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Teachers expect to OK freeze



BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton teachers gave initial approval to a one-year pay freeze if 30 of the 42 laid-off teachers are called back. They're expected to vote on an agreement package today, according to union president Chuck Portelli.

Plymouth Canton teachers are expected to defer a 3-percent pay hike in exchange for keeping an additional 30 teachers on the payroll. After-school activities appear to have been saved at the last minute by a booster group's plan.

Co-curricular activities, including marching band, sports and other activities, have a chance of surviving if a plan proposed by the Coalition of Booster Parents is put in place. It calls for student fees and an extensive fundraising effort to meet the \$300,000 to \$350,000 cost of the programs. The teacher pay freeze will

have no effect on after-school activities.

The breakthrough on teachers' wages came Monday during a general membership meeting attended by 600 teachers who gave approval to the tentative agreement by a two-to-one vote.

"It was a private meeting among union members," according to Tom Cotner, teachers' chief negotiator.

"There wasn't any screaming and shouting. There were arguments on both sides of the coin. A number of people spoke to the fact that basically we don't feel it's fair that we were in

the position that we were in."

Administrators also are considering a wage freeze, Errol Goldman, school assistant superintendent, personnel and employee relations, said Tuesday afternoon.

"There are discussions ongoing about a wage deferral," he said adding that no other formal school groups have settled contracts.

The tentative teacher agreement is basically the same proposal enacted last March for the 1993-94 school year. The new agreement also would

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Looking for alternatives



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Learning for herself: Michelle Grimmer, left, works with educational software she can use on the family's home computer. Carol Grimmer, above, pulled her 7-year-old daughter out of public school because she feels the child is not well educated.

Fed-up parents pull kid from public school

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BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Carol Grimmer has had enough. "It is criminal what they are doing with these kids," said the mother of five children, who has grown disenchanted with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools curriculum.

Her disappointment has reached the point where she and her husband, Dave, have pulled their 7-year-old daughter, Michelle, out of Hulsing Elementary, where she would have entered the second grade this week.

"Our school system has a serious problem," said Grimmer, who is enrolling her 5-year-old son, Daniel, and Michelle in a local private school.

For the Grimmers, the Plymouth-Canton schools have failed their

daughter. According to recent tests administered to Michelle before entering private school, she is reading at entry-level first grade, and her math skills are at a kindergarten level.

Outstanding student

"I was told she was an outstanding student in the first grade. She always got pluses," Grimmer said. "The teacher said she was quite shocked (at recent test scores) because she's such a good student."

When Michelle enters the second grade at her new private school, she will be in remedial classes and is expected to need a tutor to help her progress to her current grade level.

Grimmer credits her husband with recognizing that all was not well with Michelle's skills. They just weren't on par with those displayed by an older daughter when she was in first grade. "By Christ-mas, my husband was very con-

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New cable rules spark static for subscribers

BY TIM CARVELL
STAFF WRITER

The 1992 Cable Act will bring down cable rates for some Omnicom Cable subscribers in Canton and Plymouth — but it will mean higher rates for others, and could also result in the loss of one or more broadcast channels.

As of Sept. 1, Omnicom is using adjusted cable rates for its customers. The new rates, according to Omnicom general manager Lisa Boland, will mean reduced bills for some customers.

"The rates are coming down just a little bit," Boland said. Rates for "customers with a lower level of service who need a converter box will go up."

The shift in rates is due to the Cable Act's mandate that cable companies' charges reflect the actual cost of a service; before the act, companies could keep the price of basic service artificially low by shifting its cost onto additional services, such as remote controls.

But if the service is cheaper, it may also be less comprehensive; the Cable Act also allows commercial broad-

casters the right to demand payment or deny their programming to cable TV. Four local broadcasters, representing the four major networks, have decided to deny their programming to Omnicom unless certain conditions are met; the broadcasters are WJBK-2, WDIV-4, WXYZ-7, and WKBD-50. Omnicom has until Oct. 6 to sign an agreement with the broadcast stations.

Omnicom is negotiating with the stations, and Boland said she is fairly confident that WJBK-2 is willing to come aboard. But she added that she's not pleased with having to negotiate.

"We feel that it's not fair for cable customers to have to pay for something that everybody else gets for free," Boland said.

But two of those four stations said they don't want cable customers to have to pay anything. Representatives from WXYZ and WKBD said they want service, rather than money, in exchange for the use of their broadcast signals.

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A wish come true



Taking off: Mike Modas (center), with the Make-A-Wish program, takes a helicopter ride with his longtime good friend, Craig Wickham. Pilot Russ James is with Helicopter Airways Service. See Page 3A for more photos and a story on the fund-raiser at Mettetal Airport.

Schools stay open to community groups — for now

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton schools will remain open to community groups, at least until the board decides on fees and a long-term solution.

Each group's request will be considered on an individual basis before the board takes final action, which is expected at its Sept. 13 meeting.

"Between now and Sept. 13, if people have a need we'll try to meet the need," board president Roland Thomas said.

School Superintendent John Hoben said: "We're trying to put together a package. The intent is to try and open them, but they

have to be open on a self-sustaining basis," Hoben added.

Following a workshop and open forum Saturday morning, Thomas said: "We're trying to be positive and to try and find a way our community can continue to use the buildings."

The board room was packed with representatives from Girl Scouts, the Plymouth Symphony League, Cub Scouts, sports teams and many other organizations which appealed to the board, asking for consideration.

"I was very glad they met again with the non-profits and community groups to discuss cooperative open-building use," said Linda Alvarado, president of the Sym-

phony Society.

"It's important for the image of the Plymouth-Canton area for non-profit and community groups to have access to the schools to continue their programs," she said.

The board is considering increasing fees and other options in a continuing effort to handle a financial crisis. A decision on fee schedule or if the schools will remain open to the groups is expected at the Monday, Sept. 13, board meeting.

Board member Dave Artley said the "schools belong to the community" and the groups that use the facilities "represent a cross-section of the community."

However, costs remain a concern. Raymond Hoedel, the district's business manager, reported that the district would save approximately \$154,200 by closing the buildings after school.

People in the audience Saturday addressed possible cost savings in other areas.

For instance, Paul Mackiewicz told the board that he participated in a parent group three years ago that outlined an energy savings study. Suggestions included turning lights off when there was no one in the room rather than waiting until janitors shut them off at night, closing doors in the winter, and adding energy-saving maintenance changes, like repair-

ing moldings.

"Nothing has changed," he said. "You walk in the high school and the doors are left wide open in the winter."

Hoedel said the district has introduced an energy-saving program that has maintained level heating bills despite rising costs. He added, however, that the district could do more programs like that.

Mike Fent, who identified himself as a Plymouth business owner, argued that opening the schools to groups was a minimal cost to the district. He asked board members: "Where are you going to get the money? You kids should act responsibly and don't

give raises. If you don't have the money, how can you do it? I'm here for the kids. You're taking the money away and giving it to someone else."

Artley and board member Les Walker said at the end of the session that they were concerned about artificially raising expectations of group members on whether they will be allowed in the schools.

"We're talking about a one-year, short-term thing anyway, because we don't know what's going to happen with the schools," Artley said, referring to a state program eliminating property taxes as the main source of school financing.

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RETIRED
M/Sgt. E. Michael Bradfute, formerly of Plymouth Township retired after 23 years in the US Air Force. He served at England Air Force Base, Tac Basq, Oson, Korea; Hanscom AFB, Boston; Ramstein AFB, Germany; and Scott AFB, Ill. In an official government ceremony, Bradfute presented Plymouth Township Board Trustee and long-time

Plymouth resident Kay Arnold with his service flag in appreciation for taking care of their parents throughout the years. Her support afforded him the opportunity to serve his country abroad. A Franklin High School graduate, Bradfute attended Schoolcraft College before entering the Air Force in 1970. He has earned a bachelor of arts degree in math and science.

ENLISTED
James M. Layton, son of Judy A. Layton of Lincoln Park and Michael Layton of Canton enlisted in the Air Force. He is a 1993

graduate of Lincoln Park High School.

REPORTS FOR DUTY
Navy Airman Daniel S. Hensley reported for duty with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Six, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. The 1982 graduate of Trenton High School joined the Navy in December 1992. He is the husband of Marsha Hensley.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Randy A. Scobie, son of James J. and

Medal. The medal recognizes the servicemember's honest and faithful service during a three-year period. To earn it, Timberlake achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period. He is currently assigned to Support Battalion, The Basic School, Quantico, Va. The 1979 graduate of Blue Ridge High School of Pinetop-Lakeside, Ariz. joined the Marine Corps in January 1985.

DEPLOYED
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Randy A. Scobie, son of James J. and

Cathy L. Schwall of Byron, Mich. is currently deployed and has completed the first half of a six-month Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean deployment aboard the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, homeported in Norfolk, Va. as the lead ship of the amphibious ready group. Scobie is again participating in Operation Restore Hope, a peace-keeping operation off the coast of Somalia. The 1989 graduate of Crestwood High School of Dearborn Heights joined the Navy in October 1988.

GRADUATED
Marine Warrant Officer Martin J. Hinckley, a 1978 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School graduated from The Basic School. During the course at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va., newly-commissioned officers are prepared for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force. He joined the Marine Corps in July 1978.

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Tom Griesdorn, general manager of WXYZ, said the station is not asking for some form of compensation for the use of its product.

"We're asking for a recognition of the value of our signal," Griesdorn said. "They have never compensated local stations for the right to use the signal, which is what 70 percent of the people watch."

That "compensation," however, is not necessarily monetary, Griesdorn said. He is asking Om-

nicom for the use of its facilities, including the company's mailing list for cable subscribers.

Subscribers needn't worry about extra charges for WKBD, either, according to Paul Prange, program manager for the station. Instead, as part of a national Fox network plan, the station is asking that, in exchange for the right to broadcast Fox, Omnicom agree to carry a new Fox-owned cable channel when it debuts in the spring.

"What we're all trying to do is

benefit the consumers," Prange said.

Prange added that while WKBD will get no cash from Om-

nicom, Omnicom will have to pay Fox for the right to carry the new cable channel.

Plymouth, Canton, and Northville, Plymouth city manager Steve Walters said local governments currently have no jurisdiction over cable disputes.

"We will take the role which the federal government allows us to have, but nobody seems to know quite what that is," Walters said.

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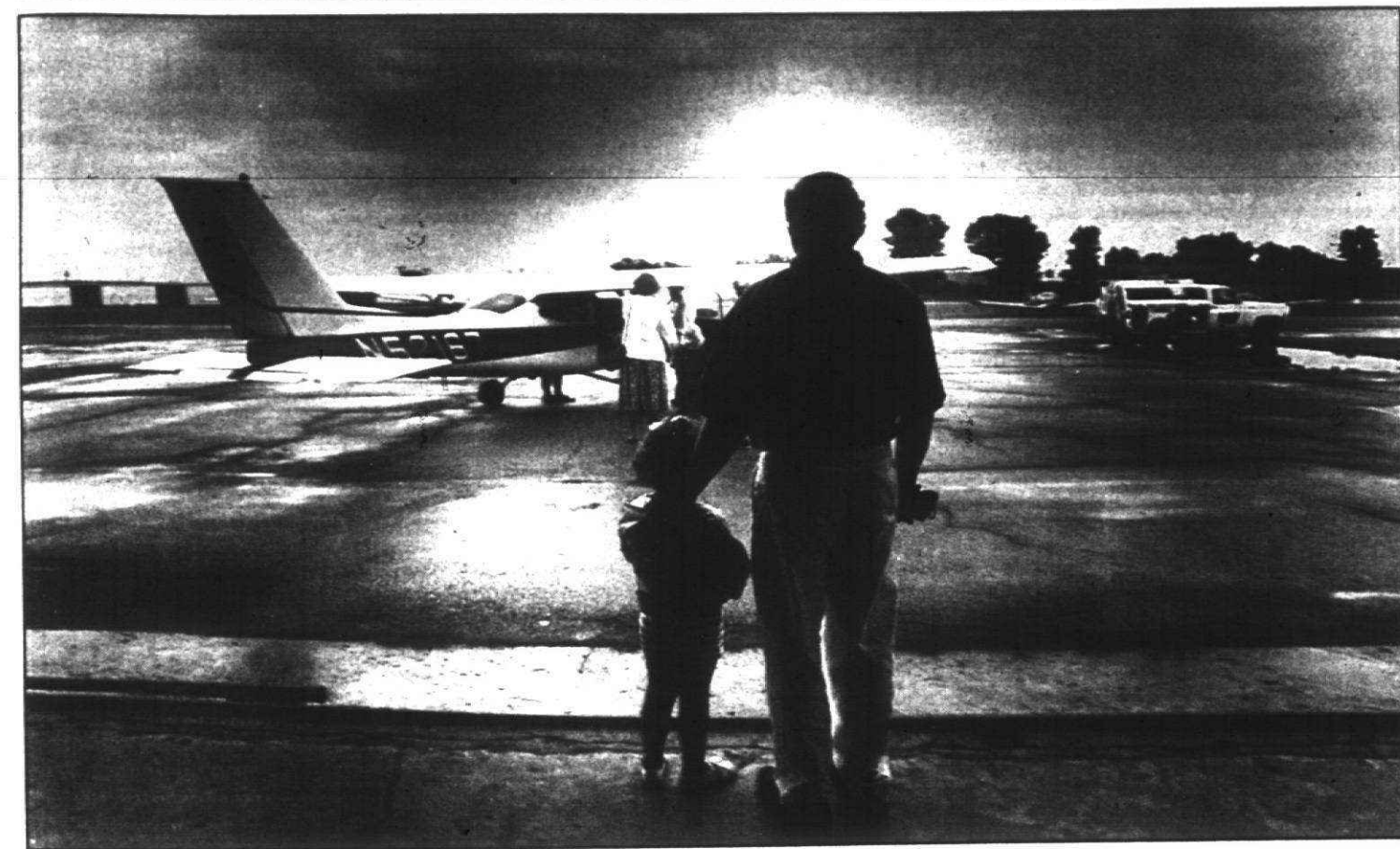
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Looking on: Paul Mahrie and his 4-year-old daughter, Katie, wait patiently for the next plane ride to take off.



Ready for take-off: Joseph Horton prepares his daughter, Kara, for a ride.



Skies open: The rain Sunday didn't dampen the spirits of children of the Make-A-Wish program.

Kids get a wish

Plane rides thrill ailing youngsters

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

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Later in the afternoon, Joseph Horton brought his 13-year-old daughter, Kara, who has Rett Syndrome, for a ride.

"Make-A-Wish sent us to Florida (Disney World) last year," he said. "And they sent us to Boblo about a month ago. We can't say enough about Make-A-Wish. Everyone else we have to fight."

Before boarding a plane Sunday afternoon, Horton said he was worried when he took his daughter to Disney World that she wouldn't like the plane ride.

"But she was laughing the whole day," he said. "She likes any kind of motion."

Wood and Horton were among a dozen youngsters with life-threatening and terminal illnesses who rode on planes and helicopters Sunday morning and afternoon at the Canton airfield during the

Annual Fly In for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. The public was invited to take rides, for a \$15 donation with most of the money going to Make-A-Wish. About \$1,000 was raised for the organization.

Cloutier blames rain for keeping many people inside. A make-up rain day is planned Sept. 12.

Pilots donated their time, airplanes and fuel. Some of the exorbitant costs of operating the helicopters were paid from the donations.

"One pilot gave us a \$250 check and he also donated his time and a plane," Cloutier said. "Most of the pilots were standing here saying, 'Give me a kid.' They're a neat group of people."

Manette Trimpe, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan executive director, said the organization will grant about 175 wishes to youngsters with life-threatening illnesses. The average cost of a wish is \$4,000. Next year the goal is to grant 200 wishes.

"We have a number of fund-raisers during the year that help us keep granting wishes," according to Trimpe.

Call Mettetal Airport at 459-9096 for information about Fly In for Make-A-Wish Foundation on Sept. 12.

Make parents responsible for kids in gangs — group

Parents would be legally responsible for their child's gang-related activities, according to a proposal submitted by a community task force on gangs, made up of Canton police, Plymouth Township and Plymouth, school officials and social service agencies.

The committee has devised a strategy for dealing with gang activities that include creating a task force to centralize information about gang activity; and continue community education that include social service agencies who are trying to educate families about gang information and will coordinate referrals.

Task force members agreed that sharing information and keeping each other informed would go a long way toward preventing and controlling gang-related activities despite dwindling social service resources in many agencies due to budget cuts.

The task force is expected to meet again in late September to consider further action on the strategy and to fine-tune the responsibilities of each community agency.

The community wide task force was formed this summer after incidents attributed to gang activity surfaced in Canton Commons, an apartment complex on Haggerty Road.

Management at Canton Commons Apartments are taking an active role to clean and spruce up the complex on Haggerty Road, while Canton Police and residents at the complex are busy organizing a Neighborhood Watch group to monitor future problems.

All over grown areas of high grass and weeds are being cut, the fence along the west side of the com-

plex has been repaired and graffiti is being cleaned off walls; playground equipment and the pavilion. Lighting is also being enhanced around the complex and residents are being encouraged to leave house lights on from dusk to dawn. Canton officials are also encouraging the complex to consider improved landscaping throughout the complex.

Canton Commons management is working closely with the township to respond to complaints, and have copies of complex rules to all residents to increase awareness and step-up enforcement.

Meanwhile, various other township departments and community groups are getting involved in activities at Canton Commons in areas residents believe involve gang-related activities.

Canton personnel are reviewing the 9-year-old summer camp program run by the Salvation Army to see if it can be improved. Inspectors will work with management to ensure the property is kept up.

Canton police will continue to monitor the Neighborhood Watch program. Police also are studying how their Explorers scouts can get involved in a mentor program.

Also, the Canton's Women's Forum is looking at programs for positive role modeling for residents, and various social service agencies are stepping up efforts as well.

Federally funded block grant money, \$248,000, has been spent at the complex since 1985.

A follow-up information meeting for residents of Canton Commons is scheduled at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Canton Township Hall, on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill.

P-C Head Start still has openings

The Head Start program, offered by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in conjunction with a grant from the federal government, is still accepting applications for the 1993-94 school year.

Your child is eligible for the free program if you live in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District; your student will be three or four years old by Dec. 1, 1993; you can verify your income status (receiving public assistance or having an annual income of no more than \$14,850 for

a family of four); your student is a foster child; or your student can qualify in a handicapped category (in this case, you may exceed the income requirement).

The Head Start program is located at Central Middle School, 650 Church Street in Plymouth. The program uses the nationally-acclaimed High-Scope curriculum. Breakfast and lunch are served each day. Bus transportation is available on established bus routes.

Three-year-old children will be part of a Home Visit Program.

Visits are made to the home one day a week by a staff member. During the home visits, the home visitors work with parents and children to plan activities the family may practice at home.

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Man needs bone-marrow donor

BY SUSAN ROSIEK
STAFF WRITER

Ken Otto packed up his trumpet and other belongings and headed back to East Lansing more than a week ago to begin practicing with the Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band.

But college has changed for Otto. He'll be in close contact with his parents, Diane and George Otto of Redford, and many friends and supporters who are in the midst of a campaign to raise \$100,000 for Otto, who was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in March.

Otto's disease is being kept in check with medication, but doctors have said the "only real hope is a bone marrow transplant."

The family's health insurance will cover the cost of the transplant for Otto and the donor. But first a donor must be found, and the search is expected to cost more than \$100,000.

The first in a series of fund-raisers to help the family takes place Saturday. Employees from the Kroger food store on Five Mile east of Merriman in Livonia will host a kids fair and sock hop Saturday, Sept. 4, in the AOH Hall on Grand River and Telegraph.

The kids fair 2-5 p.m. will feature games, prizes and refreshments. Admission is \$5 per family. The '50s sock hop is set 6 p.m. to midnight in the hall. Admission is \$10 per person and will offer pizza, beverages and raffles. Tickets are available by calling 534-2903.

A deposit can and bottle drive is planned Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12. Area residents are asked to save their deposit bottles and cans and place them on their front porch Saturday, Sept. 11. Otto's friends will collect them between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Others wishing to make donations may drop off cans

and bottles 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that weekend at Keystone Lines, 27499 Schoolcraft (south side) in Livonia.

Other fund-raisers planned include:

- Garage sale Sept. 25 in Thurston Hall, 26255 Schoolcraft, just west of Beech Daly. Call Nancy Long at 532-7285 to make a donation.

■ A canister drive is under way at businesses throughout western Wayne County. Area businesses may request a canister by calling 534-2903.

Tax-deductible donations to help Ken Otto may be made payable to: My Friends Care (indicate Ken Otto in the check memo) and mailed to: P.O. Box 40906, Redford, Mich. 48240.

The Otto fund-raising committee would also appreciate volunteers and fundraising ideas. Call 534-2903 if you can help.

School officials tell Vorva local control must remain

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Maintain local control of schools.

That recurring comment was echoed throughout a community forum with state Rep. Jerry Vorva Saturday in the Plymouth-Canton school board offices.

The discussions focused on what will happen as a result of the state scrapping property taxes for school funding, as well as other school reform.

Vorva said he would take suggestions made at the meeting back to Lansing and add them to the list of ideas that will be considered.

"The taxpayer is our customer," said Vorva, who sits on the education committee for kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as two education study groups.

Paraphrasing the state constitution, Vorva said: "It's a good idea to educate people, because everyone benefits."

Carl Pursell, who last year ended a 16-year stint as a Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, spoke at length about the great potential of Gov. John En-

gler's school tax proposal.

"I think Michigan is in a win-win situation," he said. "He has a new idea to rewrite the education policies to take the United States into the 21st century."

"People are voting against millages, because they are being driven out of their homes," he said, adding that businesses also shy away from expansion due to fears of overwhelming property-tax increases.

The new system will promote growth, and right now residents have a chance to take part in deciding how the schools will operate, he added.

School board member Barbara Graham said all the negative factors in the schools have to be considered as well.

"The literacy rate in the country has dropped," she said. "I would like to see the state return to the quality we had and I'd like to see this district be number one."

Jeanne Parsons, who heads a local Cub Scout pack, noted that taxpayers are leery of new proposals, given that the state reneged on a promise to use lottery money

solely for schools.

She also echoed Graham's statement on strengthening standards.

"I think it's important to our federal government, state and community that we have standards and that they be enforced," Parsons said. "We need local control."

Other people stressed the importance of better evaluating teachers.

Northville Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski also pointed to the "proliferation of state mandates" that are unnecessary and bog down the administration of each local school system. "They're maniacally out of control."

At the close of the forum, the Plymouth-Canton school board was applauded for inviting people in the audience to take an active part in discussions.

"This is the first school board meeting that the board had an open forum and I love it," one resident said.

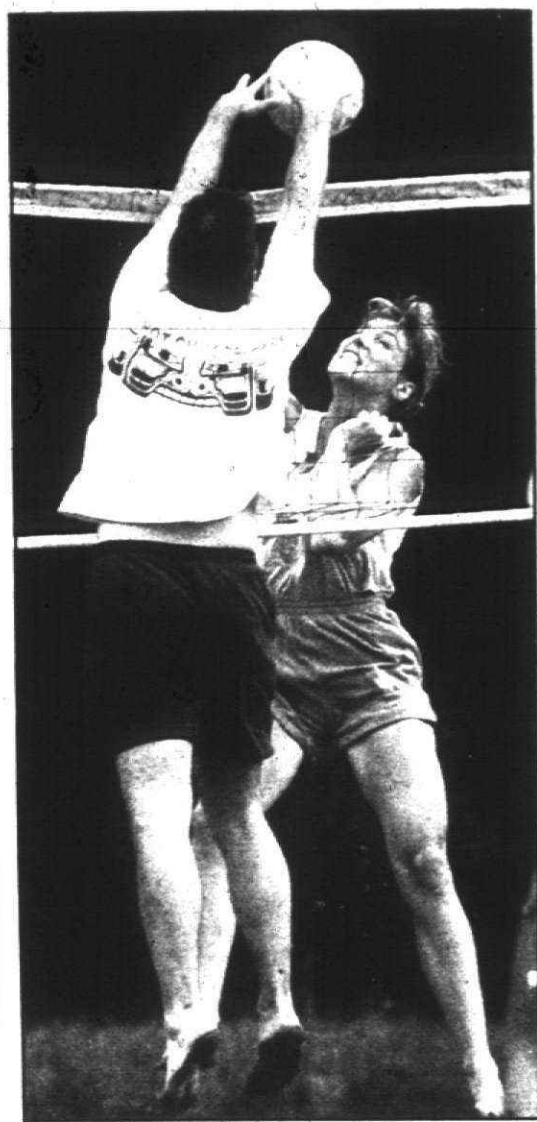
President Roland Thomas said he would consider adding the open forum to future workshops.

Having a (volley) ball



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Tournament: Frank Thompson of Brownstown Township (at left) and Paul Volk of Livonia (at right) attempt to block a spike by Jim Siitari of Northville (center). The occasion was Wayne County Parks Department's volleyball league championships. The team of Thompson, Volk, Angie Lankford and Renee Denomme beat the team of Siitari, Loc Tran, Roseanna Tran, Erin Ryan and Chris Boyce in the "Co-Ed Four" category on Aug. 30.



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Single Business Tax

Legislators eye increase to fund schools

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's business people are deeply divided over the chief tax they pay, especially now that it's likely to go up.

The single business tax produces about \$1.7 billion a year. Business will be asked to pay more, one way or another, because the state Legislature has repealed \$6 billion of local property taxes for schools.

"There's a real push for the Legislature to fund schools for 1994-95," said Rep. Susan Grimes Munsell, R-Howell, co-chair of a House Taxation subcommittee looking at SBT during a Detroit public hearing.

"I suspect there will be a lot of activity. Taxation from the SBT will be part of that activity," said Munsell, who wants to produce recommendations for restructuring SBT by Sept. 14, if it's to be done at all.

Herself a certified public accountant, Munsell said the goal will be to have business make up a proportional part of the replacement revenue or less. "We need to deal with it this calendar year," she said.

Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, predicted lawmakers will allow school districts to reinstitute some of the repealed \$6 billion in property taxes. Reason: The Michigan Constitution prevents the Legislature from raising taxes by more than \$3.8 billion.

Tax on jobs

Small-business people from Southfield and Belleville panned

the current SBT as a tax on employment. Financial, computer and auto giant spokesmen like SBT the way it is.

"Ease up on products made in Michigan," said Charles Hood of HLF Furniture Inc., Belleville maker of office furniture and employer of 75. Hood said non-wage costs such as health care, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation should be removed from the tax base.

"There should be an incubation period for small, start-up businesses," said Hood, drawing great applause from the audience.

Paul Pickell of Pick Publications in Southfield called SBT "a barrier to growth and profitability. It's an unfair burden to small business. It's very complicated and requires a CPA. It hampers reinvestment in one's own business."

A "reasonable business profits tax" would be preferable, said Pickell, whose firm produces business directories.

"Let us know how you want to pay the business cost of education in Michigan," said Munsell.

Linda Jolicœur, a Southfield entrepreneur representing the National Association of Women Business Owners, replied, "Rather than look at it negatively — like what do you want to pay? — we need to improve the quality of education." She deplored Southfield's spending \$9,000 per student a year and raising teachers' wages 8 percent as soon as voters approved a property tax increase.

"Taxes are a price you pay for doing business," said Mark Brooks of the Cranbrook Group in Bloomfield Hills. "If you add a price to labor, you're going to get less employees."

SBT an incentive

Jeffrey Muhn of Compuware Co. in Farmington Hills called SBT "an incentive to the software industry" in which Michigan plays a dominant role. Gross receipts and profit taxes, which lawmakers are considering, would hit computer software firms harder and drive them into the beckoning arms of Canada and neighboring states, Muhn said.

John Neberle of Ford Motor Co.'s Dearborn headquarters made a strong case for not tinkering with SBT.

"In 1975 Michigan replaced seven other taxes with SBT. The corporate income tax was 7 percent. Michigan had a tax on net worth — a real minefield because it taxed reserves for health care. We were in court more often than not," he said.

"We knew when we went to SBT there'd be trials and tribulations," Neberle said, citing major state Supreme Court decisions over 18 years. "We're close to the end. We've got rid of a lot of irritants to worldwide manufacturing. The tax system has served us well in this state. We should spend time on how we improve education."

Inconsistent

"I have found no consistency," complained Rep. Kirk Profit, D-

Ypsilanti, about the strong disagreements between business people.

"You can have two people in the same industry with a \$1 difference in gross receipts, and they'll have different answers," said Rep. Dobb, also an accountant.

Four women are among the six panel members, but they gave no hint of whether they were receptive to women business owners' pleas to shift the tax off employment costs.

Republican members are Munsell, Dobb and Deborah Whyman of Canton. Democrats are co-chair Mary Brown of Kalamazoo, Profit of Ypsilanti and John Freeman of Madison Heights.

State treasurer Doug Roberts described SBT as a consumption-type, value added tax based on the difference between the value of a product at sale and the cost of inputs. "Since" value-added reflects the amount of business activity a firm performs, it is a good proxy for the amount of government services received by a firm," Roberts said in written comments.

Although SBT revenue varied from \$900 million in 1981 to \$1.85 billion in 1985, it is a more consistent producer than the old corporate income tax, which gyrated wildly with auto booms and busts.

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Among the celebrity "sitters" this year — folks who will sit in the window of the book store and read in hopes of gaining donations to benefit foundation supported programs — are Jim Vassallo, president of the Plymouth-Canton music boosters, and Dennis Shrewsbury, Plymouth city commissioner.

Vassallo's appearance will benefit the music boosters, and Shrewsbury's appearance will benefit the Plymouth Canton Close Up Program, which supports the study of politics and government by Plymouth-Canton schools students.

For more information, contact the foundation at 44958 Ford Road, Canton, 48187.

Temples of convenience

The history of outhouses — from ancient Egypt to recent times in rural America — will be discussed when the Plymouth and Canton historical societies sit down Sept. 9 for a joint meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill School, at Cherry Hill and Ridge in Canton.

Scouts at Jamboree

Boy Scout Troop 854 of Canton recently attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

The troop makes about nine camping trips a year. Past trips have been to West Point, Selfridge Air National Guard Base and Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Museum.

For more information about scouting activities, contact Frank Seery at 981-3992.

Brookside folks like their 'island'

Residents of Brookside subdivision feel a little separated from Canton Township, but like their little island which is surrounded by I-275 and nearby Westland.

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER



Living in Brookside subdivision can give you a feeling of isolation.

"Being separated by the main area of Canton Township and by I-275, you feel if you don't watch it you'll have the last consideration (by township officials)," according to Edward Linden, president of Brookside homeowners association.

"We're not given our fair share of attention being separated by the freeway," he said.

Residents keep a watchful eye on the types of development in the area like multifamily and commercial that would, they believe, be bad for their neighborhood. Bordered by Westland to the east and I-275 to the west the area could easily become dense commercial development.

"The main concern is what kind of development will be going in," said Linden who has lived in Brookside since 1978.

Other association concerns revolve around maintaining roads. Also, a flood drain in the subdivision constantly gets overgrown with weeds and becomes unsightly.

Coming up on its 20 year anniversary, the homes, south of Cherry Hill and east of I-275, were built in 1974. The newest phase of construction began in 1991. And a new round of construction is being considered.



SHERIE BUZBY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Feeling isolated: Edward Linden president of Brookside subdivision homeowner's association keeps a watchful eye on the types of development that comes to the area.

■ 'Being separated by the main area of Canton Township and by I-275, you feel if you don't watch it you'll have the last consideration (by township officials).'

Edward Linden

Houses range in size from 1,100 square feet for ranches and 2,500 square feet for colonials. Prices are from \$90,000 to \$160,000.

Crime in the area is compatible with crime in Canton as a whole, Linden said. Association representatives meet regularly with Canton police to review statistics and look for patterns

of criminal activity.

"We try to encourage homeowners to install motion sensor lighting and put their lights on to deter vandalism," Linden added.

A quarterly newsletter keeps residents up to date about what's happening in their neighborhood. It also alerts residents to activities for chil-

dren in the parks, like the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween parties.

Brookside has two developed parks, one about nine acres and the other about four acres.

A \$28 yearly association fee goes for expenses like, park maintenance, snow plowing and newsletter expenses.

Most of the calls Linden receives from residents range from neighbor disputes to placing ads for babysitters, and the like, in the newsletter.

Although Linden said he has an open ear for all subdivision problems and concerns, neighbor disputes are out of his hands.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

OX ROAST
Father Victor J. Renaud, Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual roast 1-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day, on the council grounds, 150 Fair, at Mill in Plymouth. Clowns and games. 453-9833 or 453-3966.

BINGO
Plymouth Business and Professional Women's BINGO fund-raiser 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at The Gathering, downtown Plymouth. All cash prizes. Proceeds go to BPW Scholarship Fund.

FLAGS AVAILABLE
Contact The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post 391, in Plymouth. Jim Maahs, 455-5541, or Jim Barbour, 451-8659.

AUDITIONS
Plymouth Community Chorus auditions for new members Saturday, Sept. 4, and Tuesday, Sept. 14, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Plymouth YMCA needs volunteers to assist at the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12 to help set up, take down, cook and handle other duties. 453-2904.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC
The Festival of Praise concert is presented by Canton Community Church 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Public Library on Canton Center Road. Contemporary Christian music provided by Highest Call and the Band. Admission free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

RETIREMENT PLANNING
The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are sponsoring a free seminar "Retirement Planning - Which Investments Are Most Productive" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12. Limited registration. Call Jaycees hotline, 453-8407.

FARMERS' MARKET
7:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Oct. 16 in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park in Plymouth. 453-1540.

PLANT TOUR
Longaberger Baskets and Pottery plant tour is 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in Dresden, Ohio. Bus departs from Canton. Call Laurie Maltby, 981-6182.

BOOTH SPACE

Church bazaar booth space is available at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth on Saturday, Dec. 4. Hand-crafted items only. 453-0190.

FOR KIDS

CHEERLEADING
Canton Parks and Recreation offers beginners class for girls ages 5-12, starting Sept. 22.

LEADERS CLUB
Middle school kids ages 11-15 may meet with national YMCA program designed as a volunteer service organization every other Tuesday at the Plymouth YMCA office, 248 S. Union. Call Colleen Anderson, 453-2904.

CLASS TIME

GED TEST
GED testing offered through the Plymouth Community Education Department will be 5-9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 7-9, at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Register by Friday at 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. 451-6555.

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LAKEPOINTE GARDEN CLUB
First meeting of the year will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Breeding home, 14608 Farmbrook Lane, 420-3094.

CANTON NEWCOMERS
Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 45956 Gainsborough, Gainsborough Clubhouse, Canton. Hospitality time is 7-7:30 p.m. 453-3693 or 455-8352.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

BLOOD DONORS
Donations accepted 2:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Putnam Hill. Call Dorothy Cherry, 459-6057.

DETROIT TIGERS
Statewide blood drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren roads in Canton. The first 300 people to donate will receive a pair of Tiger tickets for a game against the California Angels. Appointments, 494-2800 or 1-800-582-4283.

COUPLE TO COUPLE
League will sponsor its next series on natural family planning 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 18, at St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Register, 729-5407.

ADULT CARE
Foster care is needed for adults with mental retardation. In Wayne County, 455-8880.

HEALTH SCREENING
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold health screenings at the Marian Women's Center Professional Building Sept. 20 through Oct. 29. Offered are complete gynecological exams and cancer screening tests for \$50. Appointments necessary, 591-2922, Ext. 3171.

EXERCISE
Westland Cycling Club

FREE CLASSES

For non-high school graduates, IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555.

READING ASSISTANCE

Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assessment. Community Literacy Council, 451-6555.

VOLUNTEERS

CALL TO HELP
Growth Works, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, office work, 455-4095. Chambers of Commerce

CLASSES AT PLYMOUTH

Parks and Recreation, 455-6620; Canton Recreation Center, 397-5446.

FITNESS/HOBBIES

Bowlers, age 55 and older, are needed for Plymouth Bowl Goodtimers Bowling League. League begins 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9.

SENIOR WORKERS

Child & Family Service LIFEWORK, a United Way agency, coordinates a senior community service employment program for food service, library, gift shop cashier and clerical positions. Call Sally Kruger, 453-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Canton Historical Society will host a joint meeting with Plymouth Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Cherry Hill School, corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Mary MacDonald will speak on "Temples of Convenience." Public invited. 397-0088.

AMERICAN LEGION

Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at 173 N. Main, Plymouth. Call Jim Barbour, 451-8659, or Jim Maahs, 455-5541.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Oral Majority meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denney's, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call Ken Morley, 277-2709 (evenings).

PIECEMAKERS

Meet 7 p.m. third Thursday each month, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. 455-3838.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Canton Club meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday each month at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill. 397-0545.

WOOLGATHERERS

Knitting Guild meets 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday each month in the Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township. Call Karen Rumpert at 420-4022.

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Pay freeze Teachers give something back

A tentative agreement reached with teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district to take a pay freeze goes a long way toward restoring public confidence in education in this community.

The apparent willingness of the teachers to forgo a 3 percent pay increase tells the community, "We're in this with you and are willing to make a sacrifice."

The trouble with such sacrifices during tough economic times is that they are often quickly forgotten. The school board and parents should make sure to mark down the date.

A committee representing the teachers and the school administration hammered out an agreement by which teachers would take a freeze, if 30 teaching positions are saved by the action.

Teachers were to formally vote on the accord today. We urge them to support the agreement. It will not only save jobs and improve education, but it will help salvage sports and other after-school activities.

Plymouth-Canton teachers are in good company this fall, if they formally forgo the raise. Nearby, Ann Arbor teachers accepted a pay freeze and in Oakland County, West Bloomfield teachers accepted a pay freeze until January, at which time they will receive a 3 percent hike. Meanwhile, teachers in Troy accepted a 1.5 percent pay hike, much to the ire of the Michigan Education Association which sent the district's teachers a letter attacking the agreement for being too low.

It's tragic for a union to attack its own members when they decide to work with a community during hard times.

Let's hope Plymouth-Canton teachers don't have to put up with such insults from their own union. Because of that, and the courage it takes to turn down a raise, teachers in this district should be lauded for the sacrifices.

However, things wouldn't have gotten to this stage in the first place, without mistakes made by the Plymouth-Canton school board. The administration and board bargained a contract with the teachers earlier this year for which the schools didn't have the money.

The board then put a 4-mill property tax increase on the June ballot. Most observers agreed the schools would need to put a millage question on the ballot, but none thought it would be as high as 4 mills.

That request was defeated in June by about 1,000 votes. The board ignored those no votes and put the defeated proposal back on the ballot for Aug. 17. Again it was defeated by about 1,000 votes.

In the wake of that defeat, the board sought to cancel sports, band and other activities. However, booster club groups unveiled a plan to fund those activities, with the teacher pay freeze the centerpiece.

It was action by the booster clubs that got things off dead center and prompted the vote by the teachers. That should have been done in June by the school board.

New cable rates are unfair

A gross injustice is committed when those who can least afford basic cable rates find themselves rising, while those who can most afford the niceties like remote controls and premium channels get a price break.

We think that residents of our communities should have access to basic cable TV at an inexpensive rate as possible.

Citizens need to stay informed about important local issues. Cable TV, with its showing of live city council and school board meetings and candidate forums, is one way for them to keep informed.

To deny residents access to basic cable TV these days is just about the same as denying them the chance to read a local newspaper.

Cable TV rates increased for many subscribers Sept. 1, despite new Federal Communications Commission regulations intended to reduce rates nationwide.

For example, MetroVision, the outfit that holds the cable TV franchise in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford Township and Livonia, is sending increases to more than 60 percent of its Farmington-area subscribers. Increases range from \$1.83 to \$10.54 a month.

The hardest hit will be the 300 who pay bottom dollar for the broadcast and public access channels.

Of course, many at the upper end of the spectrum, those who spend more on cable TV, will have their rates cut.

Yes, something's screwy.

Rate changes differ throughout communities covered by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, even in communities served by the same cable company. For instance, Continental Cablevision in Westland formerly charged \$20.25 for one basic tier service. It now offers three ser-

vices: basic at \$10.90, a satellite tier at \$11.36 and a mini tier of three channels at \$1.36. The basic, satellite and mini tiers all must be purchased in order to carry premium channels — an obvious increase.

However, a remote control drops drastically from \$3.95 a month to 12 cents. And premium channel costs remain the same.

In Southfield, Continental customers will pay an additional \$3.25 a month, up from \$19.50, to receive its 2-58 channel group. Those paying \$12 for the 2-36 channel group will have new option packages of \$13.27 and \$14.69.

Garden City's Maclean Hunter Cable TV Inc. seems to be the most economy-minded of the lot, while the situation is entirely different for Booth customers in Birmingham. There, officials are arguing over whether to even offer local commercial stations 2, 4 and 7.

Many cable companies are sending out notices to their customers to explain the confusing rate changes. There is a better way to run cable TV.

We've said it before in this space, but we'd like to reiterate emphatically that we don't need a federal agency to straighten out cable TV. Good, old-fashioned competition in these suburban markets would accomplish the same thing.

The same market factors that drive our economy should apply to cable TV, that great electronic middleman that sits between the viewer and what there is to view. Who knows? Perhaps someday, with competition and new technology, we'll eliminate that middleman.

We recognize that cable companies are in business to make money, but that profit should not come at the expense of those who can least afford it.

School's in!



Hop on: Linda Stoner introduces 6-year-old son Scott to his new bus driver. Scott is attending Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township. Traffic is heavier with the opening of schools throughout the Observer & Eccentric area, requiring extra caution by drivers.

LETTERS

Whine party

What have we done to our children? For years we have voted for extra mills and bond issues for our children's education. Now that we have finally said "no" to a millage, all I have read about is students complaining and wanting to "run away," move out of the school district. They say their senior year won't be any "fun."

Has giving them everything made them unable to deal with adversity? Has someone over at the school told them that life is always fair? Have they been told that they are owed everything they want?

And then we have Dr. Hoben, the leader of our school district, saying that without the 4 mills, this won't be an exceptional year (see his editorial in the most recent school newsletter). For his salary of over \$100,000, I expect a more positive outlook. Is his gloom and doom catching?

Let's serve some cheese with this whine and have a party.

For the students that like to play sports, let them learn that you don't have to have a coach with a whistle and matching uniforms to have a game. Get a bunch of your closest friends, go to a park and play. You don't get a trophy, you don't get a letter. You make friends and memories. They can last forever.

For students who like journalism, let them produce an "underground newspaper" like we had in the '60s. It's not censored. As students back then, we bought issues eagerly. There are adults (and parents) who can help you besides those with the title of teacher.

What would have happened to these kids out in the real world if they lost their job? It sounds like they would be totally unable to deal with the situation. This year will be an exceptional year. Our students will learn to be creative and flexible. They will learn that they can handle a set-back and come out on top... maybe the best lesson of all.

Sudi Gee, Canton

Take control of schools

The Plymouth-Canton community shows why the president is having trouble making budget cuts. After the demonstration at the school board meeting, is it any wonder that "me first" is the order of the day?

President Clinton can't get past the various interest groups who want the budget cuts "in the other guy's back yard." Around this community it's the uncut argument that matters. "Save the band." "Oh, now save the football team." "Wait, it's TAG (the Talented and Gifted program) that really matters."

Garbage. The voters did what they did based on the facts presented by the board and administration. It's a little late to try to change the

outcome of the election. The fact is that all the kids will suffer or none will suffer.

The voters decided that all were to suffer. That's what the democratic process is all about. I don't like the outcome, but it is patently unfair to try to weasel out of the results by creating something better for one selected set of students or one or another community group.

Don't shift the blame to the teachers. Two sides signed that contract. In spite of all of the rhetoric, this school district is run as a pretty tight ship. Mike Hoben may not have much of a sense of real learning, but he manages a heck of a budget. We're all living with the idiocy of Lansing. This may be the last year for local control in our community. Stop screaming and whining. Take control.

Doug Koch, Plymouth

Not worth extra money

The following is a message to all of the Plymouth-Canton residents who voted "no" to the 4-mill increase on Aug. 17.

I'm writing this on behalf of every student who will be ignored in an overcrowded classroom, who will never be a part of the acclaimed PCEP sports teams, who lost their opportunity to write for the high school newspaper, and all of the students who had hoped for a positive response to education at the ballot box.

You may believe that voting no sent a strong message to Plymouth-Canton school officials, but you're sadly mistaken. The real message was heard loud and clear by the students.

I guess we're just not worth a few extra dollars.

Amy Matschekowski, class of 1995

Better than comics

If they gave awards for "Irony in Journalism" I'd nominate Jeff Counts for his editorial on "Gang troubles." Isn't this the same gentleman who for weeks encouraged readers to vote against the millage request? The demise of the millage possibly spells the end of co-curricular activities in our schools. Maybe this editorial was in response to fear. Fear that there will be many more youths in our community without rules and structure. Co-curricular activities provide the finest anti-gang prevention program available to our community.

Mr. Counts seems to be in training for politics. Help create a problem, identify it and assign blame to the obvious, ignore the positive, and move on to screw up something else.

P.S. Don't cancel my subscription, the editorial page is more amusing than the comics.

Gary M. Francis, Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Plymouth-Canton schools should drop developmental

One Plymouth-Canton teacher calls it "the biggest rip-off any community could have pulled on them. It's the biggest hoax, the biggest con game I've ever been in."

The elementary school teacher is talking about the "developmental philosophy" that's been rammed down the throats of teachers, parents and students for the last several years in Plymouth-Canton.

The concept is good. The approach recognizes that students mature and learn at different rates. With the "developmental philosophy" (administrators hasten to point out it's not a curriculum or program), students supposedly are helped along at their individual pace. A laudable benefit is the fact that kids aren't tracked into slow, average and fast groups of learners. Instead, students are "cooperatively" learning and proceeding to the next hurdle when they're ready.

In some schools with classes small enough to permit the teacher to pay adequate attention to each student, the developmental philosophy works just fine. In Plymouth-Canton, it's been an abysmal failure for the most part. Minimal teacher training hasn't helped.

While there are parents and teachers who like it, a growing number of others have pleaded with the board for months now, complaining that their children can't adequately read, write, spell or do simple math. They're more than worried about their children's future.

Frustrated with the lack of response from the district, parents Jim and Sue Mills started a newsletter to educate others about the inefficacy of developmental education. As Mills points out, we can learn from others' mistakes. England used the developmental approach in its schools and recently canned it, going back to more traditional education.

Learning at your own rate sounds good and could be effective, if elementary teachers in this district were allowed to teach and had classes with fewer than 30 students.

Apparently, demanding that children learn to spell and write, work out math problems on paper, memorize their multiplication tables, sound out words, and read is old-fashioned and out of line. Such practices, it's thought by the powers that be, lower self-esteem because not all students can achieve these things. It's also damaging to self-esteem to have, if you're a student, your paper graded or to be told you've answered something incorrectly.



M. B. DILLON

One third-grader recently spell the word love "7-7-T-O." The teacher told the student that words aren't spelled with numbers, and showed him the correct way. "The boy's mother called and said, 'You burst his bubble. He wrote you a letter saying he loved you, and you burst his bubble,'" the teacher said.

"I told her I thought I should do it instead of his college professor. 'In developmental, you let someone sit until they mature,' he said. 'Do you think that encourages maturation? We should be introducing things, stretching and challenging students. Once they've achieved it, you stretch them beyond that,' added the teacher, who's been reprimanded for teaching

instead of "facilitating." The teacher added, "My principal told me, 'If someone in the room wants to learn something, they will tell you.' This is the do-nothing, know-nothing curriculum."

One mother said she believes that if the parents content with developmental education had their children tested, they'd probably find they're behind. "I'm not saying it's not a good program, but the class sizes are too big," she said. "How can a teacher possibly know where every child is?" The parent also isn't pleased that her daughter receives no spelling tests or work sheets in class. Math is now taught with manipulatives, mainly beans, eliminating the expense of paper.

This mom, who's volunteered in the classroom, also is concerned about the lack of structure. "Discipline is a big problem," she said. Agreed another parent, "A lot of kids are getting less and less structure at home. The last thing they need is no structure in the classroom."

After much clamoring, the district finally established an early childhood advisory committee to study the district's curriculum and recommend improvements. The board and adminis-

tration are to be applauded for doing so. We can only hope that the nine months they take to do their work — crucial time for learners who aren't learning — are fruitful.

In the meantime, we are cheating students and ourselves if we don't reinstate some tried and proven traditional education for the next generation.

More than one teacher is surprised that no parent has had the nerve to sue the district. The teacher's advice to concerned parents is to 1) have your child evaluated at an institution such as the University of Michigan or Madonna University; 2) get a copy of the Plymouth-Canton curriculum and the state's curriculum guidelines; 3) ask a district administrator to explain why your child isn't keeping pace; and 4) if you don't get satisfaction, get a lawyer.

Maybe then defensive administrators bent on furthering their own careers and reputations by being "innovative" will listen.

M.B. Dillon covers the Plymouth-Canton school district for the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers. She can be reached at 459-2700.

Sensitive people run country in perverse irony

Things that have been on the back burner so long they're starting to smelt.

Years ago I heard a terrible joke. It was about a mother who enrolls little Michael in the first grade. On the first day of school she stops to talk to the teacher.

"Michael is very sensitive," she says. "So if he does something wrong, don't ever punish him. Just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Michael."

Well, all the little Michaels have grown up now and they're running the country. And they're still very sensitive.

Witness: ■ The Walt Disney Co. has agreed to alter some lyrics in a song from the movie "Aladdin" because the words offended some Arab-American activists. In the opening song in the movie, "Arabian Nights," the lines originally read: "Oh, I come from a land / From a faraway place / Where the caravan camels roam."

"Where they cut off your ear / If they don't like your face / It's barbaric, but hey, it's home."

Disney agreed to change the fourth and fifth lines to lyrics that describe the desert climate and geography, but the activists still weren't satisfied because the word "barbaric" was left in.

■ Lawyers across the country are starting to get agitated over "lawyer-bashing jokes," especially in the wake of incidents in which lawyers have been threatened and, in one case, shot.

Some lawyers defend the jokes under First Amendment rights, but others aren't so sure. Harris Gilbert, president-elect of the Tennessee Bar Association, said:

"The jokes against lawyers are in the same vein as those against Poles or blacks or Asians. Society has got to come to the realization that this form of humor is no longer humorous."

I don't know. The Feminist is Pol-



JACK GLADDEN

ish, but she'll laugh at a Polish joke — if it's funny. And some of my best friends are lawyers. Of course, I wouldn't want my daughter to... oh, never mind.

■ On the food front, the sensitive Florida Department of Health and Reha-

bitative Services has ordered restaurants to post warnings about the possible risks of eating raw oysters.

Restaurants that serve the succulent bivalves must post a sign, in clear view of all patrons, that reads:

"Consumer information: There is a risk associated with consuming raw oysters or any raw animal protein. If you have chronic illness of the liver, stomach or blood or have immune disorders, you are at greater risk of serious illness from raw oysters, and should eat oysters fully cooked. If unsure of your risk, consult a physician."

Bon appetit!

■ In Venice, Italy, a sensitive art patron filed animal abuse charges against a Japanese artist who used more than 200 ants in an exhibit featuring sand dunes and tunnels. After the charges

were filed, the artist dismantled the exhibit — but not before he was given an award for the work.

No word about what became of the freed Venice 200.

■ And in Springfield, Mass., officials are winding up a campaign to get rid of traffic signs reading: "Slow Children." They took action after a state representative complained that the signs — which presumably were intended to get speeders to slow down and not run over little tykes at play — were insensitive to retarded children.

The same officials declined another request to replace a traffic sign reading "Dead End" with something more "upbeat."

■ Pity the poor Michaels. They're just as sensitive as ever. And now they're in charge.

Honesty found at garage sale

GUEST COLUMNIST



RICHARD SWANSON

I have often asked myself, "What have I gained from garage sales materially?" The answer I came up with was discouraging. Most of the items sold at garage sales are things that most of us can do without. This is exactly what the proprietors of any given sale have elected to do.

In further analysis of the reason behind my obsession with garage sales, I thought perhaps it was the thrill that getting a good buy on something gave me when I made a purchase on an item that I knew was worth more money than it was being sold for. After realizing that this was not really the reason, especially after having to rid my basement of so many good buys every spring, I decided that it must be something else I gain from garage sales.

On the afternoon of Aug. 22, I walked up to a garage sale in Plymouth. After gazing around for a moment, I spotted a telephone that, in retrospect, I could have done without. I presented the telephone to the proprietor of the sale, but as I opened my wallet to pay her, I found I was \$2 short; so I took her name and handed her the last dollar in my wallet as a deposit. Five minutes later, I returned with a \$10 and Cheron, with a polite smile, gave me a hand full of ones and handed me the telephone. I installed the telephone at my computer station.

Twenty minutes later, I decided to get some more fresh air and discovered Cheron riding her bike up and down the end of my street. In seconds she spotted me and rode toward me. As she reached me, I could see that she was visibly

upset. Unknown to me at the time, she had shorted me a dollar in change and was frantically trying to do the right thing with a stranger by going as far as leaving her sale in a blind effort to find me.

It was not until I experienced the honesty of the bright, young, seventh grader who goes by the name Cheron Rice that it fully hit home why I have been so attracted to garage sales.

This encounter is the most moving of any one incident I have experienced at any garage sale, but I could write a book on how many great people I have met, young and old, at garage sales everywhere.

My experiences with people, relaxed in their yards, tell me a whole different story about the human race than what is implied by most news sources. I find my discovery extremely refreshing.

Richard D. Swanson is a Plymouth resident.

LETTERS

'Come on, Jeff'

This letter is in response to Jeff Counts' column on Aug. 26. . . who just don't get it."

Come on, Jeff. So your wife wears the power suit while you push the stroller. And Hemingway you ain't, in spite of that pipe. And that hat won't hide your bald spot. And fish never did bite in a bar.

You just don't get it, Jeff. Take a journalism class, and don't write any more, please, until you've got something to say.

B. Joyce Cardwell, Farmington Hills

Men should share load

I am writing regarding columnist Jeff Counts' recent column, "Who just don't get it." Counts' comment regarding fathers and strollers was way out of line. He opened a can of worms.

Women work as much, if not more, than men. There's no reason men shouldn't push strollers. If women didn't do things because they didn't want to look silly, there wouldn't be any children, considering the childbirth experience. It's nice to see a man behind a stroller, taking his fair share of the responsibility.

Counts had better take a look to see what decade he's stuck in and see who really "just don't get it." Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Cheryl Keefover, Redford

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Who was your favorite Brady, and why?

We asked this question at the Canton post office.



'Probably Carol, I guess. She was a pretty good Brady.' Cathy Gartner, Canton



'Barry Williams (who played Greg). He dated my sister.' Claudia Tull, works in Canton



'Greg, because he was groovy.' Tracey Tyler, works in Canton



'Greg. He was just more believable than all the others.' Harry Rajt, Canton

Judge will address how probate court tackles family issues

How to get families working again and what steps are taken when they don't will be just two of the issues addressed by Wayne County Probate Judge Cathie B. Maher Thursday, Sept. 16, in a program sponsored by the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Organization.

Maher, a Canton Township resident, is a judge in the probate court's juvenile division. Her docket consists mainly of cases involving the termination of parental rights. The juvenile division of probate court handles cases of child abuse, neglect and abandonment and juvenile delinquency.

The Sept. 16 program, "Divorcing Mom and Dad: The Effects on Society," will be held in the Observer Newspapers, 36251 School-

craft, southeast corner of Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Cost for dinner and program is \$7 per person.

Reservations are due no later than Friday, Sept. 10, to Joyce Pappas at Orin Jewelers, 422-7030 or 522-7001.

Maher will also discuss how the court can help in getting the family working again by using counseling and treatment programs such as the Family First and PACT (Parents and Children Together).

Maher, who grew up in Garden City and graduated from Garden City West High School in 1968, was elected to a six-year term on the Wayne County Probate bench last November. She succeeded retiring Judge Gladys Barsamian.

A graduate of Madonna Univer-



Judge Cathie B. Maher

sity and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, Maher was an attorney in private practice in Plymouth before being elected to the bench.

She is the mother of two school-age daughters. Her husband, Martin Maher, is a Wayne County probate judge specializing in trust and estate cases.

The BPW is an organization comprised of women and men who work to advance the goals of all working women. The group is part of a state and national federation.

ing number of graduate degrees will be available. Transfer students are welcome.

For information about Madonna University, call 591-5052.

Sweet Adelines plan guest night

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bull Wednesday, Sept. 15, before Detroit takes on Toronto. Spirit of Detroit will sing both the American and Canadian national anthems before the game.

Spirit of Detroit rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and is busy year-round, performing for private and public affairs.

For more information, call 313-534-4468.

Pre-registration for guest night is not required.

Madonna to host campus visit program

Madonna University will host a campus visitation night 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 in Kresge Hall.

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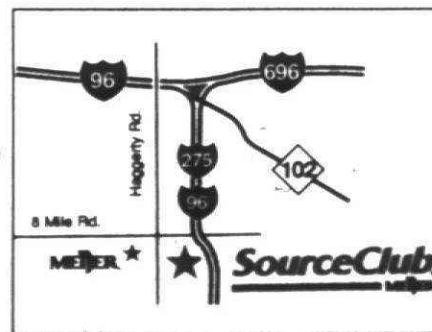
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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Kicks defend soccer title

The 1981 Plymouth Kicks under-13 boys premier soccer team won their second consecutive title in the Dearborn Invitational Sunday. The Kicks won all five games (four by shutout) and outscored their opponents 22-1. The Kicks dominated the Warren Crusaders Select 9-0 in their first game and followed with wins over the Brighton Express (5-1) and the Royal Oak Ralleye (4-0).

In the semifinal game Sunday morning, the Kicks defeated the Novi Jaguars 3-0 and edged the Express 1-0 on a wet, muddy field in the final.

The Kicks have won three tournaments in three weeks, winning 14 straight games — 10 of which resulted in shutouts. The Kicks have scored 52 goals and allowed just four. The team goes to Cleveland this weekend for the Bay Village Challenge Cup.

The players are Jacob Gray, Patrick Griffin, Jeremy Hornak, Andrew Kogut, Chris Longpre, Alan Lyskawa, Aaron McDonald, Matt Maier, Jason Mayol, Aaron Rypkowski, Ed Scheffler, Michael Slack, Brett Stinar, Nick Szczechowski, Ken Szydlowski, Dan Wiechowski and Brian Wozniak.

Paupore takes hoop tour

Matt Paupore, a senior guard on the 1993-94 Canton High School basketball team, completed a three-week tour of Australia with the Stars and Stripes All-Star team.

The team consisted of select players from the Blue Chip Basketball Camp in Kentucky and played 12 games in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

Paupore led the Stars and Stripes team in scoring and had a 41-point performance during a 113-109 victory over a select team from Adelaide, Australia.

Brady wins skins game

Farmington Hills golf pro Steve Brady was the big winner in the Eighth Annual Ameritech Showdown at Garland Resort last weekend.

Brady won skins on the second and 16th holes to take home \$13,000 of the \$27,000 overall purse. Buddy Whitten (Grand Rapids) earned \$8,000, Michael Erickson (Birmingham) \$4,000 and Brent Veenstra (Ypsilanti) \$2,000.

The biggest skin was the \$11,000 par-four 16th hole. Brady put his drive in the fairway and his second shot 10 feet from the cup. After watching the others putt past the hole, Brady sank his putt for an eagle.

Brady's first \$2,000 skin occurred when he fired his third shot six feet from the pin and putted out on the par-five, 553-yard second hole. Including his Michigan PGA Championship win at Garland earlier in the week, Brady earned \$25,000 during the week.

The skins format encourages bold shot making as the golfers go for the pin to win a skin and pick up the prize money on each hole. Prize money is carried over to the next hole if there is a tie for low score on any hole.

Rocks ready new ballclub for 1993 court challenges

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

One thing never changes with the Plymouth Salem varsity girls basketball team.

Well, actually, it's two.

The first is the primary goal. The Rocks want to play their best at the end of the season and be in contention for league and district tournament titles.

The second constant has to do with the fact Salem always is and, with a lot of history to support such a claim, probably will be again.

Salem returns just one starter — junior wing Kelly Lukasik — but has some other players eager for their chance to take center stage.

"If this team continues to grow and develop, we have a chance to be very competitive at the end of the year and that's our goal," coach Fred Thomann said.

"We don't have much varsity experience, but we have a group that's done things over the summer to be successful and now we're going to build on that and see where it takes us this year."

Salem (13-10) faced a similar situation last year and struggled early against formidable non-league opposition. But the Rocks upset Western Lakes Activities Association champ Plymouth Canton in the district and reached the final where they lost to quarterfinalist Livonia Ladywood in overtime.

The 5-4 Lukasik, who averaged

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four points, will have a more visible role this year, moving from off guard to lead guard.

"She immediately becomes a more high-profile player," Thomann said, adding Lukasik had an excellent summer. "She is definitely going to be a player for us, a solid contributor to our success."

Salem got some welcome help with the addition of 5-8 senior Lisa Craven, a transfer from Livonia Franklin where she had been a starter.

"She's starting to do a little more in terms of reaching her potential," Thomann said. "There's no doubt her game is going to escalate as we go through the season."

The Rocks also return 5-8 senior Andrea Ramsay, 5-10 senior Jenny Massey and 5-6 junior Karen Gundry, who moved to the varsity midway in last season. Ramsay and Massey were support players last year but now tri-captains along with Lukasik.

"They paid their dues and worked hard to be contributors this year," Thomann said. "Both defend fairly well, rebound well and are going to have to score a little more."

Salem also has seven players from the JV: juniors Liz Erickson (5-10), Sarah Carter (5-5), Keri Forbes (5-9), Stacy Sinke (5-7) and Kelly Albus (5-8) and sopho-

mores Shellye Sills (5-11½) and Nicole Van Hees (5-8).

Sills and Erickson are expected to rotate at the post position while Thomann puts four perimeter players around them.

"I expect (Sills) to come along slowly and develop her game," Thomann said. "The inside is a key spot on this team, and she's going to get help from Liz Erickson. Between them we're going to be pretty solid at that position."

It's uncertain at this early stage which players will rise to the fore in terms of scoring since the Rocks graduated most of the points producers.

Salem lost six seniors from the last team, including four starters. Cyndi Platter (Oakland University) averaged 18 points and was an all-stater, Shelly Sockow (Schoolcraft) and Leslie Gots (Wayne State) 10 apiece and Christy Parimucha six.

"We don't have a signature player coming back, but we'll have someone who is going to emerge as a signature player," Thomann said.

"To develop scoring is one of the tasks facing this team. Kelly Lukasik is stepping out and shooting the ball more and so are Karen Gundry and Lisa Craven. Shellye Sills is starting to put her game together, and Ramsay, Massey and Van Hees will be contributors."

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Salem vets few but key to '93 hopes

Plymouth Salem is counting on veteran players such as Rob Shepley, Jay Perko, Steve Hurst and Steve Schumacher to help the football team achieve a winning season after a 4-5 finish last year.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



Whatever happens on the field during a Plymouth Salem football game, senior Rob Shepley will almost certainly be involved in the action.

Shepley is a veteran two-way player — an all-conference linebacker and a regular in the offensive backfield since he was a freshman.

"He's our most experienced player, and he's done a lot of things for us," Salem coach Tom Moshimer said. "We expect him to be a solid part of the running game; he's a good linebacker and at times might play down on the defensive line."

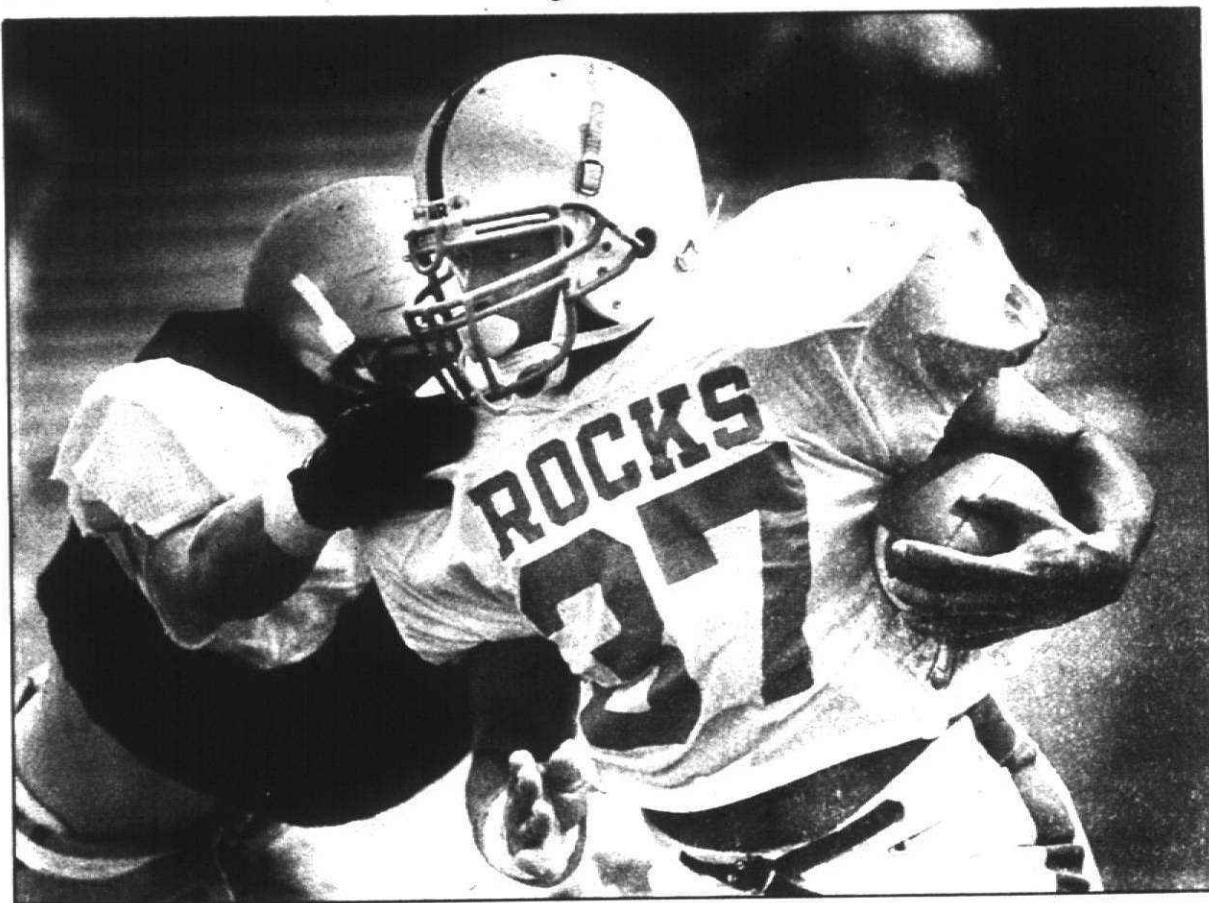
The 6-foot-1, 230-pound Shepley will have a key role in helping the Rocks improve on their 4-5 record of last year. They open the season Friday at home against former Suburban Eight League rival Belleville.

Salem has quality backs on both sides of the ball and an outstanding group of linebackers, but the Rocks are inexperienced in the offensive and defensive lines.

Senior center Steve Hurst (6-0, 200), senior wingback/linebacker Jay Perko (6-0, 176) and junior linebacker Steve Schumacher (6-0, 195) are the only other returning full-time starters.

"We have a lot of juniors," Moshimer said. "If we're going to be successful, the juniors have to come around. They have to be able to make that big step from the JV to the varsity."

Shepley will be asked to get a lot of the tough yards inside as the fullback



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Running for the Rocks: Brian Neal will do much of the legwork for the Salem football team as the starting tailback.

in the triple-option attack. He enters the season with nearly 600 yards and nine touchdowns in his career.

"He shared time on offense last year with (Andy) Szydlowski and will share it this year with Schumacher because both are playing defense," Moshimer said.

The return of senior tailback Brian Neal (5-9, 180), who didn't play last year, will help the running game. Perko started at guard last year to fill a need but moves back to wingback this year with junior Mike Brannan (5-11,

177) in reserve. "(Neal) can run the ball inside or outside and, at tailback, that's a plus," Moshimer said. "He's more of a run-over-you kind of back instead of run-around-you."

Moshimer was still considering one of three quarterbacks last week: senior returnee Andy Coburn (5-10, 160) and juniors Brad Lear (5-11, 175) and Dan McKian (6-6, 176).

"Before the season started, quarterback was a big concern," Moshimer said, "but as it's progressed I think

we're going to be OK. Whoever starts will be able to do the job."

Junior Terry Zelek (6-0, 200) is the tight end and senior Jay Casey (5-7, 155) the split end. But Casey won't play in the opener because of an ankle injury and will be replaced by senior Matt Perrine (5-11, 163).

Other receivers are junior tight end Jeff McClure (5-10, 184) and junior wideouts Matt Foley (6-1, 152) and Rushi Amin (5-11, 159).

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AA state champions will attempt repeat

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

According to some pre-season polls, Redford Catholic Central doesn't have the best football team in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Rival Birmingham Brother Rice owns that early distinction, being ranked nationally by the USA Today and first in the Detroit Free Press' state poll.

But don't count out the Shamrocks from defending their Class AA state

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championship.

For one thing, Rice is a Class A team and wouldn't meet the Shamrocks in the state playoffs.

The other reason is more obvious. Even though the Shamrocks lose star players every year to graduation, a new group of potential standouts is ready to step in.

What else explains five trips to the

state finals in the last six years and two state championships over the same period? The tradition starts when the players come in as freshmen.

This year, the Shamrocks have 153 players in the program, 51 on the varsity.

"All of them have the tradition and pride and know what it takes to win," said CC coach Tom Mach, who has won three state titles in 15 years. "If you get good leadership, you've got a

good chance."

All-state linemen Joe Suhajda and Aaron Babicz graduated but the Shamrocks return another pair, tackle Doug Brzezinski (6-foot-5, 275 pounds) and center Nick Kallas (6-5, 242), who are drawing interest from several major colleges.

The projected line starters average 238 pounds, with the smallest being 5-foot-11, 200-pound senior guard Joe

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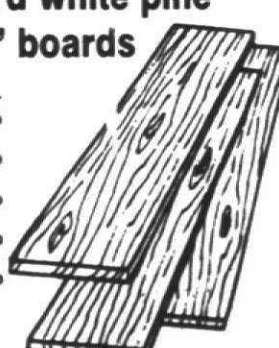
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"We've worked hard on throwing the ball but, as usual, if we can move it running we'll do that," Moshimer said. "But we certainly have improved our passing game over a year ago."

The Rocks have a group of 10 linemen who were potential starters on either side of Hurst: seniors John Rakoczy (6-3, 202), Paul Batts (5-11, 198) and Matt Ryle (6-1, 185) and juniors Mike Stankiewicz (5-11, 194), Paul Tebben (5-11, 182), Nate Morland (5-9, 184), Rocky Johnson (6-3, 211), Jeremy Eaton (6-2, 182), Brian Halsted (6-0, 201) and John Little (5-11, 191).

"I think our running game is solid, but we need to grow in the offensive line," Moshimer said. "We're behind at this point and that's because we're green. But we think we can catch up because most are underclassmen. We're concerned with bringing the offensive line along as rapidly as possible."

The linebacking corps, with Shepley (23 solos/27 assists) in the middle and Perko and Schumacher on the outside, could be the best since Salem went to the 4-3 defense.

Senior Tony Burge (5-11, 150) and Zelek are the outside backups and junior Rich Giddings (5-10, 170) the middle reserve.

The secondary is strong. Moshimer said, with part-timers starting back in Scott Evers (5-10, 161) at free safety and Marcus Zevalink (5-8, 156) at cornerback. Brannan or Lear will play strong safety, Coburn or Foley the other cornerback.

The Rocks have no starters back on the line. Batts, Tebben and Morland were competing at the tackles; Johnson, Eaton and Rakoczy at the ends.

"The defense is ahead of the offense at this point in time," Moshimer said. "We're green up

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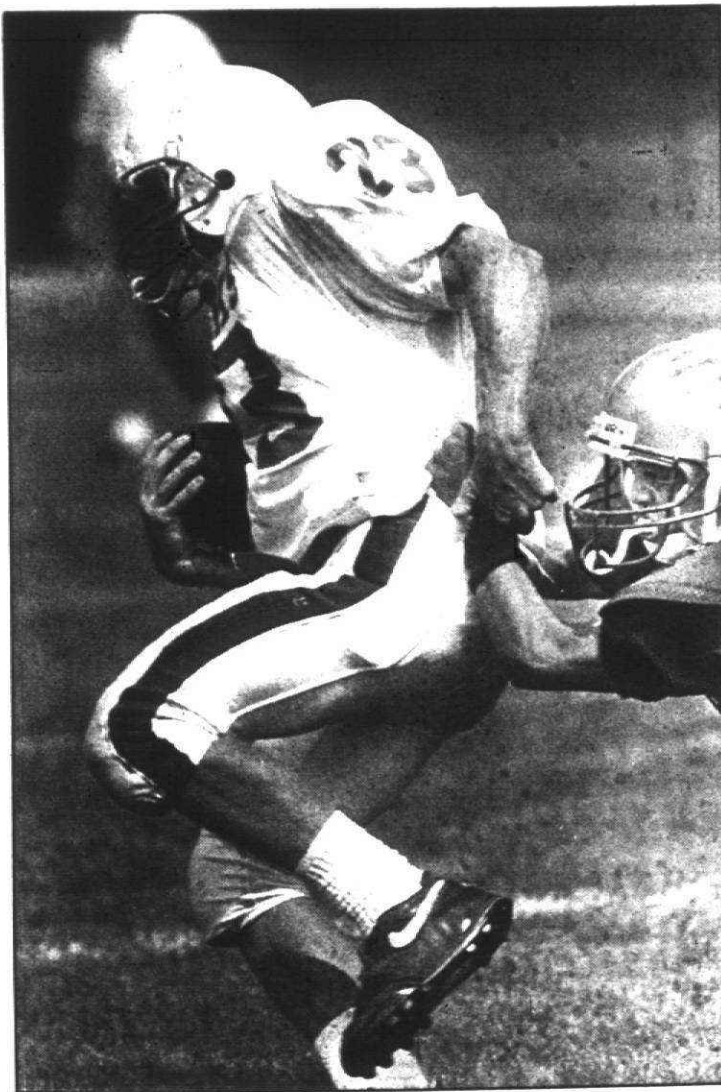
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Walsh. The other guard is 6-3, 230-pound senior Chris Pratt and the other tackle is 6-1, 245-pound senior Matt Moore.

"We're definitely quicker and the hitting has been incredible," said Tate Dobbs, a 5-11, 205-pound senior co-captain who returns as a starting inside linebacker and backup fullback. "We realize teams are out there shooting at us."

Six players who graduated made first-team All-Observer but one of the most important seniors hardly received any post-season honors: two-year starting quarterback Chris Barbars, who led the Shamrocks to a 25-1 overall record.

Inheriting the position is 5-foot-11, 170-pound senior Barry Lingelbach, a strong-armed quarterback who didn't throw a pass as a backup last year. The No. 2 quarterback is 6-0, 175-pound junior Gary Galvin, who was the junior varsity's No. 1 quarterback



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What a drag: Marcus Zevalink struggles for extra yardage during a Salem preseason scrimmage.

front, and it's going to take a little time for those guys to come around, but we'll be an aggressive defense as always."

The Rocks hope they have weathered the storm caused by the uncertainty over the future of co-curricular activities and were planning to go ahead with their

season opener.

"I'm really pleased with our progress, considering all the adversity we've had to deal with," Moshimer said. "It would be a shame not to have athletics but even more tragic to pull the plug on (the players) after practicing all this time."

In '92, leading targets will be 5-8, 165-pound junior Jeff Gajewski, 6-1, 170-pound junior Matt Ambro and 6-1, 175-pound senior Dave Morelli.

Tailback is set as 5-9, 170-pound senior Freddie Taylor returns after gaining 1,200 yards with a 5.5 yard average, 15 touchdowns and earning second-team All-Observer honors.

"He could be one of the best in the state if he gets some blocking — and he'll get some blocking," Mach said.

The Shamrocks will be without graduated fullback Jason Krueger but one of the most impressive sophomores in recent years at CC, 5-9, 215-pounder John Spolsky, is ready to step in.

Spolsky already bench presses 350 pounds.

"I've never seen a sophomore like him," said Mach, who had to think back to 1983 when lineman Nick Varajon made an impression as a sophomore.

Reserve backs include senior Jon Wolfe (5-10, 175) and Dobbs. If CC is unable to punch the ball over the goal line, then second-year placekicker Adam Borchert is capable after kicking 33 points after touchdowns and four field goals a year ago.

The Shamrocks' defense will be led by tackles Brzezinski and Kallas. Dobbs at inside linebacker, cornerback Morelli and Jeff Lachapelle (6-1, 198) at strong safety.

Lachapelle led the Shamrocks with four interceptions.

The Shamrocks hope to have a strong pass rush from the ends with seniors Joe Pongraz (6-2, 206) and Brent Magyar (6-4, 225) earning jobs. Magyar was a two-way player last year at Livonia Stevenson before transferring.

Junior Andy Short will play nose guard, junior Ken Marzek (5-9, 180) starts at cornerback and senior Dan Wroblewski (5-11, 185) takes over at safety next to Lachapelle.

Countdown to '93 kickoff

BY DAN O'MEARA
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STAFF WRITERS

Another high school football season gets started this weekend, and that means the return of the weekly Observer grid predictions.

The first week consists of a 16-game slate and offers plenty of interesting matchups. Two of the best happen Saturday: Redford Catholic Central vs. Detroit Henry Ford and Farmington Hills Harrison at Dearborn Divine Child.

With the return of prep football, Observer Sports Editors Brad Emons and Dan O'Meara will resume their weekly duel at some point in the season. O'Meara has finished on top four years in a row and five of the last six.

But the Fearless Forecasters aren't too brave this week. Both are playing their cards close to the vest at the start.

The picks were made independently, but both agreed on every call. Such a lack of nerve is certain to generate snickers and jeers from some quarters (especially the Plymouth-Canton pressbox crew).

So while we do offer insight into each game, the Observer guys plan to show more gumption and provide more suspense in future weeks.

FRIDAY GAMES
(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Stevenson (3-6) at Redford Union (5-4), 7 p.m. With some hefty linemen, Stevenson has the most size of any Jack Reardon team, but the Spartans are inexperienced. RU had a huge team last year but lost most of its starters to graduation. The Panthers look to veteran quarterback Mike Bjerkie and tight end Jason Mitchell to lead the offense. RU won 17-14 last year. **PICK:** RU.

Dearborn (4-5) at Liv. Churchill (0-9). Dearborn hopes to get back to the playoffs and is expected to have a good team. The Panthers return 10 starters and have been grooming sophomore Kevin Kregler to be the quarterback. Fullback Hussein Berry and tailback Brian Guehaud are key seniors. John Musketi, Kevin Taylor and Ben Cook are the top linemen. An early win would help the Chargers' confidence. **PICK:** Dearborn.

Murray-Wright at Wald. Glenn: The Rockets won the air war and controlled the ground action last year when they graduated the Panthers look to their top player is running back Mike Carpenter, a three-year starter who rushed for 883 yards. Others are quarterback Jason Tessler, center Cammie Madonna (5-9, 260), and Joe Rusin and linebacker Ryan Wood (5-1, 180). **PICK:** Stevenson.

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Belleville (5-4) at Pky. Salem (4-8): Salem exchanged one old Suburban rival (Trenton) for another in its season opener. Belleville is led by senior QB and three-year starter Ralph Truitt, who poses a dual threat. The Tigers have good team speed but a lot of two-way players. Other top players are tackle Curtis Balogh (6-3,

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235), speedy receiver Curtis Lanford (5-7, 155), linemen Justin Carey (6-2, 235) and fullback/linebacker Josh Speller (5-10, 200). **PICK:** Belleville.

Ply. Canton (4-5) at Monroe (4-5): The Chiefs will be seeing red — and not because both teams wear that color. Canton wants to average last year's 14-13 loss. The Chiefs appeared to have the game won but gave up a touchdown on the last play. Canton had a strong finish in '92 and has a lot of players back. The Chiefs hope some excellent skill players will enable them to put points on the board. **PICK:** Canton.

Farmington (1-8) at W. Bloomfield (5-4): The Lakers will try to make it seven straight season-opening victories over Farmington. West Bloomfield graduated many of its linemen but has a lot of skill players back. The top seniors are quarterback Craig Curry (6-6, 200), tailback Donnie Williams (5-10, 185) and three-year linebacker Toby Tobin (6-10, 185). The Falcons also have good skill players but need to strengthen the line. **PICK:** West Bloomfield.

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Canton hoop team opens with 2 wins

Balanced scoring was the key to Plymouth Canton winning its first two games of the 1993 girls basketball season.

The Chiefs used 15 points each from seniors Alyson Nune and Britta Anderson in their 58-45 win Tuesday over visiting Waterford Kettering.

Senior forward Lisa Nicastri added 13 points for Canton, which used a strong third quarter to pull away from the Captains.

The Chiefs started the game with a 6-0 lead, but Kettering (1-1) went on a 15-4 run. Canton still maintained a 25-23 lead at the half.

Canton came out running in the third and outscored Kettering 23-6 to take control of the game.

"It was an up tempo game for both teams," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. The third quarter was the key. We went on a 16-4 run which was keyed by our defense."

Jamie Simmons and Theresa Tallenger tallied 14 points each for the Captains.

Canton opened its season Saturday with a 50-47 win at Flint Powers, as neither team scored in the final three minutes of the game.

Once again, balanced scoring was the key. Anderson scored a team-high 13 points. Nicastri and Nune added 12 each, and Erica Anderson added 10.

"It was a good first game for us, and I'm happy with the balanced scoring," Blohm said.

■ **PCA 35, WHITMORE LAKE 34:** Sophomore Lisa Brickman proved to be good in the clutch Tuesday for Plymouth Christian Academy in the first round of the Whitmore Lake tournament.

Brickman converted all seven of her free-throws attempts in the fourth quarter to bring the Eagles back from a four-point deficit. Erickson made eight of nine attempts for the game.

Freshman center Alicia Jones scored a game-high 11 points while tearing down 12 boards for PCA. Junior Karin Reed added eight points.

"It's nice to get the first win behind us," first-year PCA coach Rod Windle said. "We had too many turnovers tonight. We had 40 turnovers and that's too many."

The Eagles played Lutheran Westland in the tournament final tonight.

■ **LADYWOOD 72, BERKLEY 32:** Junior forward Melissa Campeau pumped in 19 points Tuesday, sparking Livonia Ladywood (1-0) to the victory against the visiting Bears.

Senior forward Tara Ovanitis and senior forward Tara Wasiak added 12 points each for the Ladywood.

Nakisha Carpenter scored 18 points for Berkley (0-2).

■ **FALL SOFTBALL**

■ The entry fee for the Plymouth Parks and Recreation men's fall softball league is \$240 of which \$40 is a refundable forfeit fee. Teams will play a 14-game schedule beginning Sept. 7.

There are no residency requirements, but each non-resident must pay a \$15 fee. The league limit is 10 teams. For information call (485-8620).

■ The Canton/Plymouth Parks and Recreation women's fall softball league starts Monday, Sept. 13, and features a 12-game schedule. The fee is \$210 per team and includes a refundable forfeit fee of \$40. The home team must pay \$16 per game for the umpire.

There are no residency requirements; however, a fee of \$15 per non-resident player (anyone who lives or works outside the City of Plymouth or Canton Township) will be charged. Register at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

■ The Canton Parks and Recreation men's fall softball league starts Tuesday, Sept. 7. The fee is \$240.

■ **SOFTBALL TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the 1994 Mid-America Motion and Mid-America Mavericks girls 14-and-under softball teams will be Friday, Sept. 10. For more information call Bob Bako at 522-5607.

■ **Salem (4-8) at Belleville (5-4):** Salem exchanged one old Suburban rival (Trenton) for another in its season opener. Belleville is led by senior QB and three-year starter Ralph Truitt, who poses a dual threat. The Tigers have good team speed but a lot of two-way players. Other top players are tackle Curtis Balogh (6-3,

235), speedy receiver Curtis Lanford (5-7, 155), linemen Justin Carey (6-2, 235) and fullback/linebacker Josh Speller (5-10, 200). **PICK:** Belleville.

■ **Ply. Canton (4-5) at Monroe (4-5):** The Chiefs will be seeing red — and not because both teams wear that color. Canton wants to average last year's 14-13 loss. The Chiefs appeared to have the game won but gave up a touchdown on the last play. Canton had a strong finish in '92 and has a lot of players back. The Chiefs hope some excellent skill players will enable them to put points on the board. **PICK:** Canton.

■ **Farmington (1-8) at W. Bloomfield (5-4):** The Lakers will try to make it seven straight season-opening victories over Farmington. West Bloomfield graduated many of its linemen but has a lot of skill players back. The top seniors are quarterback Craig Curry (6-6, 200), tailback Donnie Williams (5-10, 185) and three-year linebacker Toby Tobin (6-10, 185). The Falcons also have good skill players but need to strengthen the line. **PICK:** West Bloomfield.

■ **St. Clement (3-3) at Clarenceville (4-5):** St. Clement went to the semifinals of the Class D playoffs last year and looks to have another good team. The Crusaders, tri-champions of the Catholic League C-Section, lost most of their backfield but return four of five (big) down linemen. Top skill players are end Andy Szymanski (41 catches), quarterback Mike Dzikowski and tailback Tony Caruso (5-10, 210), a transfer from Harper Woods North Dame. **PICK:** St. Clement.

■ **St. Agatha (7-2) vs. Red. Thurston (6-3), 7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field:** Both teams had successful years, following a 6-0 victory by the Aggies in the opener. St. Agatha was a tri-champion of the Catholic League C-Section but has a new coach in Gary Tut, formerly at Wallied Lake Central. Thurston features one of the best skill players in Observeland in senior wide receiver Jeff Lance, an all-area pick who caught 35 passes for 466 yards. Thurston has a fine quarterback (Kevin Parsell) to replace all-area player John Adams, and tailback Pete Quinn is a good running threat. **PICK:** Thurston.

■ **Farm. Harrison (4-5) vs. Divine Child (3-6), 7:30 p.m. at D.H. Crestwood:** Two of the state's perennial powers battle again, although you wouldn't know that from the records last year when both were down. Even that game was exciting as the Hawks pulled out a 21-14 overtime win. Harrison is supposed to be improved but lost senior tailback Scott Gurke with a preseason knee injury. The Falcons, who also lost a lot of close games, are led by senior fullback Kevin Babcock, a three-year starter. Quarterback Ryan Supakus and linemen Kris Olesner are key players, too. **PICK:** Harrison.

■ **N. Farmington (4-5) at Pontiac Northern (8-1):** Two long touchdown runs broken up an otherwise close game last year.

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REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Phil Laloy, third season.

League affiliation: Catholic (Central Division).

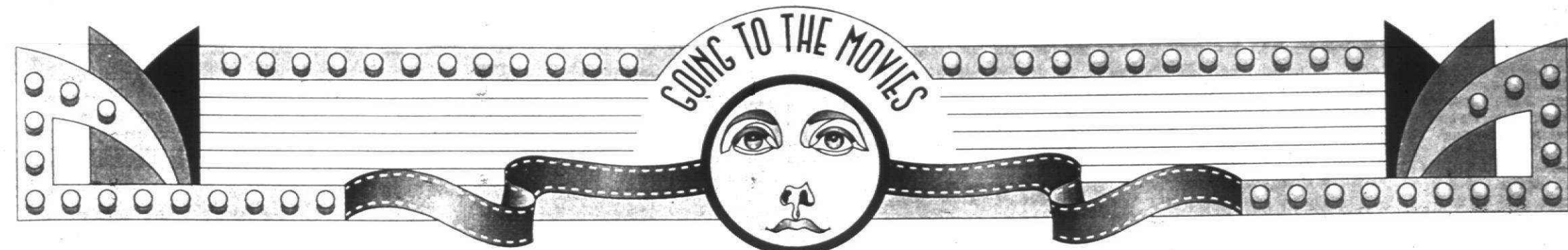
Last year's overall record: 16-3-2.

Titles won last year: Central Division, Catholic League and Class A District champions.

Season opener: 4 p.m. Monday at Dearborn High.

■ **Notable losses to graduates:** Anthony Varro (first-team All-Area forward), Sean Parent (second-team All-Area defender).

■ **Leading returnees:** Rich Wicks, senior midfielder (first-team All-Area); Adam Borchert, senior defender (first-team All-Area); Matt Kormeyer, senior striker (second-team All-Area); Jamie Hestler, senior forward; Trevor Austin, senior defender; Matt McInerney, senior goalie; Jeremy Podak, junior goalie; Mike Koleszka, senior goalie.

ON THE
MARQUEE

Aretha Franklin

Tickets are still available for the "2nd Annual Franklin Scholarship Awards Ceremony," 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Hosted by Aretha Franklin of Bloomfield Hills, the event will honor six students who will receive scholarships. Featured performers include Oleta Adams and Eartha Kitt. Tickets start at \$30, and there are four levels of seating. Call 855-6586.

Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft College is holding auditions for its fall theater production of Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston's "Dracula," 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 7-8, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Auditions are open to the public and no experience is necessary. Call 462-4400, ext. 5270 for information.

Classical event

Members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present a concert, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 at Conant Elementary School, 4100 West Quanton Road, Bloomfield Hills. A brass quintet and string quintet will perform. Bring a blanket to sit on. Tickets are \$30 a family, adults, \$10, students, \$6, children age 6 and under free. For information, call 855-9151. Proceeds to benefit the DSO endowment fund.

Jazz benefit

Jazz in the Courtyard, a benefit for Kadima featuring Alexander Zonjic and Friends, will take place 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at 3950 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$75 per person, call 559-8235.

"Nutcracker" auditions

Auditions for "The Nutcracker" performed by the Michigan Classic Ballet Company will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 5526 Drake Road at Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Junior (ages 8-12) and senior company positions available. Call 661-2430 for information.

Plymouth Theatre Guild

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present Neil Simon's "God's Favorite," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 2, at the Water Tower Theatre, 4100 West Seven Mile Road, Northville. Call 349-7110 for tickets. Advance tickets also available at Sir Speedy Printing, 485 S. Main, Plymouth and Heavenly Bakery, 43053 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- Meet Dan Cogan of Westland who stars in "Evil" opening at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit on Sept. 14.
- Ami Dolenz and Laraine Newman talk about their newest movie, "Witchboard 2: The Devil's Game," opening Sept. 10.

Roman Terrace II lightens up menu

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Like a film sequel, Roman Terrace II is a continuation of the original, popular Farmington Hills restaurant that burned down in February 1990.

It still features pasta dishes, provincial veal and seafood specials, but in its new incarnation, the Italian-American restaurant in the Halsted Village shopping center, Halsted and 12 Mile, has lightened up.

"We've kept a lot of the core of the menu," said Terrace co-owner Bob McDonald, who also co-owned the first Roman Terrace restaurant. "But we cook with olive oil and have made some other changes. People are eating lighter, and our menu reflects that."

The new restaurant, which opened in July, also features a lighter decor. With a seating capacity of 140 — compared to 200 in the original — the new Terrace is decorated with pastels, primarily antique rose and blue, accented with a mahogany bar.

McDonald, 50, had planned to rebuild at the old location, but could not come up with the financial backing in 1990. Insurance covered only about half of the \$500,000 loss caused by the fire, leaving McDonald scrambling to find a job and help his 100 or so employees find work elsewhere.

"We were able to help everyone who wanted a job to find one," he said with pride. "But I had my doubts about whether I would be able to start another business."

Businessman Harry Phinney was so impressed by McDonald's abilities that he asked him if he'd like to join



Tradition continues: Chefs Joe Del Vecchio (left) and Jim Shaffer, restaurant owner Bob McDonald and Chef Steve Kedzierski are continuing the tradition of fine Italian cuisine at Roman Terrace II.

Roman Terrace II
Halsted Village shopping center, at Halsted, 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 553-0080, fax number for take-outs, 553-0082.
Reservations: accepted.
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday for lunch and dinner; and 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

Children's menu: There is no children's menu, but half orders are available.

forces and start another restaurant.

And although most of his former staff members have found jobs elsewhere since the fire, some have found their way back to the McDonald's employ.

"I was real happy to be working for Bob again," said night chef Bill Wamby. "I'm happy to say that some of the recipes I helped develop are on

the new menu."

Wamby said pasta dishes account for 60-70 percent of the orders, just as they did at the original Terrace. But the switch to olive oil for cooking and vegetables as an appetizer are among the changes designed to combine the best of traditional with the new, healthier tastes.

The restaurant also features half-

orders of all its entrees to accommodate lighter appetites and budgets.

The menu features has plenty of variety, including daily specials, fresh seafood, tempting desserts such as a melt-in-your-mouth tiramisu, and even a steer burger at \$3.95. With the exception of chateaubriand for two at \$41.95, most entrees cost between \$8.95 and \$16.95.

What's your favorite restaurant in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area? To recommend a restaurant to be featured in Memorable Meals, call Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, 953-2105. To fax recommendations, call 591-7279 or send to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

Contemporary drama:

Maureen McDewitt

(left) as Harriet, and Marilyn Mays, (Janie)

rehearse a scene in the Jewish Ensemble

Production of "Isn't It Romantic," opening Sept. 8 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre.



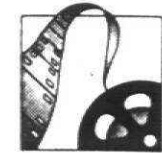
play has serious moments, but it's also hysterically funny; you can't help but laugh.

Director Gordon Reinhardt of Westland said the play will provoke, rather than sedate audiences because it asks

pertinent questions without presuming to give the answers.

Senior citizen, student and group discounts available. For season tickets, call 788-2900.

Marilyn Monroe a true goddess in 'Calendar Girl'



The year is 1962, a more innocent time. Millions of 18-year-old boys think of Marilyn Monroe as the goddess of their dreams, but only three of them plan to tell her in person in "Calendar Girl," opening Sept. 3 at suburban movie theaters.

The determined trio — Roy Darpanian (Jason Priestley), the self-appointed leader and the one with an endless supply of smooth talk and crazy ideas; Scott Foreman (Jerry O'Connell), a born follower and such a dead-ringer for Howdy Doody, right down to his wooden leg, that his nickname is "The Dood"; and sensitive, pragmatic, eternally buttoned-down Ned Bleuer (Gabriel Olds), a walking encyclopedia on Marilyn Monroe trivia.

Priestley, who stars in the Fox television series "Beverly Hills 90210," makes his feature film starring debut as Roy Darpanian in "Calendar Girl," a Columbia Pictures release directed by John Whitehall and written by Paul W. Shapiro, Debbie Robins and Gary Marsh are the producers. The executive producers are Penny Marshall and Elliot Abbott.

The music present throughout "Calendar Girl" intertwines original hits by such R&B legends as Otis Redding ("Respect"), Ray Charles ("What'd I Say"), Wilson Pickett ("Don't Fight It") and Peggy Lee ("Fever").

Priestley got to achieve a musical dream when he found himself singing with Chubby Checker, who makes a cameo appearance in the film.

Roy, Ned and Scott first meet at a Howdy Doody look-alike competition in which Scott seems like

PREVIEW

■ 'I think Marilyn symbolizes that goal that's up there for all of us, that if you want to go for but you're afraid to because if you fail, you're gonna feel like an idiot. So, Roy forces them all to take the leap of faith, that jump from being boys to becoming men.'

Jason Priestley
starring as Roy

a shoo-in. As their friendship endures, the boys discover the wonders of women at 12, specifically in the form of Marilyn Monroe's nude calendar — "Miss Golden Dreams."

At 18, the three friends find themselves about to go in different directions: Roy into the Army, Scott to the altar and Ned to college.

Using his usual combination of charm and intimidation, Roy convinces them to take a weekend off from their small Nevada town and head for Hollywood in his father's borrowed sky blue Galaxie 500 convertible. Roy's plan is simple: they'll plant themselves at their idol's feet, or at least the foot of her driveway if they can find it, until she agrees to a date.

Their trip is unwittingly financed by Roy's employers, the Gallo Brothers, (Kurt Fuller and

Stephen Tobolowsky), Indian Springs well-mannered and unconventional but still menacing loan sharks. When they discover Roy's unapproved loan, the Gallo Brothers set out after the boys, tracking them to the home of Roy's Uncle Harvey (Joe Pantoliano), an aspiring actor/fourishing bomb shelter salesman who lives in the Hollywood hills.

After trials and some disappointments, the three boys must finally face the real challenge of their pilgrimage. "They have to complete the transition into becoming men," said Priestley. "But they have to do it together and they're really bonded for life."

Throughout the chaos that ensues, the boys somehow manage to salvage the dream that brought them to Hollywood in the first place — the opportunity to meet Marilyn Monroe.

"Marilyn is the ultimate," said director John Whitehall. "Reaching her is like reaching Mount Olympus, and if they can just touch her, they take themselves out of being ordinary and make themselves extraordinary."

"I think Marilyn symbolizes that goal that's up there for all of us," said Priestley, "that if you want to go for but you're afraid to because if you fail, you're gonna feel like an idiot. So, Roy forces them all to take the leap of faith, that jump from being boys to becoming men."

"Calendar Girl" opens Friday at these suburban movie theaters: AMC Abbey, AMC Southfield City, AMC Wonderland, Showcase Sterling, Showcase Dearborn, Showcase Westland, Showcase Auburn Hills, United Artists 12 Oaks, United Artists West River, Star Winchester.



Dream seekers: Jerry O'Connell (left), Gabriel Olds and Jason Priestley star in the comedy "Calendar Girl," a Columbia Pictures release.

'Son of the Pink Panther' falls prey to bad direction



I'm not a great fan of "Pink Panther" movies. But after watching the slapdash new "Son of the Pink Panther," even I waxed nostalgic for Peter Sellers who died in 1982, taking most of French detective Clouseau's charms with him.

And it's a shame too, because "Son" marks the first American starring vehicle for Italian film clown Roberto Benigni. The horse-faced comic had me in stitches in the Jim Jarmusch movies — as an escaped convict in "Down By Law," and as a pumpkin-loving cab driver in "Night on Earth."

REVIEW

Desperate attempts to win laughs by falling off a bike or singing opera off-key don't mean that Benigni's trying to fill shoes too big for him or that he's even wearing the wrong ones. With someone other than Blake Edwards behind the camera, "Son of the Pink Panther" might be something special.

The title sequence finds Bobby McFerrin performing an a cappella version of Henry Mancini's jazzy "Panther" theme. Dodging the converging names on the credits, animated versions of the Panther and Clouseau yuck it up in a movie studio recording suite.

This may be the only clever moment in the movie, which quickly moves into James Bond territory with an international terrorist (Robert Davi, who played 007's diabolical nemesis in "License to Kill") kidnapping a beautiful princess (Deborah Farentino).

The action is brutal and the body count surprisingly high for a movie supposedly aimed at family audiences.

Herbert Lom returns for a seventh time as Commissioner Dreyfus, who usually ends up in the hospital as a result of

What can you say about a movie where the biggest laughs come from a poodle who rides on strangers' legs?

Clouseau's clumsiness. The part is softened considerably here, offering love interest with Claudia Cardinale (as Clouseau's mother) almost as an appeasement for past abuses.

He's still knocked around plenty, including the time when he jumps off a dock after a drowning Clouseau. The bit isn't funny because they are standing in knee-deep water, but it's funny because this big-budget albatross, which can afford to shoot in five different countries, can't even disguise the wet suit beneath Lom's soggy shirt and tie.

The intentional humor in "Son of the Pink Panther" isn't nearly

as interesting. What can you say about a movie where the biggest laughs come from a poodle who rides on strangers' legs?

Director Edwards, who launched the "Panther" movies 30 years ago, has lost any sense of comic timing, especially in the action-packed Bondian climax at a Middle-Eastern fortress. Turn off Mancini's musical score and you'd see how clunky the film-making really is.

But hasn't this always been the schtick with the "Panther" movies? Just as Clouseau can bumble his way through any case and come out a hero, so can Edwards

direct mediocre comedies that still prove gold at the box office. He and the series may have met their match with "Son of the Pink Panther," which, if there's any justice at all, should prove one of the summer's biggest bombs.

"Son of the Pink Panther" is now playing at these suburban movie theaters: AMC Laurel Park, Showcase Pontiac, AMC Abbey 8, Showcase Westland, Star Winchester 8, AMC Americana West, Showcase Auburn Hills, United Artists 12 Oaks.

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Produced by: Tony Adams

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AUDITIONS

■ PLYMOUTH YOUTH CHORALE

Chamber music society, DSO plan special events

Here are some upcoming classical music events to note.

The Beaux Arts Trio, Cleveland Quartet and Guesneri String Quartet will perform together for the first time when the Chamber Music Society of Detroit begins its 50th anniversary season Saturday, Sept. 11, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. with a reception and dinner catered by Opus One, with an 8:30 p.m. concert followed by post-concert reception. Dirk Bakker of West Bloomfield is the event chairman.

Ticket prices for the dinner, concert and afterglow are \$125.

Plymouth Youth Chorale rehearsals and auditions begin Monday, Sept. 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Call 455-5304 or 451-1200 for information.

■ MARQUIS THEATRE

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville, is looking for boys and girls ages 9-15 years old to audition for the musical, "Aladdin," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

Monday, Sept. 11 at the theater in Northville. Performers must provide their own sheet music, and be prepared to sing a song in their vocal range. Accompanist will be provided. Call 349-8110.

THEATER

■ MEADOW BROOK

Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, opens its 1993-94 season with Larry Shue's "The Foreigner," Thursday, Sept. 30.

Call 377-3300 for ticket information.

■ VILLAGE PLAYERS

Birmingham Village Players opens its season Friday, Sept. 24 with "A Few Good Men," at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Call 644-2075 for ticket information.

CONCERTS

■ GROUP DU JOUR

Group Du Jour, the Farmington area Philharmonic, opens its season 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 at Farmington High School, 32000 W. Shawnee. Call 478-2075 for ticket information.

■ LSO Livonia Symphony Orchestra opens its 20th season 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at Church Hill School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Call 421-1111 for ticket information.

DINNER THEATER

■ DINNER TRAIN

"All Aboard! It's Broadway," ongoing performances on the Star Clipper Dinner Train leaving the Coo Rail Station on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 960-9440.

■ GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE WALL

"The Soap Opera Murders," continues 7 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, at Genitti's Hole-in-the Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville. Call 349-0522.

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ THE LARK Tickets are still available for the 15th annual chili cookoff at the Lark 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. Tickets are \$32.50 per person and include beer, pop, coffee, sandwiches and other snacks.

■ NORMAN'S Norman's Eaton Street Station, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, 647-7774 is offering a special Italian menu and featured Italian wines Sept. 2 through Sept. 30.

■ RIDGEWOOD CAFE The Ridgewood Cafe and Bake Shop at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, is re-opening Monday, Sept. 13 in J-305. Twice a month a grand buffet is offered in place of the regular menu at \$6.25 per person. The fall semester buffet dates are Sept. 22, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 9, Nov. 24 and Dec. 15. Hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 471-7786 for information.

■ PAPA JOE'S

Gordy Mathes has taken over leadership of Papa Joe's Market Place Cafe in the Hampton Plaza on Rochester Road at Hamlin Road in Rochester Hills. Mathes revamped menu will include homemade soups, specialty salads, deli sandwiches, and hand tossed gourmet pizzas. For information, call 853-6283.

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Cutting autoworker pay offers society mixed bag



DAN MCCOSH

Today, the ratio hasn't changed much, although the U.S. auto wage rate has slipped from first to

mid-pack among the top ten industrial nations. Take-home pay has multiplied by a factor of five since the 1960s, as has the minimum wage, which has not surprisingly tracks with new-car prices as well.

Medical costs, housing, taxes, social security and most public sector jobs have far outstripped the take-home pay of the average autoworker, even as total employment dwindles. The casual, easy money at the plant gate is pretty much gone forever.

Needless to say, this is not a good time to be negotiating a labor contract, despite the short-

lived success of Ford and Chrysler. Still, it was startling to find that GM asked for the first bonafide pay cut since the depression in the 1930s.

GM's proposal was cloaked in something that has been accepted in other industries — namely offering lower pay for new hires. Still, if it were accepted it would mean a lower pay base for the entire industry, and make the U.S. the only country in the world where a major heavy industry presents a dwindling standard of living to its workers.

All this is against a background

of dramatically rising payroll costs, specifically the cost of medical care, heavy payouts to pension funds, benefits for retirees and even the ironic costs of benefits due after plant closings. The basic rationale for paying less for new hires at a certain composition of plants is that the alternative is to simply buy the components outside GM from companies paying less.

Also, I've never quite understood the basic philosophy pursued by the UAW of paying such high base labor rates for unskilled labor, with so little premium for

highly skilled jobs that take years of training. After a four year apprenticeship, or even an associate degree, you only get a few bucks an hour under the current pay structure. Lowering the rates for entry-level jobs could well be long overdue.

That, of course, would mean restructuring the pay rates for the whole corporation, and by extension the whole industry — a difficult, if not impossible task.

Still, there is something odd about a company heavily laden with retirees and those about to retire, shuffling the deck to keep

what's left for those leaving and reducing the pie for the future generation. Even more ironic is the notion that the same future generation is expected to shoulder the debts and social debris that is left behind.

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.

Pet from Next page

Like most new offerings, Medipet became popular along the East and West coasts before moving inland.

Two different plans

"When an emergency does arise people always say they wish they had medical insurance," said Jeff Dzik, a veterinarian for First Veterinary Clinics of Michigan, which is based in Southfield and operates area clinics in Novi, Rochester Hills, Southfield and Troy.

"Pet insurance does work, but people have to make an initial payment. There is another insurance plan (VIP), which began several years ago in California by a group of veterinarians. Both programs are becoming more wide-

spread. Insurance does have a place in the market."

Medipet offers two plans. The first, Silver Tag, provides lower annual deductibles (\$150) in return for coverage limits totaling \$1,000 per injury or illness. Annual premiums are \$129 for pets three months to nine years old or \$219 for pets 10 years and over.

The Gold Tag plan, meanwhile, provides higher coverage limits (\$3,000 per injury or illness) with a higher annual deductible (\$300) and a lower premium — \$59 for pets three months to nine years old or \$99 for pets 10 years or older.

Each plan allows a policy holder to insure up to nine pets under one maximum deductible per year. Co-payment for the two plans is 30 percent.

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Livonia resident Diane Holden, senior investment executive with Farmington Hills office of Independence Brokerage Services, Inc. at Michigan National Bank has been named to the All-American Team of the American Funds Group of Mutual funds.

Daniel Gonzales of Redford Township was honored for completing 25 years driving for United Parcel Service without an accident. Gonzales is a delivery driver for UPS. He presently delivers in the Farmington area.

Kate Stewart of Plymouth has joined Contract Interiors, a Southfield-based full service office interiors firm, as a project designer for the Recycled Office Interiors Division. Stewart's responsibilities include programming, space planning, design development, finish selection, contract documentation and customer communications.

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■ Human Synergistics International, g developer and publisher of training materials and organization consulting firm, will be conducting a one-day workshop Sept. 8 at the Hotel Baronette in Novi on the implementation of scientifically researched development tools designed to help members of any organization become more effective decision makers, leaders, problem solvers and team members. Call 1-800-622-7584 for more information.

Direct marketing

■ Bernie Goldberg, president of Direct Marketing Publishers, Inc. in Yardley Pennsylvania will address the Direct Marketing Association of Detroit at the Sept. 9 luncheon meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills. Topic: The Five necessary elements of direct marketing and the four most important ingredients required in designing successful marketing programs. Call 258-8803 for information.

Microcomputer conference

■ The Michigan Association of

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is presenting a Microcomputer Conference on Friday, Sept. 10 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy beginning at 8 a.m. Call 855-2288 for reservations and information.

Performance evaluations

■ "The Managers Complete Course on Performance Evaluations" presented 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 20-21, at the Omni International Hotel. Fee: \$395. Information: 1-800-255-4141. Sponsor: Padgett-Thompson division of the American Management Association.

Fix PC problems

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Successful sales

■ "The Five Habits of Successful

Sales People," a seminar sponsored by the Robert Morris Associates of Southeast Michigan Group will be the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills on Sept. 23 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Call 473-4235.

Women achievers

■ The YWCA of Western Wayne County is seeking nominees for its second annual Women of Achievement awards luncheon on Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. The program recognizes women who have distinguished themselves in the following categories: arts/communications, business/industry, education, government/law, community volunteer service, teen achievement. Call 561-4110.

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Daniel K. Timmons of Livonia has been named president of First Security Life and Health Assurance Company in Madison Heights. Timmons had served as acting president since last year.



Timmons

Roxanne Lopetrone of Garden City, who since 1987 was the director of continuing education at Detroit College of Business in Dearborn, has been named director of non-traditional programs. **Becky Neuhart** replaces Lopetrone as director of continuing education.



Lopetrone

Dana L. Whalls of Redford has been appointed manager of finance and administration at the Detroit based marketing communications firm Lovi-George Inc.



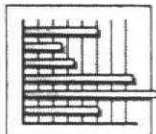
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For love of pets: Insurance

■ Pet insurance? Sounds like a joke, right? Well, it's not so funny when your beloved cat or dog becomes ill or injured and the bills from the vets climb over \$1,000. Pet insurance has been a big hit in the short time it's been available in Michigan.

BY R.J. KING
STAFF WRITER



Sonny, an excitable Great Dane, became bloated during a dog show at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and had to be rushed to an emergency clinic or face death within five hours.

The resulting operation, which Sonny survived, cost \$900. But Katherine Lucy, Sonny's soulmate and owner of Belle Creek Kennels in Livonia, paid a third of the bill, the remainder covered by a novel insurance program.

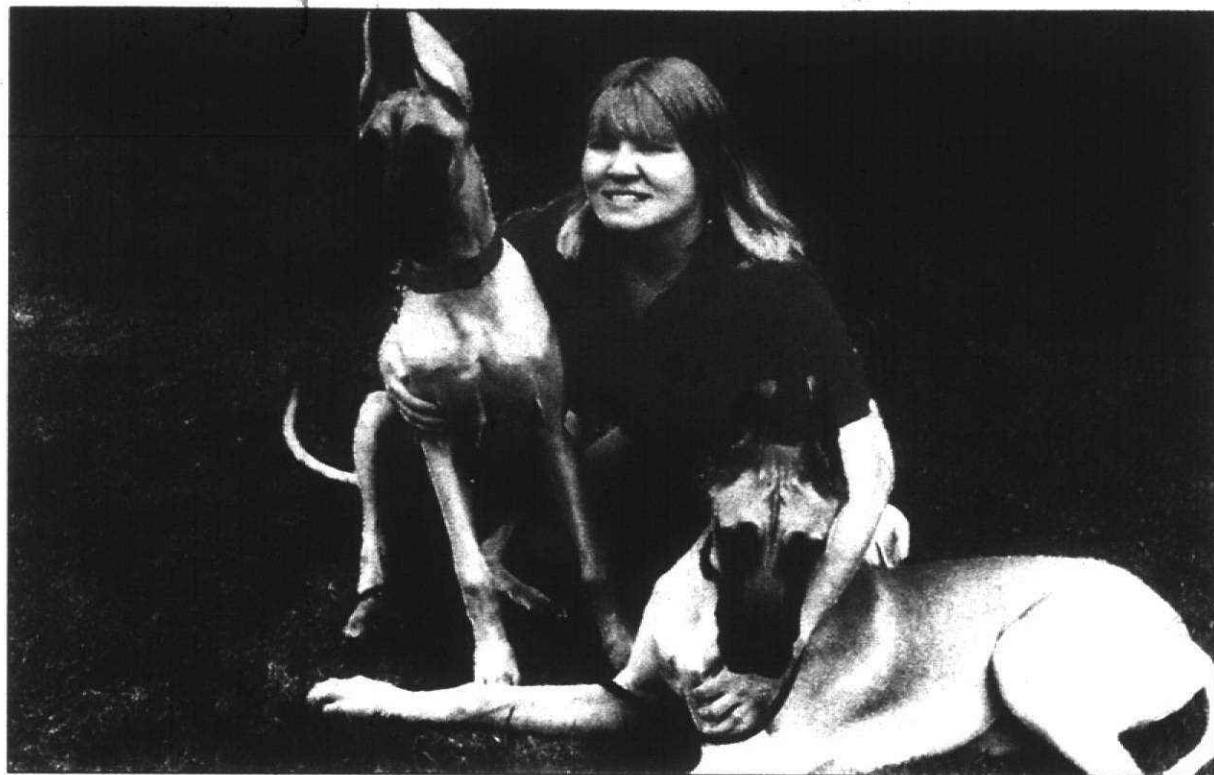
"I have 10 Great Danes, and all of them are insured. I wouldn't have it any other way," said Lucy, who opened her boarding kennel in 1989. "(Sonny also) went through a window and broke both his wrist joints, and the insurance picked up most of that as well."

(Sadly, Sonny recently passed away.)

New to Michigan

Lucy's insurance plan has been available across the nation via a 1-800 number since the mid-1980s. The plan, Medipet, recently found an area home at Kelter-Thorner Inc., an insurance specialist in downtown Birmingham. Medipet is designed to help cover costs for dogs and cats due to accidents, illness and disease.

"I can tell you Medipet works," said Lucy. "I've never had a problem where I have to go back to a veterinarian for more letters. And payment usually arrives within 30 days, though I've had some checks come in



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Insured-assured: Katherine Lucy, owner of the Belle Creek Kennel in Livonia, has Medipet insurance policies on her Great Danes Bamby (left) and Misty.

as little as two weeks."

For pet owners like Lucy, Medipet has proven effective in covering operations, which can easily run a thousand dollars or more. The plan covers 70 percent of expenses for X-rays, operations, veterinary fees, prescriptions and hospital stays once an annual deductible is met.

"It's actually a simple policy which is not intended for routine maintenance but rather to cover the unexpected," said Marilyn Chernoff, president and chief executive officer of Kelter-Thorner. "We've been offering Medipet (since July), and the response has been tremendous."

Chernoff, who started with Kelter-Thorner as a secretary in 1967, said the policy is backed by the Fireman's Fund, a national insurance firm that has provided a wide variety of coverage since the Civil War. Kelter-Thorner is the first insurance firm to offer Medipet in Michigan.

"To market Medipet we've sent out a letter and brochure explaining the plan to 1,500 of our existing members," said Chernoff, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "The response rate so far has been 25 percent. We plan on mailing 10,000 letters over the next few months."

Kelter-Thorner, which had reve-

nues of \$11.5 million last year and employs 45 people at its Birmingham headquarters, also spreads the word by placing brochures in veterinarian offices and pet supply stores as well as at pet conventions and breeding shows.

Kelter-Thorner, which operates branch offices in California, New Jersey and Ohio, provides insurance for the environmental, manufacturing, retail and service industries. In addition to Medipet, Kelter-Thorner plans to provide wedding insurance in November.

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Employment outlook brighter

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Employment prospects here for the rest of the year are fair to middling, according to a couple of area specialists.

Mark Angott, owner of Management Recruiters of North Oakland County in Rochester, and Jeanne Heller, vice president of Manpower Temporary Services in Southfield, see a rosier future for metro Detroit than what their parent firms project for the Midwest as a whole.

Angott estimates that activity level at his agency through August of this year is 10 percent higher than 1992. "I don't expect it to die off," he said.

Management Recruiters International, meanwhile, reported that executives recently surveyed in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin plan to have slightly fewer employees on board at the end of this year than the beginning.

The net difference — average staff increase minus average reduction — for those five states is down a half percentage point from January and minus 4.7 percentage points from June 1992.

In a separate survey, Heller found that 28 percent of executives questioned here anticipate increasing personnel, 8 percent decreasing, 58 percent holding the line and 5 percent undecided now through December.

Manpower Inc. surveyed executives in a dozen Midwestern states including Michigan and found that 22 percent anticipate hiring increases, 11 percent decreases, 64 percent no change and 3 percent undecided.

"I think we'll see a slow, steady increase," Angott said. "This state has had hard times. We're slowly recovering."

The typical placement for Management Recruiters has a college degree, 5-10 years experience, currently employed with a specialty skill such as quality control, Angott said. Most earn \$30,000-\$80,000 annually, he said.

Companies with vacancies — not the individuals eventually hired — pay his fee, Angott said. He said he averages upwards of a dozen placements per month and currently has about 40 positions to fill.

Specialty areas include banking, accounting/finance, engineering, health care and data processing.

"There's a lot of very specialized, technical positions that may not help the average person," Angott said. "Companies are still looking for someone who can bring something to the table others don't have."

"Probably 90 percent of our placements (already) would be employed," he said. "Five years

ago, it would be 98 percent. A lot of good people in the labor force were hit by downturns, mergers."

Heller also found executives surveyed here more upbeat about hiring permanent employees through the last quarter of this year than counterparts in the Midwest and nationally.

"I think it's because we see a much more drastic flux up and down due to the auto industry," she said. "Even though the economy is not now where we should be, it's certainly better."

"Many companies have diversified away from auto. That could help, too," she added.

Temporary opportunities now are especially good in engineering, computer-related services and administration — executive secretaries and administrative assistants, Heller said.

"There's a lot of good opportunities for temps out there — \$5 on up for manual, unskilled labor, to engineers who make a considerable amount," she said.

Individual placements become employees of Manpower, which bills employers to cover the expenses, Heller said. Temporary assignments can last from a month to a couple of years with two to three weeks typical.

"In a lot of cases, we're seeing temp to permanent," Heller said, adding that employers will use a temporary employee to test for corporate fit.

parents and families helping families," said Helen Gowanny, executive director.

Gowanny added that families become an important resource as they reach out to other families in need by sharing their experiences through various speaking engagements.

Additionally, the Pathway treatment team's educational efforts make citizens aware that there is hope for others experienc-

ing drug abuse. A primary goal for the Pathway Family Center is to integrate healthy young people back into their communities.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 to "help people help themselves." As a private grant making foundation, it provides seed money to organizations and institutions that have identified problems and have designed constructive action programs aimed at solutions.

Pathway center receives \$20,500 grant

The Kellogg Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$20,500 to the Pathway Family Center of Southfield.

The project will run from August 1993 through July 1994. Pathway is a non-profit organization which provides intensive outpatient treatment to children with substance abuse problems and their families.

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FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Child care can be work, can be fun

Who said caring for other people's children is fun?

Donna Marsh, licensed in-home child care provider/professional, that's who. A resident of Livonia, she spends more than 40 hours a week providing quality child care for youngsters, infants through age 9. For her, it's a rewarding, even fun thing to do while giving of herself to others.

Marsh decided to research in-home child care by attending workshops and other formal training opportunities to learn the ins and outs and pros and cons of providing child care. Marsh said she always wanted to work with children and when the opportunity presented itself after being laid off from a major corporation, she pursued her dream. In April 1992, she became a state registered child care provider.

"When children give hugs in the morning and evening while in care, I feel like a \$100,000," she said. A feeling of love, comfort and security is what you'll experience when entering Marsh's day care home. A large colorful picture puzzle of the children enrolled and families that spells LOVE highlights the playroom wall. The caption above the puzzle says, "Kids are special people." What a great way to make children feel like they belong — parents, too. Child care is a family affair.

The physical environment is one that says learning, child friendly, parent approved. There's no doubt as to the hard work and efforts put into preparing such an environment. Marsh says her brother, Garry Taylor, helped with the work of designing and building shelves, large storage areas and a creative fire escape exit that resembles large motor play equipment.

When I arrived to talk to Marsh, she and her brother were busy in the backyard, working on building a gingerbread style toy shed to house a plentiful amount of toys and equipment.

Not all the handiwork has been tailored for the children, but a sauna was put in for relaxing after working all day with a houseful of kids — thanks to brother Garry.

Four color-coordinated seat toy boxes contain art supplies, dress-up clothes, puzzles. Other age-appropriate manipulatives are stored in the smooth wooden toy boxes. These, too, are products of tailored handiwork.

Not only does Marsh receive much-needed family support from siblings, her husband, a physician, gets into the action by occasionally reading a story or two to the children between working with his patient-clients.

The schedule is filling and flexible, starting with readiness activities — ABCs, numbers, colors, shapes, etc., to arts and crafts, manipulatives, exploratory play and outdoor activities.

In the spring and summer, Marsh's backyard is sectioned off with a garden and has a waterfall for the children for play fishing. In the winter, her yard is converted to an ice rink for the kids to hone their skills at skating, if they desire.

Marsh admits to not only having fun with the children daily, but "I like to work and have a purpose." She adds that it's wonderful not having to leave home early and still work, doing something she enjoys a lot.

The hardest thing for Marsh is getting attached to the cute little people she cares for regularly and sometimes having to discipline them. Marsh uses the time-out method and makes sure it is followed with a communication with each child's parent or parents.

She also shares that it's difficult but understandable when parents demonstrate envious actions as they relate to her communication style and bonding with the kids. One parent confessed to becoming a bit envious when her child said she didn't make scrambled eggs "like Ms. Donna."

Marsh tries to accommodate families by working hard at strengthening parent/provider alliances and providing opportunities for children to feel special and a part of their surroundings. She hosts birthday parties for each child at the day care facility's expense. She also gives gifts to parents on special occasions and at the holidays.

Her advice for new folks coming into the field is to find out as much as possible first.

"Be flexible and learn to listen," she said.

"Parents need to be educated on child care." As for the children, "go with the flow." The funniest thing about children is their conversations.

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Manners made easy, thank you

Miss Manners would be proud of a group of youngsters who spent one day of their summer vacation learning that proper behavior can be fun not stuffy. They learned that at classes offered at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Long gone are the days of "stuffy" etiquette classes.

A group of local children learned that at The Ritz-Carlton's "A Day of Etiquette and Style" where they found out etiquette classes can be more like a day camp.

They spent their day at the Dearborn hotel baking a cake with the pastry chef, learning to talk on the phone, eating lunch and touring the hotel.

But unanimously, the children found the top-dollar presidential suite most memorable.

Although not proper, the kids rolled around on the bed, peeked out the window, walked in the many bathrooms, and played the grand piano.

"I can't believe President Bush slept here," said 10-year-old Crystal Marti of Canton as she and 11-year-old Vicky Ponto of Dearborn flopped down on the bed.

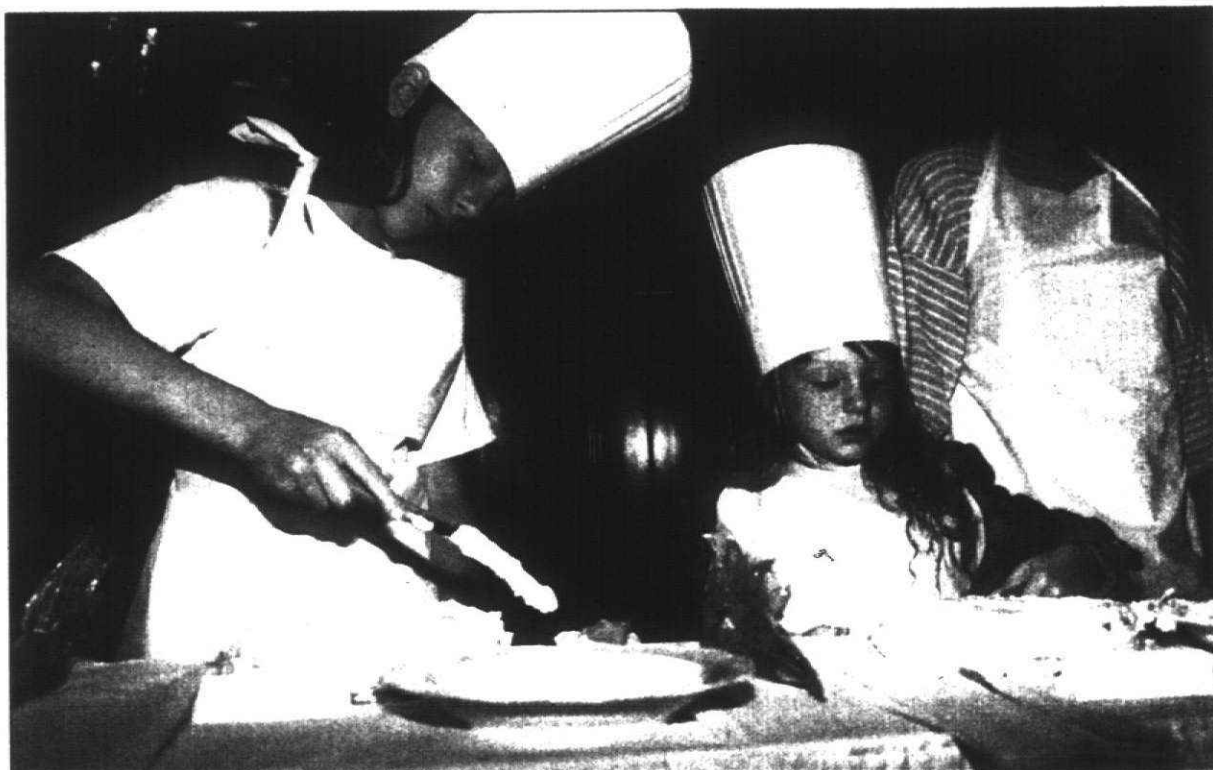
Meanwhile, 10-year-old Stephanie Pease of Riverview played the black grand piano. Jeremy Winston, 12, of Allen Park, Michael Sherbow, also 12, of Bloomfield Hills, and Jonathan Rice, 10, of Dearborn explored the suite's many bathrooms and the room's fabulous view of Dearborn and downtown Detroit.

Michelle Winston, 10, of Allen Park summed up the suite appropriately.

"It was big. It was never-ending," said Winston, who attended the class with her brother, Jeremy.

Surprisingly, all these activities taught the children different aspects of etiquette and style. The 45-minute tour throughout the hotel taught them proper manners when meeting new people, elevator etiquette and safety around the swimming pool and the kitchen.

Also during the seven-hour day, the kids learned telephone and table manners through fun activities and



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Bit of fun: Etiquette came in the way of cake making for Christina Pierce-Winter (left) and her sister, Connie, both of Bloomfield, students in the etiquette class taught by Sharon Gioia.

an elegant five-course luncheon.

Before they were allowed to enter the lunch room, teacher Sharon Gioia named two students "host" and "guest" and taught them the proper way to enter the room. They were then allowed to enter the room filled with classical music.

Once the children were informed of the menu, many of them were apprehensive about trying potato soup, salad and zucchini. But, Gioia taught them, it's polite to try everything, not just the food they liked — chicken and carrots. (They didn't have any problems with the ice cream sundaes with nuts, whipped cream and chocolate and cherry sauce.)

"This is the best potato soup I've ever had," the once-skeptical Pease said.

While eating, a few of the kids seemed to be preoccupied with the "haunted pictures" hanging on the wall.

Pease and 10-year-old Christina Pierce-Winter of Bloomfield were left

with an eerie feeling because wherever they moved, the eyes in the paintings followed them.

Although too young to cut her chicken, Pierce-Winter's sister, 6-year-old Connie, offered manners that she knew. They were included in the many tips Gioia taught the children. For example, she stressed that when someone asks to pass the salt, the pepper should be offered as well. After all, "the salt and pepper are married."

To remember the class, the children received a Ritz-Carlton tote bag in the hotel's signature color of cobalt blue with two guide books — "Soup Should Be Seen Not Heard! The Kids' Etiquette Book" and "Etiquette and Style" — chocolates for the hotel tour, and hotel-designed toiletries. At the end of the class, the kids were rewarded with a certificate.

In retrospect, the children were surprised at how much fun the class was.

"I liked it a lot," said Marti. "I'm

glad I took it."

Ponto expressed the same sentiment.

"I liked the crafts and the cakes. I thought it would be kind of . . . boring," she said shyly.

Making etiquette fun is what Gioia likes to stress in her classes.

"Etiquette is now very relaxed," said Gioia, who also directs "Etiquette and Style, Inc." of West Bloomfield, which also teaches adults.

"It's not like it used to be . . . all stuffy."

Teaching her class to children at The Ritz-Carlton, she said, was the perfect location.

"Doing it here is like the epitome of etiquette."

For information on upcoming etiquette classes at The Ritz-Carlton, call the hotel at 441-2000, Ext. 436.

The class cost \$125 per child and \$75 for each additional child from the same family.



Polliteness: Crystal Marti (top photo, left) of Canton and Vicky Ponto of Dearborn, make thank-you cards, while Michael Sherbow of Bloomfield Hills, Jeremy Winston of Allen Park and Jonathan Rice of Dearborn are served tea during the etiquette class.

Back to school? Then get involved

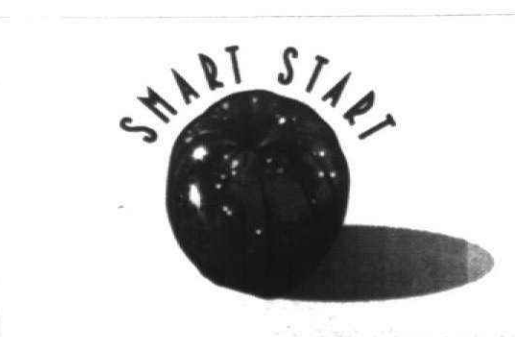
BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Back to school. There's a family ritual related to the start of the new school year. First, a trip to the department store for new school clothes. Then it's off to the shoe store for some fancy footwear. Last stop is for school supplies, decorated with the latest mega movie hit.

But there's one last thing parents need to do to get their kindergartener up to high schooler ready for the 1992-93 school year: Talk to them and get involved in their school life.

"Parents have to start doing this when children are little," said Craig McLean, district manager for Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County. "When they're at 13, parents can't say 'What can I do to get close to my child?' It's too late, people."

Family Service, with offices in Detroit, Canton, Livonia, Westland, Dearborn and Trenton, has come up with a tip sheet for families that addresses the concerns of parents and children whether



ing to school.

The sheet offers 12 tips for parents, ranging from building self-esteem in children by helping them identify and deal with their feelings to speaking about education positively.

they're going to school for the first time or return-

There are also tips for parents with children entering preschool or kindergarten (emphasizing safety), for middle school-aged children (maintaining participation in the family) and high school students (encouraging continued involvement in organized clubs and school groups).

The tip sheet is a spinoff of concern about gangs, a problem considered endemic to the city of Detroit, but showing up Downriver and in the fringes of western Wayne County, according to McLean.

"We presented a couple of gang awareness nights here in Livonia and Canton and in answering questions during the question-and-answer sessions it became apparent parents wanted know what to do to keep kids out of gangs," McLean said. "The tips not only help in going back to school but help in maintaining a child's interest in school and minimizing them getting involved in gangs."

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An interesting thing I've noticed about people's writing, in general, and wonder what you think about it, is one generation's writing being very similar to that of the preceding. For example, my husband's and his son's writing is almost indistinguishable. Is it just the copycat syndrome?

Looking forward to your thumblinal psychoanalysis.

Thank you,

B.L. Bloomfield

Clay Preschool gets national rating

Henry Clay Preschool Co-op is among the growing number of preschool programs to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

The academy recognizes outstanding early childhood programs which meet national standards of quality.

The Livonia preschool co-op serves some 75 children, ages 3-4. In a cooperative preschool, parents are responsible for the administrative aspects of the school with the teachers being the only paid employees, according to its president, Judy Lester.

Two teachers direct the preschool program, Jan Seror and Rose Boyle. Both hold master's degrees in education and have been with the center for several years. Aides are also employed, depending on the makeup of the enrollment. Members pay a lower

To become accredited, Henry Clay had to meet a variety of strict criteria related to providing a developmentally appropriate program.

tuition fee while being involved in their child's first school experience.

"Accreditation helps answer the question, 'What is a quality preschool program?'" said Dr. Marilyn Smith, executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's oldest and largest association of early childhood professionals, which sponsors the Academy. "Most parents want to find the highest quality program for their young children. However, few parents know how to assess whether a program meets more than just the minimum standards required by state licensing."

The academy's standards were developed over a three-year period with input from thousands of educators and administrators from across the country. The first program was accredited in 1985 and there now are more than 2,500 accredited programs.

"Accreditation is not meant to replace parents' on-site visits to centers as a means of selecting the program that best meets their child's needs," Smith said, "but accreditation does help parents recognize the varied components that should be present in a quality program."

To become accredited, Henry Clay had to meet a variety of strict criteria related to providing a developmentally appropriate program. These criteria range from having a well-qualified and trained staff to meeting stringent health and safety standards.

In addition, the program must provide opportunities for parental involvement. Accreditation includes an on-site study of the program by professional validators

child care professionals, and is a Discovery Toy representative.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeVampert, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Professionalism also is of vast importance in providing quality child care. Donna Marsh is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. She is a member of the Child Care Coordinating Council of Wayne County, Association of Better Child Care, formerly P.O.W.E.R., consults with Direct-Link Consulting, a direct service support agency for

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MR. and MRS. BENJAMIN CZERNIAWSKI of Livonia announce the birth of **JENNIFER CHRISTINE** June 10. She has a brother, Benjamin, 5, and sister, Elizabeth, 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Adam Finzel of Hamtramck. Great-grandmother is Johanna Finzel of Dearborn.

MARK and KATHRYN STASA of Canton announce the birth of **KATHRYN ELIZABETH** July 25 at the McAuley Family Birth Place of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has two sisters, Stephanie Marie, 4, and Meredith Anne, 3.

SUZANNE FOLLO of Garden City announces the birth of **ALYSSA JANE** July 27 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandmother is Patricia Follo of Garden City.

RAY and BECKY OSTROWSKI of Westland announce the birth of **RAYMOND MICHAEL** July 28 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Rod and Patricia Corner of Garden City and Rick and Jeannette Ostrowski of Canton.

DEAN and WENDY JOHNSON of Milford, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of **EMILY HAZEL** July 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a sister, Kathleen, 3. Grandparents are Bob and Clare Johnson of Livonia and Jim and Audrey Gibson of Plymouth and the late Hazel Gibson.

GREG and LISA PYLE of Hamburg announce the birth of **KELLY RENEE** May 4 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Lois Plesiewicz and Russell and Leatta Pyle, all of Canton Township.

ERIC and PAMELA HEAD of Westland announce the birth of **COLTON RAY** July 25 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ewing, Shirley Head and Shirl Head, all of Westland.

DAVID and LISA DIEBEL of Canton announce the birth of **AARON THOMAS** July 29 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has a sister, Hannah, and a brother, Jared. Grandparents are Carl and Darlene Furmanek of Manistique and Ted and Mita Diebel of Hesperia. Great-grandparents are Lillian Levandowski of Milford, Stella Richey of Hesperia and Peter and Laura Furmanek of Lewistown.

JAMES and KRISTINE FERGUSON JR. of Livonia announce the birth of **RYAN MITCHELL** July 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a brother, David, 2. Grandparents are James and Audrey Ferguson Sr. of St. Clair Shores, Allen Mitchell of Farmington Hills and Jacqueline Fobare of Plymouth.

JIM and JULIE GRAU of Livonia announce the birth of **RENEE MICHELLE** July 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has two brothers, Jimmy, 8, and David, 6, and a sister, Laura, 3. Grandparents are Jack and Teddy Sullivan of Saginaw and Jim and Mary Grau of Oakhurst, N.J.

ANNIVERSARIES

James and Beverly Hinsch

James and Beverly Hinsch Jr. recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

The couple met 40 years ago, on Aug. 3, at St. Scholastica's youth club in northwest Detroit and were wed five years later on Aug. 16. She is the former Beverly Corner.

The Hinschs have four children — Kathryn Hinsch of Seattle, Wash., Robert Hinsch of Olympia, Wash., James Hinsch Jr. of West New York, N.J., and Debra Renauer of Redford. They also have one grandchild, Morgan.



The Hinschs have lived in Livonia for 32 years.

Louis and Lucille Fultz



Louis and Lucille Fultz of Redford will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 3.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 3, 1933 at the home of her parents, Skip and Nellie Wotowa, in Coulterville, Ill. They were surprised with a shivaree at their new home, a celebration arranged by their friends and family.

They couple moved to Redford in 1950 where they raised three children — the late Richard Fultz, Nellieann Mattson of Hadley and Gary Fultz of Port Huron. They also have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, with three more expected in early 1994.

Don and Emajean Kellner

Only the Presidential Suite was good enough for Don and Emajean Kellner, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 15.

The Kellners were the guests of honor for dinner with their immediate family at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia before retiring to the suite their children had reserved for the couple.

They also renewed their wedding vows at St. Alexander Church and then were surprised with a party, attended by many old friends and relatives.

The Kellners were married on July 15, 1943, and lived in Dearborn Heights until he retired from the Detroit Edison Co. in 1980. They now live in Houghton Lake and winter in Crystal River, Fla.



The Kellners have three children — Sandy Cookson of Farmington Hills, Gary Kellner of Westland and Kathy Renaud of Garden City. They also have nine grandchildren — Michelle, Stephen, Beki, David, Danny, Kristy, Debbie and Jessie — and one great-grandchild — Brittany.

Foster care has permanence for infants

Children less than a year old are one of the fastest growing populations in the U.S. child welfare system and more than half of them placed in foster care are still there after four years, according to researchers at the University of Michigan.

In a study of nearly 5,000 infants who entered the child welfare system between 1981 and 1987, 54 percent were not reunited with a natural parent or parents, permanently placed with a relative or legal guardian, or adopted by age 4, according to a study conducted by Ira M. Schwartz, Robert M. Ortega, Gideon Fishman and Shenyang Guo of the U-M Center for the Study of Youth Policy.

The researchers say the number of infants placed in out-of-home care increased 37 percent between 1984 and 1990, far outstripping growing placement rates for any other age group.

"These findings are counter-intuitive and inconsistent with the conventional wisdom on the subject," they said. "They are potentially explosive. There are many families and single adults who desperately want to adopt a child, but a large proportion of infants languish and bounce around in the system for years."

According to the study, while the number of infants achieving permanent placements increased from 35 percent in 1981 to 56 percent in 1987, the proportion of those experiencing multiple out-

of-home placements rose from 55 percent to 73 percent during this time.

"This represents a dramatic shift over the years from single to multiple placements," the researchers said. "This is very disturbing, particularly in light of the extensive and compelling research regarding the importance of attachment, stability and bonding for infants."

The U-M study revealed that infants initially placed with a relative are more likely to find a permanent home within four years than if placed in public or private agency care, or in a child care institution.

While child welfare officials should consider placing more infants with relatives, they need to learn more about the willingness and capacity of relatives to care for children in state custody, the researchers said.

"More also needs to be uncovered about when placements with relatives are desirable, when they might not be, and what services relatives need in order to provide proper care and supervision."

Furthermore, the study shows that infants placed in publicly administered foster care stand a better chance of permanent placement than those in private agency care. The researchers say the lack of official incentives encouraging private agencies to expedite placement may be part of the reason.

The researchers also found that older infants are more likely to achieve permanent placement

than those less than a month old, and a greater proportion of Hispanic American than African-American or white babies find a permanent home.

"All together, the results suggest that many infants entering the system have little chance of returning home or to another permanent living environment within four years of initial placement," the researchers said.

"What was supposed to be geared toward temporary placement for these children has become relatively permanent. Ironically, for these infants it can be said that there's nothing more permanent than a temporary placement."

The researchers recommend that child welfare support ser-

vices be expanded, strengthened and that public and mental health agencies and private human service organizations aid in this process.

They also suggest that steps be taken to minimize the number of infants experiencing multiple placements by bolstering reunification and adoption services.

"Clearly, child welfare services must give infants priority attention," the researchers said. "More knowledge needs to be gained about why large and growing numbers of infants are being separated from their natural birth parents or parent. This may lead to more appropriate and effective strategies for preventing these placements in the first place."

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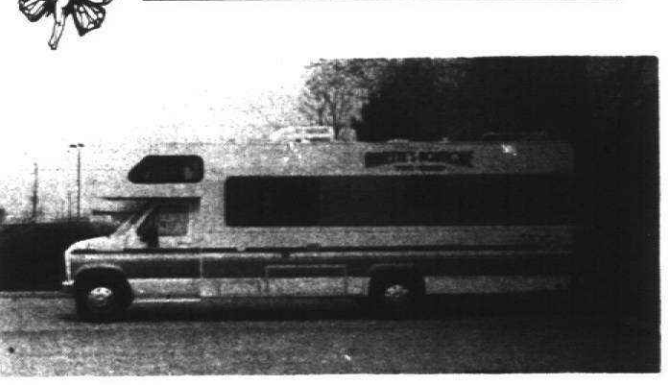


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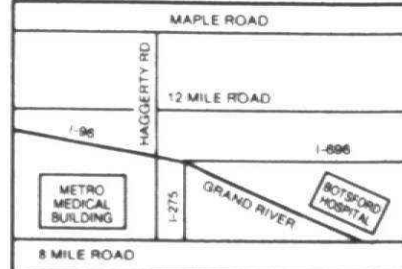
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

IN CONCERT
Single Point Ministries will present a concert by Phillips, Craig and Dean at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. The group will perform music with pop, country and rhythm and blues flavor. The concert is free of charge.

Single Point also meets at 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for a program focusing on singles. The Rev. Paul Clough leads the group with Scripture readings relevant to daily living. Other activities include co-ed volleyball at 5 p.m. Thursdays at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard in Livonia, and a fall retreat, planned for Oct. 15-17 at Boyne Mountain. For more information, call the Single Point offices at 422-1854.

BETHANY
The Bethany West Chapter will have Beach Party Dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on West Chicago, east of Inkster Road, Redford. Bethany is a non-profit Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance for divorced and separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry. For more information call Bruce at 522-3976 or Karen at 261-3602.

Bethany Farmington will offer dance lessons, taught by Jan Redmond of Music by Dance Sounds, at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows Social Hall, 23615 Power Road, Farmington. For more information, call 471-2708 or 855-2347.

RAQUELA HADASSAH
Raquela Hadassah will have its opening meeting, "Taste of the Season," at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7. Participants will learn how to make challah and other holiday delights at the home of Annette Meskin in West Bloomfield. Participants are encouraged to bring and friend their favorite recipe. For reservations, call Michelle Meskin-Martin at 855-3806.

SACRED ARTS
The School of Sacred Arts will accept registration for the 1993-94 school year 2:30-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 7-10, in the Music Department of Ward Presbyterian Church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia.

BLOOD DRIVE
The First Baptist Church and Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Canton will hold a blood drive 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the youth room of First Baptist, Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads in Canton. Call 981-6460 or 981-1081 to make a blood donation appointment.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries will meet 10-10:45 a.m. Sundays for its Sunday Morning Gathering in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville.

The group also meets 7 p.m. Sundays for outdoor volleyball at the Park Place Apartments in Northville. There is a \$1 donation and information is available by calling Mary Wright at 380-3291.

Single Place will also hold a fall retreat, "Single Survival Strategies," Sept. 17-19 at the Tole Hotel, Hilton Hotel. For more information on the workshop and retreat, call 464-1222.

RECRUITMENT
Recruitment for the Archdiocese of Detroit will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward, north of Chicago, Detroit. The choir provides music at various liturgies for the Archdiocese of Detroit at various times throughout the year that normally do not conflict with Sunday Masses and home parish church participation. Rehearsals are generally held on Monday nights. Nora Duncan IV directs the choir.

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VOYAGERS
Voyagers Singles, a non-denominational organization for people 45 years and older, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The guest speaker will be Tim Nowicki, a naturalist at the Independence Oaks Nature Center and columnist for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He also has authored to guides on bird identification and teaches animal behavior and bird study through Schoolcraft College's continuing education department.

Refreshments will be served and there will be cake and ice cream to celebrate September birthdays. For more information, call 591-1350. Donation is \$2.50 for members, \$3.50 for guests.

RAILY DAY
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will hold a Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 12, at the church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. There will be two worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school at 9:20 a.m. and the annual picnic at 2 p.m. on the grounds. Picnic-goers should bring a dish to pass and their own table service. For more information, call 981-0286.

FILM PREMIERE
Temple Baptist Church will host the area premiere of Worldwide Pictures' newest film, "Come the Morning," at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in the auditorium, 23800 W. Chicago, east of Telegraph, Redford. The film is the story of a 13-year-old boy and his family facing the horrors of homelessness after being abandoned by the father and having their money stolen. For more information, call 255-3333.

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Classes study John Newman, St. Paul

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

When classes resume this fall at Madonna University in Livonia, there will be some new offerings near and dear to Mary Rice's heart, partly because she'll be teaching them.

Rice will be teaching two courses — "Think About These Things" — Philippians, Epistle of Joy — and "Remember Newman — A Morning Devoted to a Loving Look at the Life of John Henry Cardinal Newman" — through the university's continuing education program.

The first is a study of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians, while the second will explore the influence of Newman, a scholar and pastor of the 1800s who was named venerable in 1992 by the Catholic Church, a step on the way to sainthood.

"I see a parallel between the two men," Rice said. "Paul was a preacher and was remembered for his writings. Newman had an enormous amount of writings — letters, sermons and even two novels."

The university wanted a class on Scriptures and approached Fr. George Shallob of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church about the class. When ill health kept him from handling the class, he asked Rice to do it. It was Rice who came up with the subject, Paul's Epistle.

The Epistle begins as a thank you letter to the Philippians who had provided the apostle with financial support. Paul generally shunned such support because he didn't "want people to think he taught the gospel for money," Rice said. The epistle goes on to communicate Christ's message in a "very inviting way, wetting the appetite for the rest of the message."

The letter encompasses passages which describe the meaning of Christ's life, Paul's witness to the power of His spirit, guidelines for Christian Life and a spirit of thankfulness.

"The Epistle to the Philippians was written by Paul at a time when he was old, sick and discouraged and probably in prison," Rice said. "But it's written in a buoyant, joyous way. When you read it, it's contagious."

She believes that for those interested in the Scriptures the study of the Epistle of Joy is a good entry point. It's also good to look at the Scriptures a book at a time rather than by Testaments.

"I think it's much more important to take one book and look at it in depth," she said. "It's more important to take one book and live with it, argue it and dwell on it. In survey classes you don't get the

flavor of it or the time to dwell on the words and let them penetrate your life."

"People don't want to study the Scriptures as a historian or theologian; the average person wants to know what difference it will make in their lives, if they study it."

The class will be 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 7, and costs \$20.



Class instructor: Mary Rice will use her love of the Paul's Epistle of Joy and her knowledge of John Henry Cardinal Newman to teach two continuing education classes this fall at Madonna University in Livonia.

works of the fathers of the church when he decided to convert. He went on to become a priest in the Catholic Church and in 1879 was named a cardinal. By 1890 he was well respected for his work in both the Catholic and Anglican churches, Rice said.

"Because of his convictions, he had to make a break from an emotional standpoint," Rice said. "He said he saw the light and even wrote a hymn, 'Lead Kindly Light.'"

Rice

Insects are fascinating study



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

If you ever need some inspiration to create an unusual science fiction creature, just look in an insect book. There are beetles with huge horns, dragonflies with 27,000 eyes, iridescent colors of dogbane beetles, nymphs with extendable jaws and an assortment of chewing and sucking mouthparts.

These features are some of the reasons insects are not one of the most loved groups of animals. But the more that is discovered about this group the more fascinating they become. Learning about a subject instills an appreciation and a respect for the subject.

This summer, there were several dobsonfly adults on the walls of the Independence Oaks Nature Center. We have seen some in the past, but this summer they

seemed to be particularly abundant. It's not hard to miss an adult dobsonfly. They are about three to four inches long. Their wings are long and broad, covering their entire body. Examining the wings closely reveals a very delicate veination that is easily seen because of their size.

If a male is observed, thoughts of science fiction creatures will immediately occur. Protruding from the head of a male dobsonfly are two long mandibles. These mandibles may be as long as a third to a half of their body length. They look formidable, but are used for courtship behavior and to some extent for defense against other dobsonflies. Adult males use the long sicklelike mandibles to position the female during courtship and mating.

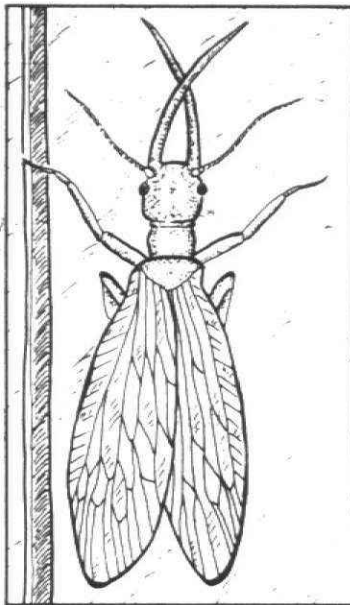
Since most adults of insects in this group only live a few days, it is believed that they do not even feed with the developed mouthparts that they have. But try and convince someone of that the first

time they see those long mandibles.

Once the two adults have mated, the female will seek a place above water and lay her eggs. If the eggs are not parasitized by a wasp, when they hatch the larvae will drop into the water and grow to be about three inches long. Most people who fish know this larva has a hellgrammite. They are prized for trout fishing.

While developing underwater hellgrammites are predators on other larvae, but can in turn be food for larger predators. If they reach maturity, they will leave the water and pupate underground near the shore. After about two weeks, an adult dobsonfly emerges.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message using a Touch-Tone phone at 953-2047, mailbox 1874.



Dobsonfly: It's not hard to miss an adult. It's about three to four inches long with broad wings that cover its entire body.

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BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

Probe traces how FBI spied on High Court

Alexander Charns recalls that when he was a student at Livonia Bentley High School in the early '70s, he had little interest in political matters. He spent most of his time keeping his grades presentable and running the mile or playing basketball for the Bulldogs. Plus, there was that job at a local Big Boy restaurant, along with another one at Hygrade's where he "worked the bacon line." There didn't seem to be much time for anything else.



Alexander Charns

Although his parents, Richard and Barbara, still live in Livonia, Charns has moved away. The intervening years have brought about some dramatic changes.

A Durham, N.C., criminal defense attorney for more than 10 years, he in recent months has published "Cloak and Gavel" (University of Illinois Press), a meticulously researched, highly intriguing account of how, for many years, the J. Edgar Hoover-led FBI repeatedly spied on the U.S. Supreme Court through wiretaps, bugging devices and informers.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch called "Cloak and Gavel" a "bonanza of Supreme Court history." The Wall Street Journal lauded Charns and his "mountains of internal government files showing that, at least through the mid-1970s, the FBI had all manner of secret sources and entanglements at the nation's highest court."

Charns has appeared on national television to talk about his book, which was entered into the initial levels of competition for the year's Pulitzer Prize in journalism.

If you're wondering just how all this happened, Charns says the book got started in a kind of roundabout way during his first year in law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Influenced by Klan shooting

That's when he witnessed — via television news one day — the shooting of five Communist party workers by Klansmen. The event occurred in Greensboro, N.C., at an anti-Klan rally in fall 1979.

Struck by the event, Charns (who had aspired to writing since high school) did a bit of reporting on the killings as a stringer for a Chicago weekly and then eventually sold articles to the New York Times and the Washington Post about the case.

Not long afterward, he wrote an in-depth story for the Post on migrant farm workers in North Carolina. He remembers it as an experience that sharply piqued his interest in investigative journalism.

After he'd done several other stories for the Times and the Post, he began entertaining thoughts of perhaps putting together a book, although he wasn't sure what its subject might be.

Enter UNC political science professor David Garrow and his 1981 book, "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr."

"When I read Garrow's book, I began to get very interested in the FBI's involvement in various other political movements," Charns recalls. "Here was the government, accusing King of being a Communist, and then taking steps to remove him as a leader — all under the table."

Charns started wondering, he says, if they had done that with King, what were the chances that Hoover's FBI had done something similar with other presumed adversaries in high places, such as the Supreme Court?

See PROBE, 3D

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A preview of Plymouth Community Arts Council's 22nd Annual Artists and Craftsman Show, a major fund-raiser for the non-profit arts group.
- A profile of Livonia glass artist Joseph Wisniewski, whose work is on exhibit at Nelson's Gallery.
- Bob Sklar's Creative Encounters column.
- Monte Nagler's Focus on Photography column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.

Antique show benefits symphony

■ Proceeds from an antique show featuring 25 dealers at the Plymouth Community Center Sept. 9-11 will go to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. A preview reception takes place Thursday night, Sept. 9.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Like a pair of silver candlesticks used to light homes in the 1800s, history illuminates our past while leading us into the future.

Take a trip back to a time when electricity was only a dream of a visionary named Thomas Edison by attending a fund-raiser for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The Plymouth Symphony League kicks off its 31st annual fall antique show Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, with a preview reception 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Admission to the special reception, allowing visitors a sneak peek at their history and a first opportunity to buy a piece, is \$15.

Antique show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. General admission is \$3; senior citizens, \$2.50. Proceeds benefit the PSO.

"It's important for the community to know in this budget-cutting era there's something they can do to support the symphony," said show chairwoman Lyn Eckerty. "There are many fees that go into maintaining the orchestra — fees for the music to play, rent, maintenance and security for rehearsals and performances."

The show — recognized for quality, variety and coinciding with Plymouth Fall Festival — features American, European and English furniture, folk art, maps and prints, primitives, estate and antique jewelry, linens, china, children's toys and items, lamps, clocks and glass along with small and medium accessories.

"It's a treasure-to-trash antique show that's juried," Eckerty said.

"We're having the Happy Hooker from Novi demonstrate antique rughooking techniques ongoing Friday and Saturday and information on classes," Eckerty said. "Our dealers are pretty



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knowledgeable and because it's juried, you know you're getting high quality from a reputable dealer."

Three National Honor Society students will serve as hostesses for Thursday night's preview reception: Mira Srinivasan of Plymouth Salem High School and twins Jeanne and Linda Ragan of Plymouth Canton High School. Srinivasan also is volunteering her time at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Leonard Berry and Edna Tillman have collected antiques for more than 30 years. Berry began dealing antiques 30 years ago in a downtown Detroit shop. Tillman became a dealer 24 years ago.

For the past six years, they have owned and operated separate businesses: Leonard Berry Antiques and Edna Tillman Antiques

See SYMPHONY, 2D

Browsing:
History lies
at the heart
of Leonard
Berry's
fascination
with
antiques.
He'll show
his early-
1800 wares
in Plymouth.



Library displays a Pewabic Pottery sampler

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Mosaics, pottery, jewelry wallhangings and a blue unicorn will delight visitors of the Pewabic Pottery faculty, student and staff exhibition through Sept. 18 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery, Five Mile and Farmington Road.

The show, hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission and supported by a grant from Detroit Council of the Arts and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, spotlights 84 pieces by 68 artists.

"It turned out to be a good family show," said Livonia arts commissioner Jack Olds. "Parents should bring their children to see what the imagination and creativity of kids can do. There's some eloquent professional work here, too."

Four exhibitors will show an array of works ranging from an aerial mosaic to necklaces and a sculpture that looks like a prehistoric sea creature. They are Nicholas Seidner, Pewabic



Violet sky:
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lery assistant
Linda Gavel
of Dearborn
spotlights a
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ARTISTS SOUGHT

Artists interested in applying for New Morning School's "A Celebration of the Arts" Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Northville Recreation Center should call show chairwoman Leslie Stolaruk of Plymouth: 420-3467.

Participation is open to artists and crafters who exhibit work of original design and execution.

Proceeds from the third annual juried arts and crafts show will benefit the parent cooperative school in Plymouth for children in preschool through eighth grade.

Art Beat

Frame Works in Plymouth and Wild Wings Galleries in Plymouth are in part sponsoring the event, running 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WOOD BLOCK PRINTS

Madonna University in Livonia will host an art exhibit featuring Japanese wood block prints. This 21-day exhibit will start with an opening reception at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, in the Library Wing Exhibit Gallery.

The collection, which includes historic and modern Japanese block prints, belongs to Sheldon and Heather Siegel of West Bloomfield.

It will be displayed through Thursday, Sept. 30. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. weekends. The campus is at I-96 and Levan.

CRAFTY IDEAS

Garden City Adult & Community Education is accepting applications for the 1993 Scarborough Juried Craft Fair to be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Garden City Adult Education Cambridge Center, 28901 Cambridge. Call 422-7198 for application details by Sept. 15.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers are needed to greet and assist visitors in the museum galleries of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. No special qualifications or background are required. Training will take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Holley Room. Call 833-0247 weekdays.



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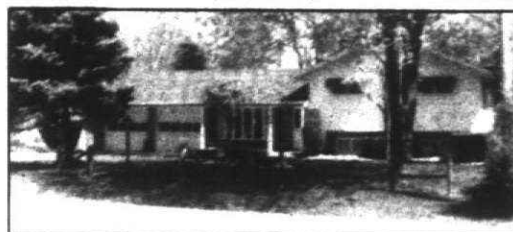
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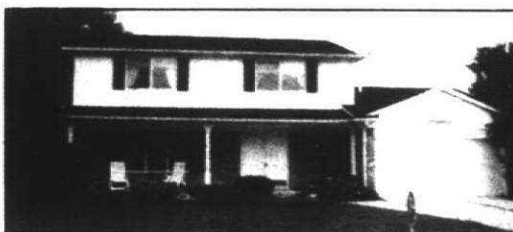
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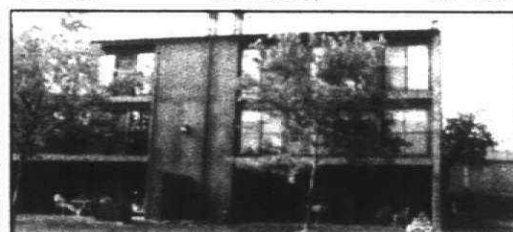
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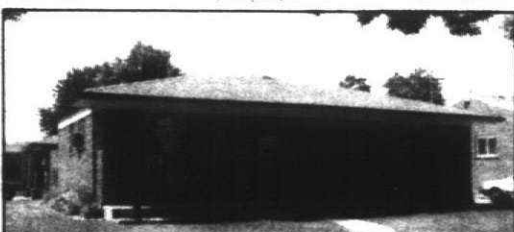
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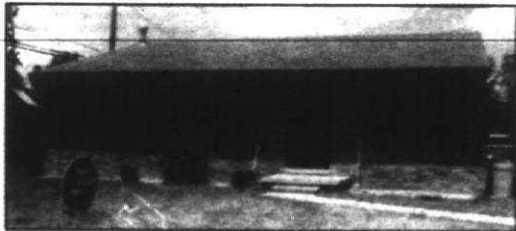
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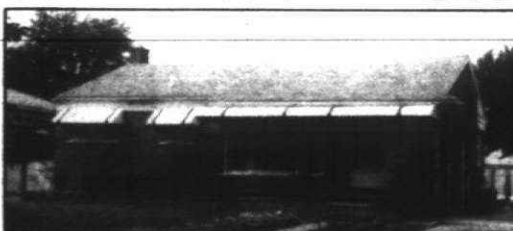
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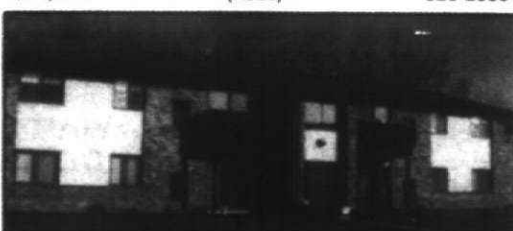
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Smith's movers-shakers

Southfield-based Arthur F. Smith Architects has added an architect and two designers to its full-service team that focuses on high-end residential, commercial and retail architecture and interiors.

Steven G. Farrelly, formerly of Constantine George Pappas, has been hired as a project architect responsible for the development and quality control of various projects including the master plan and design of a 300-acre camp facility in the Irish Hills.

Julie K. Blough, a drafting and design assistant for Smith, and Scott A. Withers, formerly of Neumann and Smith Associates, have been named designers for several interiors projects.

Classes and more classes

The Michigan Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education are offering the following classes in September:

■ Pre-licensing class. A 16-hour evening seminar to prepare people to pass the state's builders' licensing examination, 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 20, 22, 27 and 29 at the Bentley Center (Hubbard south of Five Mile). Cost \$150. Pre-registration Thursday, Sept. 16.

■ Basic roofing techniques. One evening class on the basic techniques for applying roofing materials 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Bentley Center. Cost \$35. Pre-registration no later than Friday, Sept. 17.

■ Applying vinyl siding. One evening class on the techniques of applying vinyl siding 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Bentley Center. Cost \$35. Pre-registration no later than Tuesday, Sept. 21.

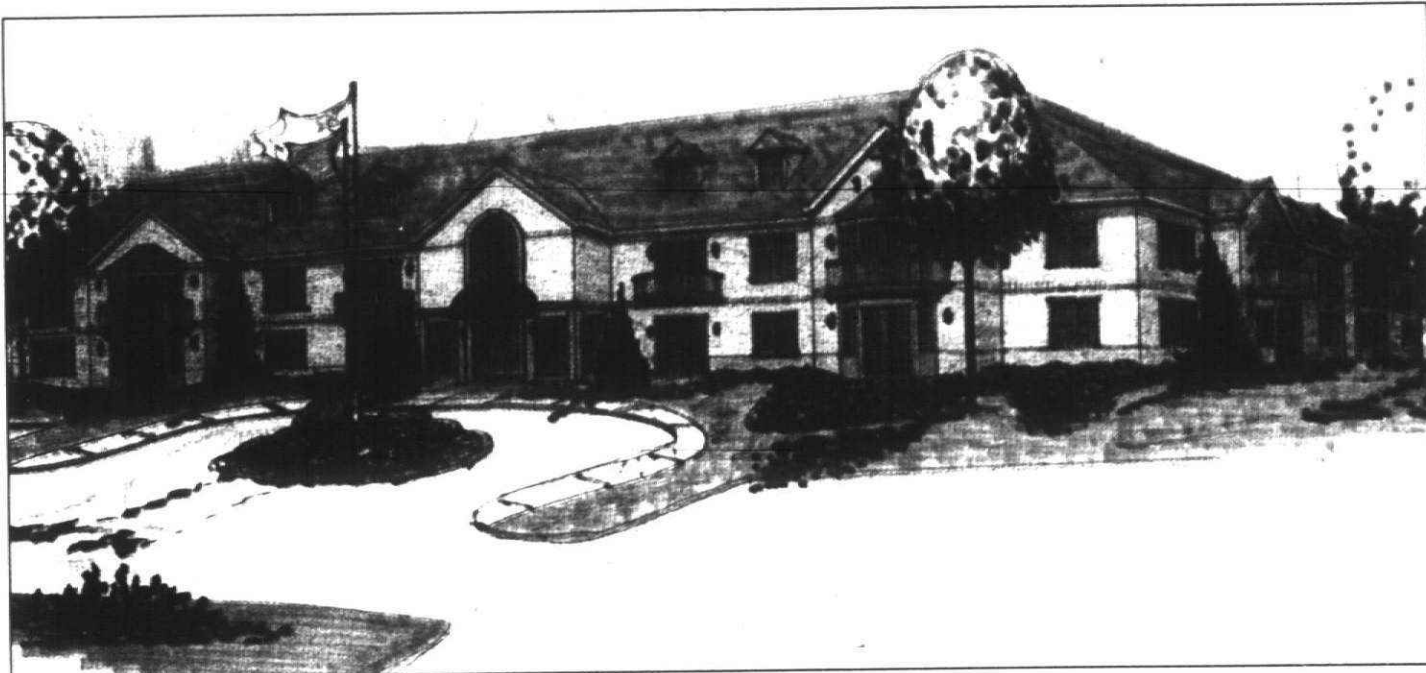
For more information on the classes, call Livonia Community Ed at 523-9277 or the Michigan Builders Institute at 651-2771.

AAM seminar

A seminar on communication skills, "The Art of Asking Questions," is being offered by the Apartment Association of Michigan 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Northfield Hilton (5500 Crooks at I-75) in Troy. Registration fee is \$75 for AAM and Builders' Association members, \$100 for non-members.

Mike Wickett, a communications consultant in Birmingham, will speak on ways to create business and close sales by asking the right questions. Call 737-4477 to register.

Information for inclusion in this column should be sent to Marilyn Fitchett, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



Apartment:
Hardly looks like senior citizen housing, does it? As Botsford Commons administrator Steven Faine said: "Who wants to wake up every morning and be slapped in the face with a reminder that they are getting old?"

Un-Commons

A fresh face for senior housing



■ To look at it, you would never guess that Botsford Commons was senior citizen housing, and that's the way it was designed. Things that normally distinguish a home for the aging — support rails, emergency equipment and the like — are built-in and out of sight.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills has been promoted as independent senior citizen housing — and it is that — but such a label is misleading.

When Steven Faine, Botsford General Hospital administrator for professional and support services, sat down with architect Scott Bowers of Bowers and Associates of Ann Arbor, the design philosophy was to take senior citizen housing a step further.

Let's call it evolving housing.

That means designing houses suitable for perfectly healthy, active senior citizens and incorporating features that allow the houses to evolve to meet the needs of an aging population.

"At the same time, these things are invisible unless you need them," Faine said. "The analogy we like to use is that of a hospital birthing room."

Birthing rooms approximate a com-

fortable bedroom, but when the need arises for, say oxygen, a panel is slid out of the way and oxygen tanks are revealed.

"That's what we're trying to do here," Faine said. "When we're all done with this, I want people to say they own a nice house, not a senior citizen house."

Hidden safety aids

When completed, Botsford Commons will include attached residential condominiums and apartments for active seniors, an assisted living center for those who need a little help, the Botsford Continuing Health Center for seniors who need more intensive medical attention, a Town Commons with activities, dining, shops and services and a wooded site com-



Patio homes:
Among the housing types available for seniors at Botsford Commons will be this 1,250 square-foot patio home with a living area, full basement.

pleted with a trail network for the entire development.

It may turn out that some residents of Botsford Commons never need the additional features the group is designing in.

"And that's fine," Faine said. "But it's nice to know it's there if you need it."

A simple example, Faine explained, are support rails. Certainly, not every person is going to need handrails.

It can be expensive to retrofit a house with hand rails if someone needs them. A builder who installs them during construction, however, risks scaring buyers.

"Who wants to wake up every morning and be slapped in the face with a reminder that they're getting old?" Faine asked.

For Botsford Commons houses, the solution is to design special chair rail moldings — almost invisible from anywhere but right on top of them and securely fastened to wall studs — that double as grab bars.

Breaking new ground

Builder John Wineman of Southfield-based building company Wineman & Komer, said Botsford Commons is unlike any project he's worked on.

"It's been a real learning experience," he said. "The biggest market coming is the senior market."

"You really have to put yourself in the mind of the senior citizen."

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Your grandmother might not recognize what they're doing with her vinyl today

No longer simply the serviceable stuff that covered your mother's kitchen floor, vinyl has come of age in the '90s.

While still as durable and easy care as you might remember, vinyl is now available in more colors and interesting patterns than ever before.

"If your cabinets and appliances are in good shape but your kitchen still seems like it needs some work, the problem may be underfoot," said Florence Perchuk, a top kitchen designer.

"Adding new colorful sheet vinyl flooring may be just the thing to breathe new life into the room without breaking the bank," she said.

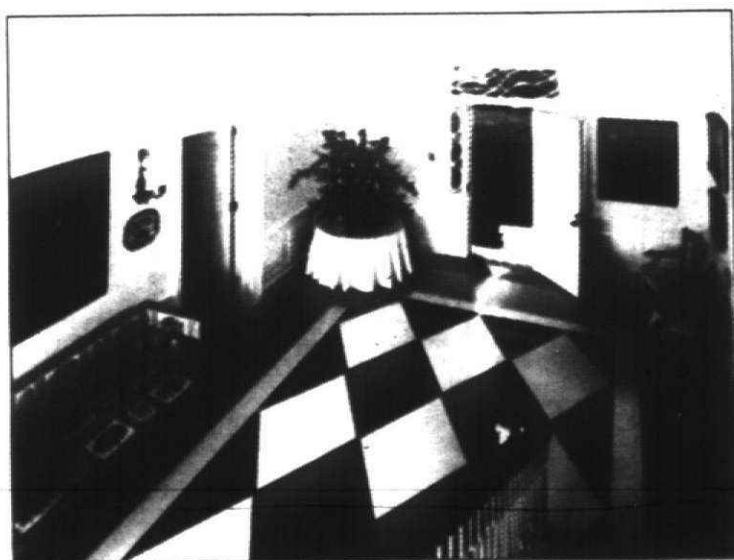
Retail outlets here quote prices in the mid \$600 range for a good quality vinyl, subfloor and installation for a room 15-by-9 feet.

Builders also put vinyl in foyers, breakfast nooks, sunrooms, bathrooms and utility rooms of new houses.

Who's attracted to vinyl?

"It goes from all ages — new homeowners to senior citizens who want something easy to maintain," said Sheri Barber, assistant manager at Independent Carpet in Westland.

"Usually the first question has to do with budget, then how long they expect the floor to last," she said. "Schemes constantly change. Technology is constantly improving."



It's vinyl: This floor in the foyer of a mansion in Atlanta is, believe it or not, vinyl. Shows you how far vinyl has come in terms of its design potential.

Like any other product, all vinyl flooring is not created equal.

Consumers should do their homework before buying to make sure the pattern, color, quality and maintenance of what they buy will meet their needs.

If you're remodeling, ask to take floor samples home to see how they actually check out.

"It looks different in your light," Barber said. "Look at it

with your cabinetry, how your carpeting comes up."

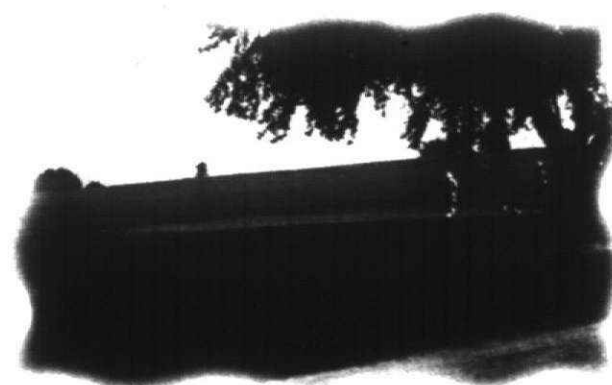
Major manufacturers include Armstrong, Mannington, Congoleum and Tarkett. Vinyl ranges in price from \$7.99 to \$33.95, Barber said.

Other things to consider when making a selection, according to Armstrong World Industries:

■ Easy care.

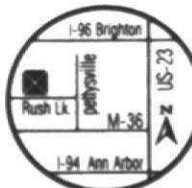
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Once you do that, Wineman said, you begin to see things a little differently.

"Even if you're (a healthy senior), it's not the same as it is for you or I."

"For example, the lighting is about twice what you or I would like or even need," Wineman said. The additional lighting comes from recessed fixtures. "That way it is subtle."

Reasonable costs

From a builder's perspective, Wineman said he doesn't expect the additional features to add significantly to the time of construction — it will add some cost, but not as much as one might expect.

"A lot of it comes down to planning," he said. "And the hospital really did their homework."

Since a lot of the additional safety and convenience features are being built at the planning stages, a lot of options are designed out, he said. "That speeds up the building."

Wineman said he'll likely adopt some ideas he's learned at Botsford Commons in other Wineman and Komer projects.

"We've always tried to take the things we've done in our custom homes and incorporate it into our other projects — even if people don't see it or know it's there, these things make a subtle impression and add to the value."

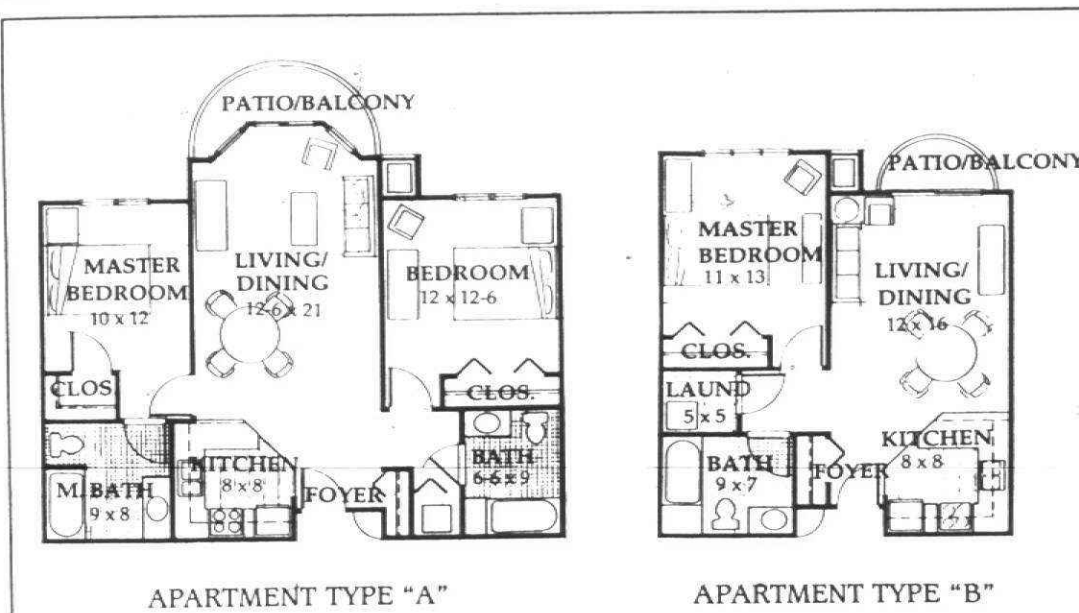
Of course, not everything being developed for Botsford Commons can be adapted because the condominiums are part of the Botsford Commons community.

"But if I add some of these things and people say I can live here 10 years instead of five, that's a selling point," Wineman said.

Not profit driven

Scott Bowers, partner at the architectural firm of Bowers and Rein Associates in Ann Arbor, said although he has worked on projects intended for senior citizens before, the level of commitment from Botsford Hospital has set this project apart.

On other projects, there have typically been more constraints because of a combination of cost controls and a lack of understanding. "Our job (as architects) is complex because we work with developers on design versus cost," Botsford wanted to control



APARTMENT TYPE "A"

APARTMENT TYPE "B"

costs too, but the research and understanding into the needs of active and dependent senior citizens works in the project's favor.

"There is profit in it, but it's not as profit driven as some other projects," Bowers said.

Little changes can make a big difference. Lighted wall switches, hand rails, under-cabinet lighting, extra-wide halls and doors, adjustable closets, barrier-free entrances, single level, and wheelchair-adaptable kitchen cabinets are just a few of the additional features that can make independent living for senior citizens easier.

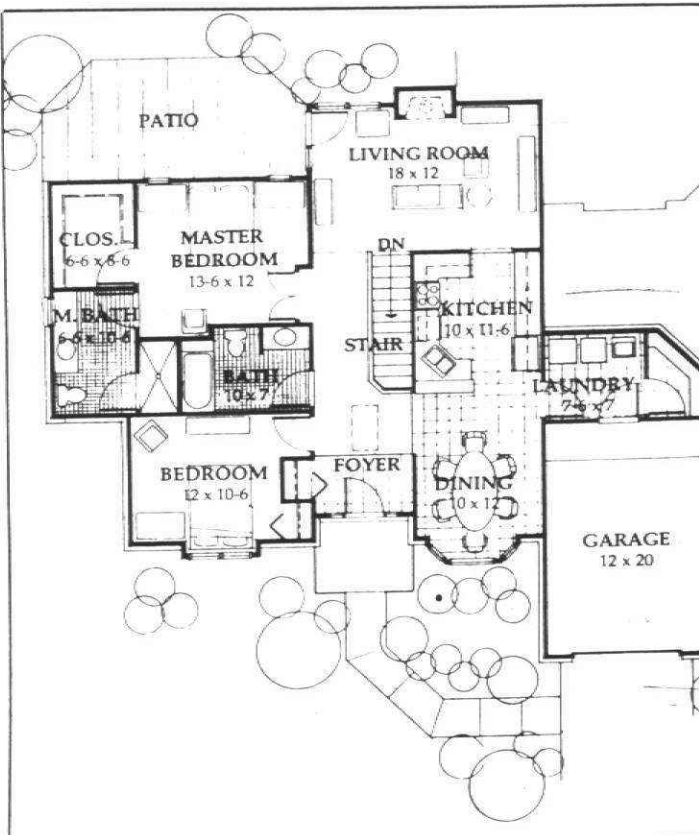
In addition to those safety and convenience features required by the hospital, research and focus groups provided insights into what senior citizens want and what builders and developers think they want.

"For example, there is a mind set that says buyers want vaulted ceilings, custom woodwork and custom floors."

"As it turns out, they want nice, but economical without a lot of toys," Bowers said.

Another surprise learned from senior focus groups was that square footage isn't as important to senior citizens as it is to younger people and that the open floor plans are less popular. "They like more closed floor plans with rooms that have a specific purpose."

By visiting members of the focus groups in their own homes, Bowers said he discovered that a lot of people with 2,000 square foot houses really only use 600 square feet.



Floor plans: At top is a look inside the two apartment styles offered at Botsford Commons. Type A has 1,000 square feet of living space. Type B has 650. Above is the plan for the 1,250-square-foot patio homes. A survey of seniors showed they prefer closed floor plans to the open plans favored by most younger buyers.

The most important aspect of Botsford Commons, however, is the perception of commitment the buyers have about Botsford.

Glass etching is affordable, do-able

If you've ever stopped to admire a mirror, you know that the effect is both unique and stunning. The combination of clear polished glass with a delicately contrasting frosted geometric or pictorial design enhances just about any setting.

What you may not know, however, is that you can etch glass right in your own home or shop — with a few simple, easy-to-master techniques.

Glass etching involves frosting or abrading the glass surface to create a dull, nontransparent area. The three most common methods for getting the job done are acid-cream etching, sandblasting and diamond-burr engraving. Each of these techniques can be approached with a modest investment of time, space and cash.

Etching glass not only makes an enjoyable project, but the results add character to your home. Whether you choose to etch an entry door, sidelight panel, bathroom window or mirror, you have the ability to transform ordinary architectural and design features with distinctly personal detailing.

When choosing glass to etch, keep in mind that the best material is one-fourth-inch-thick plate glass or laminated safety glass. Standard one-eighth-inch-thick window glass can be used, but the results will not be as good. And, the thinner glass is much more apt to break when placed under the mechanical stresses of diamond burr engraving and sandblasting. If you wish to work with one-eighth-inch glass, the best technique is acid etching.

The only type of glass that should not be etched is tempered glass. Tempered glass has been heat treated in a way that creates great tension within the material. When the surface is etched, the internal stresses may cause the glass to shatter. Generally, tempered glass is labeled as such in a corner of the pane.

If you are planning to etch a door or window with double glazed panes, you should check with the window manufacturer to see if you will void any warranty by etching. In this case, it might be better to etch another panel and mount it over the insulated pane.

There are many sources of designs for your glass project. Check your local library or book store for books that feature stained glass patterns and traditional designs. You can develop your own design to give your project a personal touch. The only limitation here is to keep in mind that block designs with broader etched areas work better than thin-line drawings.

Regardless of the technique you choose, begin by making a full-size drawing of your design to transfer to the work. While you're in the planning stage, consider whether the lines and areas you draw will be etched into the glass surface or whether the background will be etched and the design left clear. Often the ultimate use of the panel will be the deciding factor in this regard.

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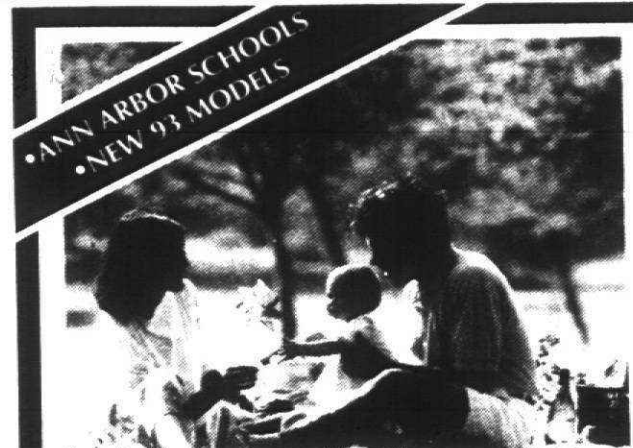
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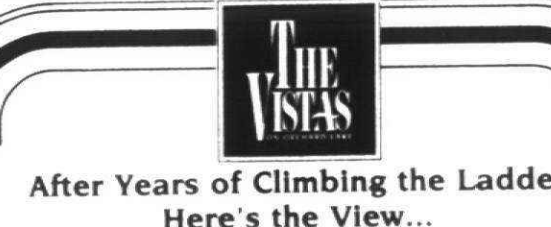


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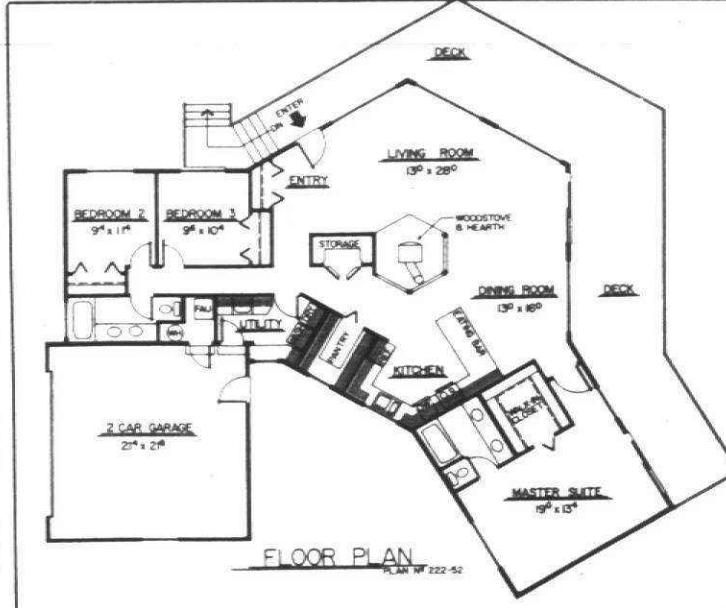
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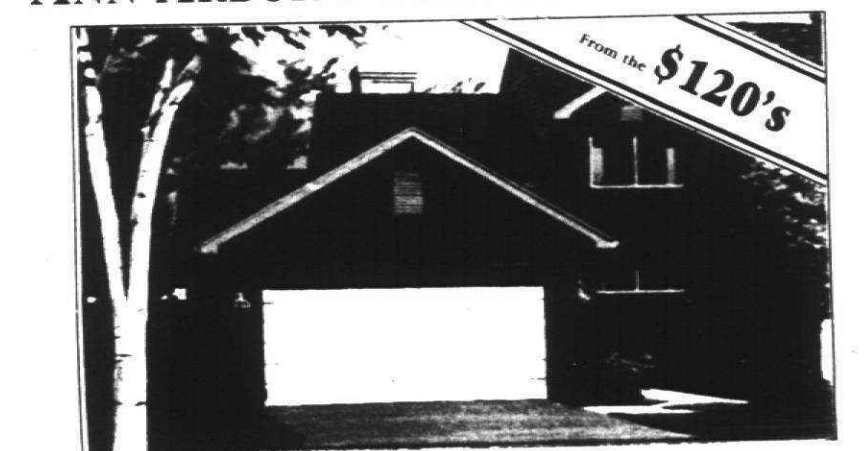
The dining area is in the lower angles next to the kitchen, which has a breakfast bar, large butler's pantry and a food storage area. The central area has a large utility room.

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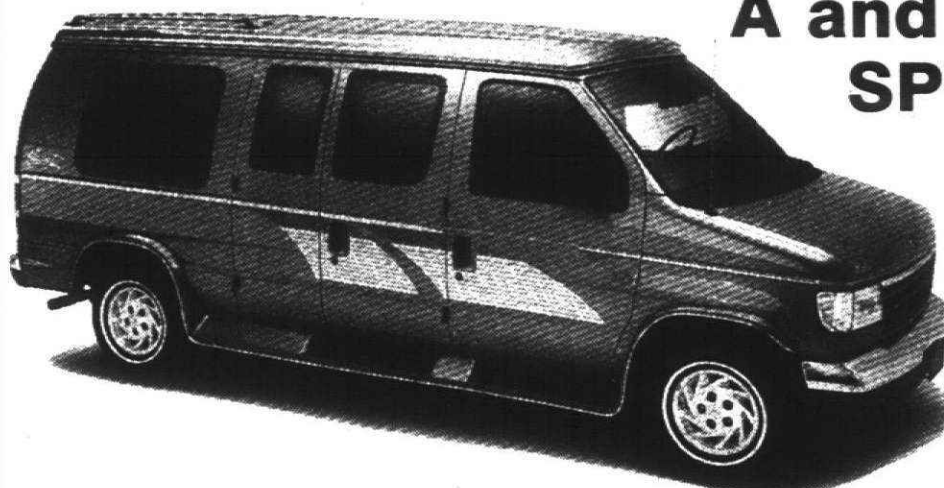
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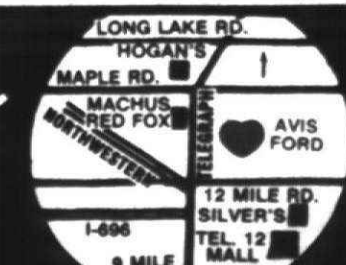
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The Arithmetic

Monthly Lease Payment	\$350.24
Number of Months	24
Monthly Use Tax	\$14.01
Total Payment x 24	\$364.25
Refundable Security Deposit	\$375.00
Total Due at Inception	\$739.25
Total Amount of Payments	\$8742.00
Mileage Allowed	30,000
Mileage Charge over 30,000	11¢ per mile

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The Arithmetic

Monthly lease payment	\$328.15
Number of months	24
Monthly Use Tax	\$13.13
Total Payment x 24	\$341.28
Refundable Security Deposit	\$350.00
Total Due at Inception	\$691.28
Total Amount of Payments	\$8190.72
Mileage Allowed	30,000
Mileage Charge over 30,000	11¢ per mile

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