable artists as printmakers. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 354-2343.

**ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY**  
To April 30 — "Birds, Beasts and Fishes," a collection of original art by children's book illustrators from animal stories. Featured artists in the exhibit are Laura Almada, Shannon Cartwright, Arthur Geisler, Deborah Haeffele, Michael McCurdy, Wendell Minor, Robin Stewart and Jane Briskin Zailben. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-7040.

**PIERCE STREET GALLERY**  
To May 8 — "Sid Kaplan: My New York," featuring a quarter century of photographs, continues. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham, 646-6950.

**DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS**  
To May 15 — In celebration of Michigan Glass Month, "New Directions in Decorative Arts," featuring artist-made tables, lighting, vessels and decorative objects, crafted from glass, along with metal, clay and wood. Work suitable for home and office use. Styles range from contemporary and architectural to arts and crafts classicism. 104 Fisher Building, Detroit. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

**SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER**  
To May 15 — "Carnival of Conflict," art of Oak Park artist Deanna Sperka. Combines photo montages and sculpture to create images of the conflicts between people and between people and nature. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. Call 965-5422.

**ALICE SIMSAR GALLERY**  
To May 22 — The exhibits "Jim Dine: Prints 1965-1988" and "Six Pop Artists." The printed work of Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg, James Rosenquist and Andy Warhol. Among the pieces are "Self Portrait," a 1967 screenprint by Warhol that was included in his retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 N. Main, Ann Arbor, 665-4883.

Antique festival coming

The Southfield Americana Antiques Show and Sale will take place Friday-Sunday, March 26-28, in the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. Hours are 2-9 p.m. March 26, noon to 5 p.m. March 27 and noon to 5 p.m. March 28.

Admission is \$4 with any ads or listings of the event, \$5 regular, free for children 12 or younger. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show.

Antiques dealers from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their antiques collections. Dining and free parking will be available.

The event recreates the atmosphere of old-time country America. It creates a weekend shopping mall for the antiques enthusiast, novice to expert, to browse, discover and add to collections of fine antiques.

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Low mortgage rates, stable prices lure buyers

Thinking of selling your home? This could be a good time, according to figures from the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, the state's largest.

Local sales of previously owned homes in January closely paralleled increases reported nationally of almost 15 percent, and ranks above the 11 percent reported for all of the Midwest.

"Early indications point to continuation of a strong market throughout the year," said William Deacon, association president.

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dent. "While a broad choice of available properties will remain, buyers will not have as many to pick from as a year ago. During the past six months, the number of listings has dropped 6 percent, and we think this trend will continue."

The association covers a wide area including Novi, Farmington, West Bloomfield Township, Orchard Lake and Commerce Township in Oakland County to Livonia, Northville, Redford Township, Westland and Garden City.

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est rates and an additional portion by increased deductions on federal taxes and higher returns from the state's homestead property tax credit," Deacon said.

Not only are more first-time buyers taking the plunge, but homeowners ready to move up the housing ladder are adding to the numbers.

"Favorable market conditions for the spring selling season can be expected to attract more sellers into the market," Deacon said.

While continuing the westward trek seems to be popular, the

more centrally located South Oakland County Board of Realtors, covering Royal Oak, Clawson, Troy, Beverly Hills, Southfield and Ferndale hasn't shared in the national trend.

"In 1992, sales were down 3.5 percent for the entire year over 1991," said Jack Kessler, office manager for the South Oakland Board of Realtors.

"For February 1993, listings were down 19 percent and sales down 2.8 percent over last year," he said.

Asked if he thought spring activity would pick up, he said "I'm

not authorized to comment on that. I just provide the numbers."

Spokesmen for the Rochester Area Association of Realtors and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors were not available for comment.

Tonight 7-9, the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors will have a panel of experts discussing all aspects of the home selling process in a free seminar at the Holiday Inn Livonia-West, Six Mile at I-275.

Those attending are asked to bring a donation of canned food for the Salvation Army.

Condominiums challenge municipal refusal to collect trash

CONDOS QUERIES  
In a recent column you wrote of paying taxes for garbage pickup, but then because of being a condominium it was required to obtain private service. Our tax bill contains a "solid waste item" on it. We pay \$2,000 annually for private collection. What are your comments?

You have raised at least two issues in your question. The first is a hotly debated question as to whether a municipality can provide certain services to single-family homeowners but not to a condominium or apartment complex. This is the subject matter of litigation around the country and is being looked at in this state by several of our community associations' clients.

The argument is that the municipality is unnecessarily discriminating against condominium owners by collecting a tax but also requiring that the association re-

tain private companies for garbage pickup. The second question involves the property of the garbage pickup cost being assessed to the individual homeowner when it is generally a responsibility of the condominium association. Again, there may be a serious question as to the propriety of the co-owner having to pay the solid waste charge if the condominium association is responsible for doing so.

We have a recreational condominium in northern Michigan and are having difficulty

getting the board to agree to conduct a physical audit of the common areas. There are a number of problems with the sewer system as well as the roof on the clubhouse. Our board is still comprised of two representatives of the developer who are thwarting our efforts. How can we convince the other people on the board of the need to move forward?

Directors of associations owe a fiduciary duty to discharge their responsibilities in regard to the rights of the association against the developer for alleged con-

struction defects and deficiencies. The fact that the developer still maintains a seat on the board does not relieve that board member of his fiduciary responsibilities owed to the association.

In any event, those directors who are affiliated with the developer should disqualify themselves from participation in any of the deliberations of the board of directors on the issue of developer liability.

On the other hand, the other directors must understand their responsibility to conduct a physical audit and if there are problems

connected to the developer, the association is obliged to determine whether the developer can be held responsible and is prepared to accept responsibility, recognizing that the association has various legal remedies available to it in the event the developer is not prepared to meet his responsibilities.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law.

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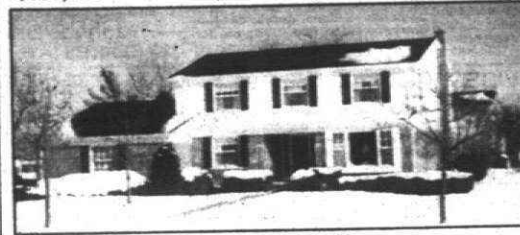
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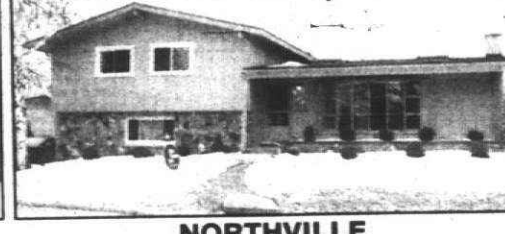
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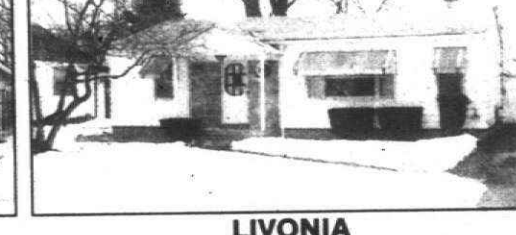
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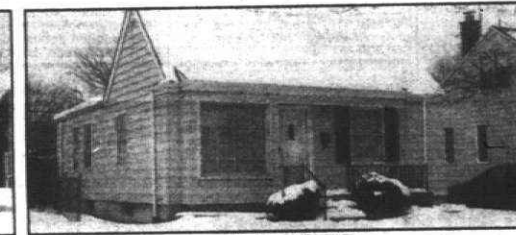
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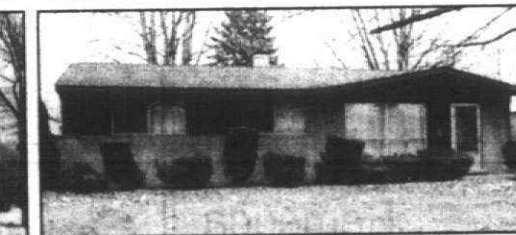
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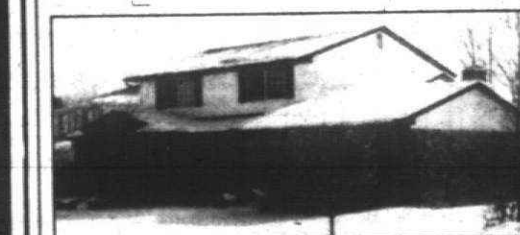
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## BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

### Property management

Terice Tosto of Birmingham has appointed three people to its property management staff. Kenneth Browne of Birmingham and Brian Cappelli have been named property managers. Before joining Tosto, Browne was a project manager for Kirco Realty and Development. Cappelli was assistant property management director for Kirco. Matthew P. Dahm of Farmington Hills was appointed assistant property manager for Terice Tosto. He is a former on-site property manager for Harding, Dahm and Co.



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### Commercial real estate

N. Jay Bearman of Livonia, property manager for Damone/Andrew Associates, Troy, has been elected president of the Michigan chapter of the Association for Commercial Real Estate, formerly the National Association for Industrial and Office Parks.

Gary Roberts, vice president of R.A. DeMattia Co., Plymouth, is treasurer and Jack Zelany, vice president of Campbell/Manix Associates, Southfield, is secretary.

Board members are Daniel Andrew of Damone/Andrew, Katherine Beebe of Premise Associates, Robert DeMattia of R.A. DeMattia, Ronald Gagnon of Ford Motor Land Development Corp. and Abe Munkfah of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May.

### Project manager

Karen Severini has been named project manager at Redstone Architects, Southfield.

She is responsible for preparing design and construction documents, client contact and project marketing. Her recent projects include work at the University of Michigan and Schoolcraft College.

### Architect promoted

Martin J. Smith has been promoted to an associate in the firm of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates Architects and Planners, Farmington Hills.

### Marketing seminar

"Profiles and Products: The Housing Market for the '90s" will offer new product, marketing and merchandising trends in the new home market. Speakers are housing market professionals Clark Rector and William Webb and General Electric economist Evan Barrington.

Sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, it will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks in Troy. Registration, including meals, is \$75. To register, call 737-4477.

Information for inclusion in this column should be sent to Marilyn Fitchett, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## A new look for an old salon

■ Hair salon owners are used to performing makeovers on clients, but when it comes to redoing their place of business, it's a whole new ballgame.

By DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

The challenge was to completely remodel and make over a narrow 1,000-square-foot hair salon in a shopping center while keeping the shop open.

The result — a stunning new look and a business that continues to thrive.

Michael Kugan, owner of Le Salon in Rochester Hills, marvels at the surrealistic Atlantis look that some \$75,000 and a whole lot of attention to detail produced.

"Everything we did was to maximize space as well as bring it up to the '90s," Kugan said. "Hairdressing is an art. We wanted to project that in the decor."

"The other thing we wanted to get away from was the traditional beauty shop — mauve grays, flowered walls. The old salon was more representative of a rat's maze, a lot of corners."

Kugan removed the suspended ceiling, painted the girders black and hung fluorescent light fixtures, halogen lamps and a fan from the inner roof. That necessitated upgrading the electrical system.

He built a mezzanine walk-up for his washer/dryer and storage. He moved some sinks that meant moving water and sewer lines.

Kugan built a small riser platform on one side of the main portion of the shop, installed new drywall and hired a muralist, Eddie Kulczycki, to create a Greek/Roman Empire look in ruins.

All work was done over an 11-month period between closing time Saturday afternoons and re-opening Tuesday mornings.

"The biggest challenge we had from a design standpoint was to make the place look larger than it was," said Josef Roisman, a Franklin designer. "We had to create an illusion of space where there was none."

"The trades had to get in and do their jobs and stop at a certain point to allow the business to open. The trades could not have continuity. They had to go, stop, start, pull ladders out, rehook things. It was very, very difficult."

And expensive. Roisman figured that it cost 35-40 percent more to work around regular business hours than it would have to close down for the remodeling.

Gene Vennettilli, owner of Construction Services Group in Rochester Hills, served as general contractor.

"Every time you start something you always open a can of worms," he said. "You have to cut up the floor to run plumbing, find the main sewer line. When we started to move the hot water tank — it was 150 gallons — I said, 'No way are we going to move that upstairs.'"

The solution was two smaller tanks, one upstairs on the newly-built mezzanine, the other downstairs.

"It was just too difficult to do without closing the store," said Vennettilli, who specializes in building custom homes.

Kugan had been in his small shop in Campus Corners for nearly 13 years when his lease came up and he had the opportunity to move into a place almost three times the size in the same shopping center.

As money started running out near the end, Kugan began to put in finishing touches on the cheap. Aluminum gutters sprayed with mahogany primer were used as moldings. Plastic urns purchased for less than \$10 were spiffed up with a marble finish.

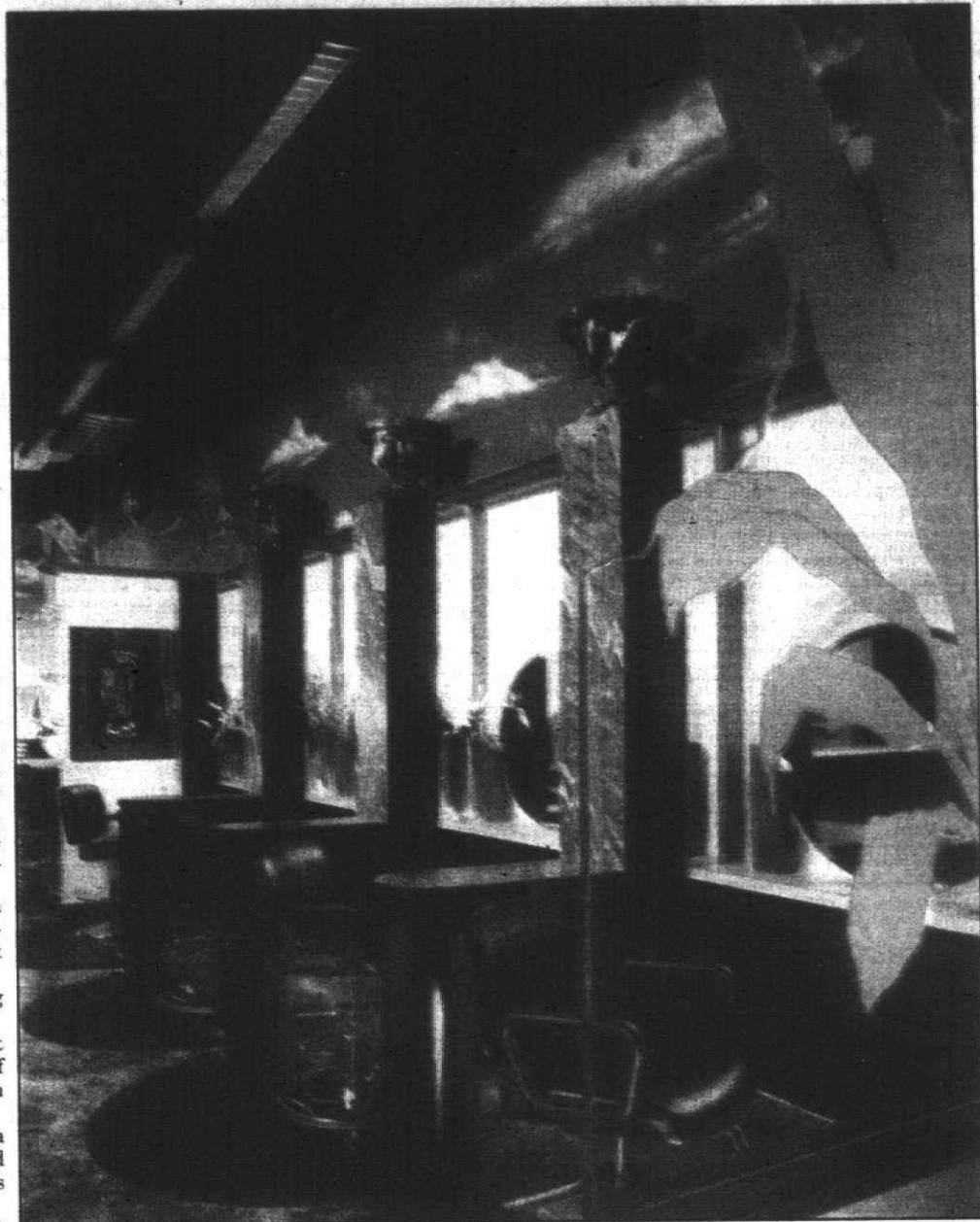
"I don't know that I'd ever do it again," Kugan said of the massive project. "That's 11 months, every weekend. I already have a job and starting work (remodeling) at 5 p.m. Saturday or seven Sunday morning, and meetings during the week to decide what to take care of, it's a lot of work."

But all's well that ends well. Kugan also manages to keep things in perspective.

"Regardless of what you do your salon in, you're only as good as your last haircut," he added. "That's the bottom line."

Kugan said his landlord, Stuart Frankel, was a fairly easy sell.

"He just kind of stood back and let us do it," Kugan said. "The big thing with him, I think, is he knew we were going to improve the space."



A new appearance: Michael Kugan, proprietor of Le Salon in Rochester Hills, said his remodeled shop now has a surrealistic Atlantis look. Regular business hours were observed during the facelift.

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## Get the facts on exterior treatments

(AP) — Your home's exterior presents an image to the world. Before deciding what's best for your new home, Home Plan Ideas magazine presents some basics on exterior finishes to help you make an informed decision.

Once a standard for ranches, colonials and other house styles, wood-plank siding is now seen primarily on custom homes because of high initial cost and the amount of maintenance required. Today's top grades of cedar or redwood are usually stained for a natural wood look, but these woods are also the best for holding paint if that's the type finish you want.

Wood-plank siding may be installed in horizontal, vertical or diagonal patterns. Bevel (or clapboard) siding and drop siding are the most popular horizontal patterns. Bevel siding consists of long boards attached to the side of the house from the bottom up, with each new board overlapping the preceding one. Boards should be nailed to the studs through the wall sheathing using corrosion-resistant nails.

Drop siding differs in that the boards lie flat with their upper and lower edges fitted in a tongue-and-groove pattern.

Vertical and diagonal patterns

are usually some variation of board-and-batten construction. A narrow strip of wood (batten) is used to cover the joints between plywood or board panels.

The cost of wood-plank siding, which is sold in random lengths, covers a broad spectrum. Advocates of aluminum and vinyl siding are quick to point out the cost of repainting. If you spend an average of \$2,000 repainting every three years, you will have spent more than \$20,000 on repainting during the life of a 30-year mortgage. This is a primary reason why most wood-plank homes today are stained to preserve natural hues or left to weather over time to a gray tone.

### Plywood popularity

Other popular wood-siding options include plywood panels and hardboard siding. Plywood panels are thin sheets of wood bonded together with a waterproof adhesive. Typically, these are four-foot-wide sheets with a surface veneer pattern separated by vertical grooves. These wood veneers may be redwood, cedar, fir or pine; they can be bought unfinished, pre-stained or pre-painted.

In recent years, plywood panels formed to look like lap siding have grown in popularity because

they're cheaper and quicker to put up. The range of finishes and thicknesses available makes plywood paneling one of the more popular siding options today. It is also graded by the American Plywood Association; this assures more control over what you're buying.

Hardboard siding is sold in sheets or in planks to be installed as lap siding. It's a resin-bonded ground wood material that is impact-resistant but doesn't offer the variety of tones or shading provided by plywood or lumber. Impact resistance and price are its chief selling points, but hardboard siding isn't graded by an industry group. Its appearance can simulate clapboard, shingles, shakes or other finishes.

Metal siding, either aluminum or steel, is sold in the form of extruded strips with flanges so that adjacent strips can be locked together.

Aluminum siding is popular because it is lightweight, fire resistant and immune to attack by termites. It also comes with long-term guarantees of up to 35 years. Drawbacks include easy denting and noise caused by wind, rain or hail. Because it conducts electricity easily, all metal siding must be grounded. Metal siding may be installed over old surfaces, but uneven walls need furring strips.

Steel siding weighs about twice as much as aluminum, costs a bit more and comes in shorter lengths.

These sidings reduce maintenance but aren't truly main-

tenance free. They should be washed yearly, and after many years they need touch-up paint or even an entire new coat. Some new varieties feature fluorocarbon surface coatings that help to repel dirt and prevent color fading.

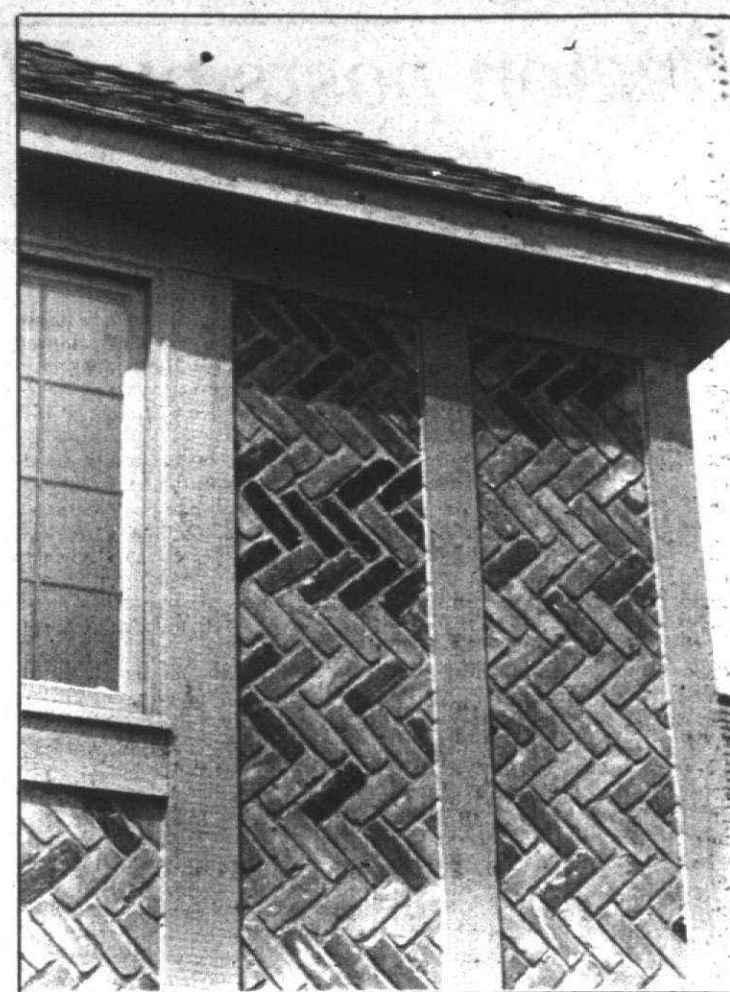
Vinyl siding doesn't dent or conduct electricity the way metal siding does. Available in a variety of colors and embossed textures, vinyl siding is extremely easy to wash and is less likely to lose its gloss than painted metal. The color also runs throughout the thickness of the product, so scratches aren't so noticeable. Because it expands and contracts with temperatures more than other materials, correct installation of vinyl siding is important to avoid buckling or rippling. It's best to install it in hot weather.

### Think resale

Brick and stonework are expensive but can increase the resale value of your home. They're popular because they look solid, require little maintenance and are fire resistant.

But brick and stone are seldom used today as structural walls because of the expense. They require extra-thick foundation walls, and craftspeople able to install them are becoming harder to find.

Stucco is a mixture of cement, sand and water that is applied in three coats over a layer of expanded metal lath. The lath is designed to prevent cracking when the house frame expands or contracts.



**The look of brick:** Except in the high end of the housing market, brick and stone are seldom used as structural walls because of the expense. They require extra-thick foundation walls, and craftspeople able to install them are becoming harder to find.

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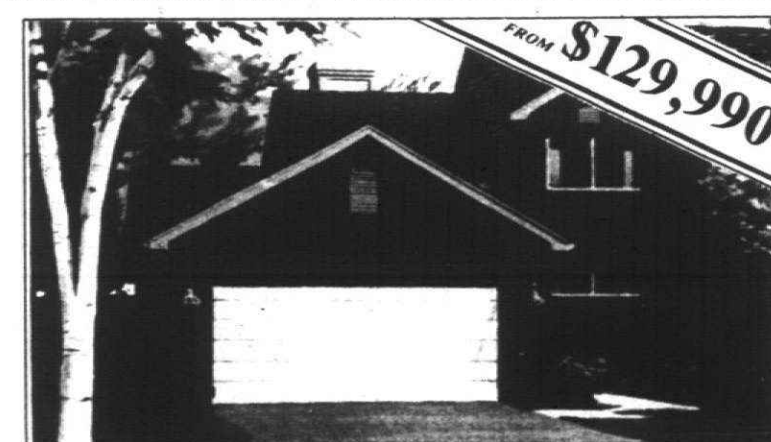


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## Region posts building gains

Building permits for 2,925 single family residential units were issued October through December in southeastern Michigan, an increase of 13 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Fourth-quarter activity brought the '92 year end total here to 13,738 units.

For all of last year here, single family residential activity — which includes houses and townhomes but not condominiums or apartments — rose 16 percent from permit activity reported in 1991.

The figures were reported by U.S. Housing Markets, a Livonia-based research publication of Lomas Mortgage USA, a national servicer of residential mortgages.

Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lapeer and St. Clair counties were included in the Detroit-Ann Arbor listing.

Fourth-quarter numbers here were the second highest among Great Lakes areas surveyed, trailing only Chicago's 5,588 permits.

But all other areas surveyed, Milwaukee-Racine (60 percent), Indianapolis (38 percent), Chicago (31 percent), Columbus (27 percent), Cincinnati (25 percent) and Cleveland (21 percent), had higher percentage increases.

Nationally, Detroit-Ann Arbor ranked seventh in number of single family permits issued for the year, just behind Minneapolis-St.

Paul and just ahead of Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif.

Single-family construction here last year was at its best level since 1989, U.S. Housing Markets reported.

Its capsule summary: "Worst of market's job losses probably over, but 1992 showed net loss of nearly 13,000 paychecks. Unemployment rate sharply improved, though still 7 percent."

"Best new single family development sales under \$120,000, but good up to mid \$200,000 range. Action slow \$300,000 and up."

"Good sales north in Rochester area, Oakland and Orion townships. Western suburbs Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton bustling."

"Rental apartment market overbuilt. Vacancies high, rents flat. Occupancy generally in 85-88 percent range, but lower in some areas of heavier recent development and in complexes older than 20 years."

"Overbuilding most apparent in western locales, Novi, Wixom, Plymouth, Ypsilanti and in M-59 corridor north and northeast. Landlords aggressive, advertising concessions such as low move-in costs, 13th month free on 12-month lease."

A hotness index devised by U.S. Housing Markets — number of residential units permitted per

1,000 population during the last four quarters — put Detroit-Ann Arbor last among Great Lakes areas for the period ending Dec. 31.

Indianapolis led the way at 7.6 units per 1,000 population, Columbus 7.4, Cincinnati 6.4, Milwaukee-Racine 5.2, Cleveland 4, Chicago 3.9 and Detroit-Ann Arbor 3.6.

Jobs is the single most important factor propelling new housing starts, said Sandy Tolbert, senior vice president for Lomas.

"Factors such as mortgage rates and housing price inflation or deflation will stimulate or depress the housing market, but these tend to be relatively short-term conditions."

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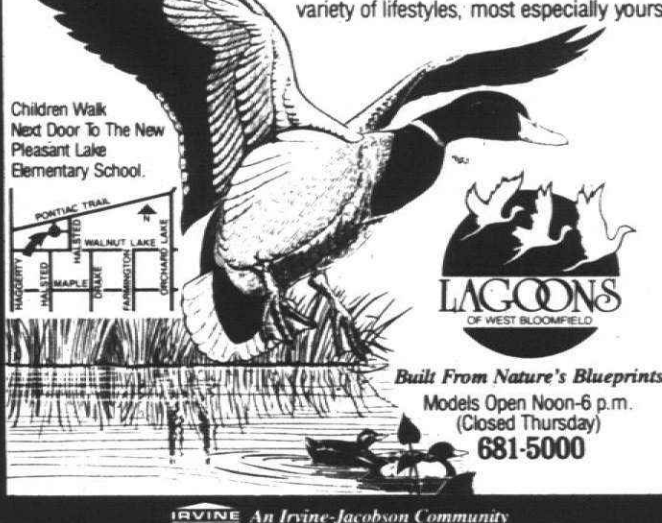
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**ATTENTION SALES ASSOCIATES** Experienced or New. Discover Bank Difference: • Four Commission Plans • Referrals/Relocation • Best Buyer's Best Seller Systems • Accredited Training

For a personal interview contact: JACQUELINE STEUER 737-9000 477-4353 **COLDWELL BANKER** **Schwitzer Real Estate**

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**AUTO SALES** EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY. Position offers salary, commission, car, hospitalization, paid vacations, stability, management opportunity. Contact Sales Manager at: 425-5400.

**AVAILABLE POSITION** - for sharp, dependable sales person with an interest in interior design to work in a major lighting showroom, full or part time. Please call: 737-9000/477-4353.

**Branch Manager Position** Excellent compensation. Inquiries confidential. Must have real estate experience. Call: 851-2600.

**AN Equal Opportunity Employer**

**CANVASSERS** - Motivated individuals to work outside going door to door, have fun & make good wages. Call Tom: 425-5400.

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITY** Sales experience helpful but will train enthusiastic self-starter for an inside pharmaceutical sales position. Call: 548-9000, Ext. 544.

**CARPET SALES PERSON** with some commercial experience. Send resume to: U.C.L., 47755 Nine Mile Rd., Northville, MI, 48167.

**CEMETARY SALES PERSON** If you have worked as a cemetery sales person in the past, please contact: Richard, at Grand Lawn Cemetery, for a fantastic opportunity. 531-5019

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**REAL ESTATE ONE** CHILDREN'S SHOES SALES Full time position Downtown Farmington. Open 1 evening: 478-7611

**CIRCLE ME** - Telecommunications expanding. Need motivated sales type to sell, manage, train, & start tomorrow. Serious inquiries only. Call Debbie: 362-9543

**COMPUTER SALES** - 14 year old company seeks aggressive sales people to market computer products and networking. Salary, commission, benefits and car allowance offered. Sales experience and computer knowledge required. Call Michelle for interview at 827-7050

**CONSUMER Electronics Co.** needs people. Fax resume to: 729-2921 or mail to: ARBEE Enterprises, 34518 Warren, #111, Westland 48185

**COSMETIC FIRM** seeking sales consultants. Commission sales experience necessary. Bonuses & company car based on sales performance. Call Mrs. Wall: 955-1691, Ext. 249

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**DECORATING SALES** Decorating team expanding. Will train business oriented person with flare for color. 220-0615

**DYNAMIC CLOSER** Experienced. Home improvement. Great opportunity. Mr. D. 353-9174

**DECORATOR SALES** - Part time, flexible hours. Expanding retail chain in need of several persons for window treatment & wall covering sales. Dearborn & Rochester locations available. Must be sales oriented & have decorating background. Excellent benefit & commission structure. Personnel Dept: 383-2501

**DIVISION OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANY** has permanent part time sales position in graphic printing firm group available. 25-30 hours/week. Flexible schedule. Phone communication skills a must. Starting salary: \$7/hour + incentive commission. Contact Mr. Craig Friday, 10-11am or 3-4pm: 647-0843

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**GROWING COMPANY** (3 years old) with unlimited earning potential, will train, no obligation. Are you ready to dramatically improve your financial future today? Call: 534-8901

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**DESIGNER/SALES PEOPLE** If you have experience at furniture sales and a design background and possess great communication skills, we are looking for talented, outgoing people to join our team. Excellent income potential & benefits package. Please send resume to: Ethan Allen Inc., 15700 Middlebelt, Livonia, 313-261-7780

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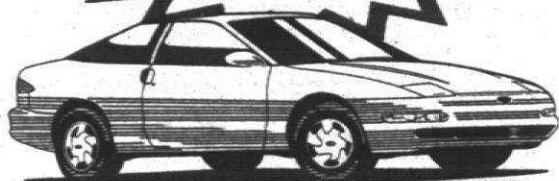


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### NEW 1993 PROBE

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, air bag, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, premium cassette, 15" aluminum wheels, speed control, tilt steering, dual electric remote mirrors, console, rear window defroster, dual reclining bucket seats, performance instrument cluster, interval wipers, convenience group, 50/50 fold down rear seat, side window demister. Stock #12385.

WAS \$15,633  
**IS \$12,444\***

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Stock #11829  
WAS \$7236

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Stock #11299  
WAS \$8334

**IS \$7022\***

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Stock #11031  
WAS \$12,111

**IS \$8730\***

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Stock #12552  
WAS \$13,490

**IS \$10,022\***

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Stock #11424  
WAS \$13,682

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Stock #10339  
WAS \$17,030

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ANY OF THESE  
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Deluxe luggage rack, wagon group, rear window washer/wiper, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, body side molding, console, rear window defroster, AM/FM stereo, reclining bucket seats, interval wipers, side window demister, clearcoat paint, light group.

### NEW 1993 TAURUS GL 4 DR. SEDAN



Stock #12105  
WAS \$19,237

**IS \$15,126\***

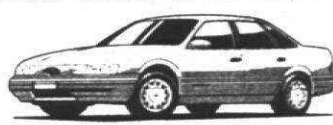
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Stock #10826  
WAS \$18,222

**IS \$15,175\***

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Stock #12146  
WAS \$19,936

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Stock #12091  
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**25  
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### NEW 1993 RANGER 4x2



Stock #11668  
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Stock #11529  
WAS \$11,618

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### NEW 1993 RANGER 4x2 SUPER CAB XLT



Stock #12189  
WAS \$14,496

**IS \$11,017\***

### NEW 1993 AEROSTAR LX PLUS WAGON



Stock #10326  
WAS \$18,993

**IS \$14,190\***

### NEW 1993 AEROSTAR EXTENDED LENGTH WAGON



Stock #10513  
WAS \$20,264

**IS \$16,056\***

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Stock #11702  
WAS \$25,424

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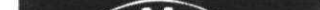
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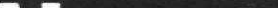
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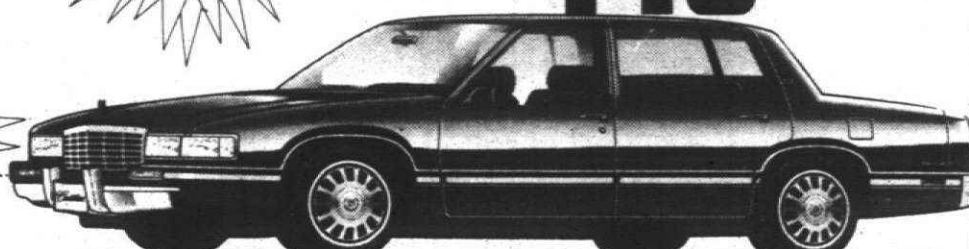
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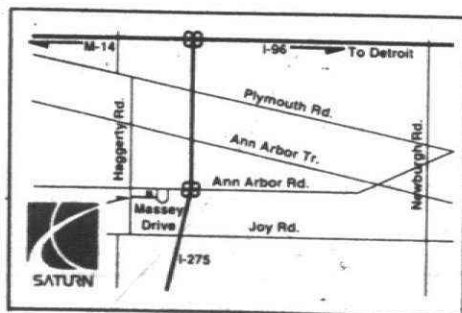


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